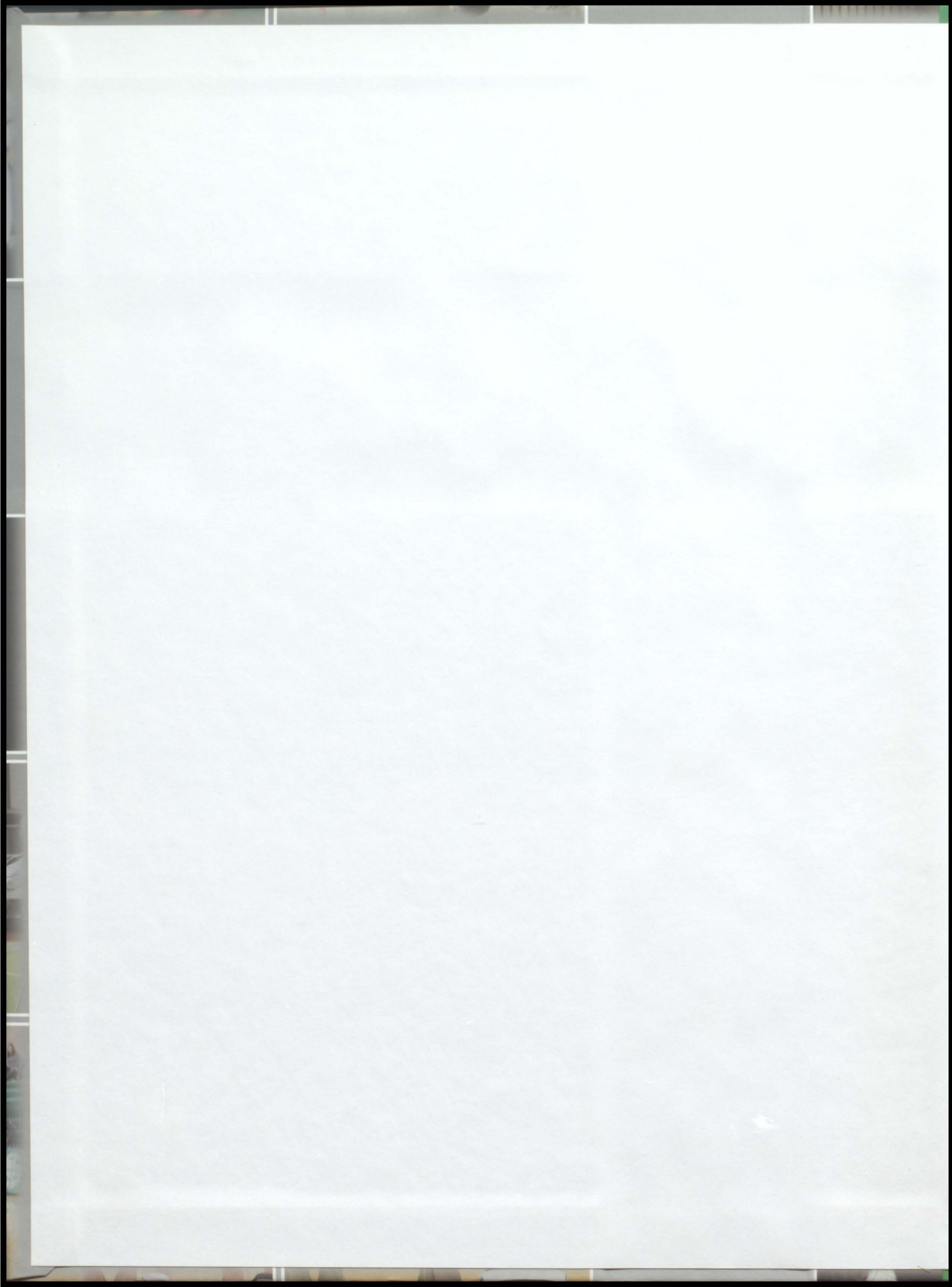
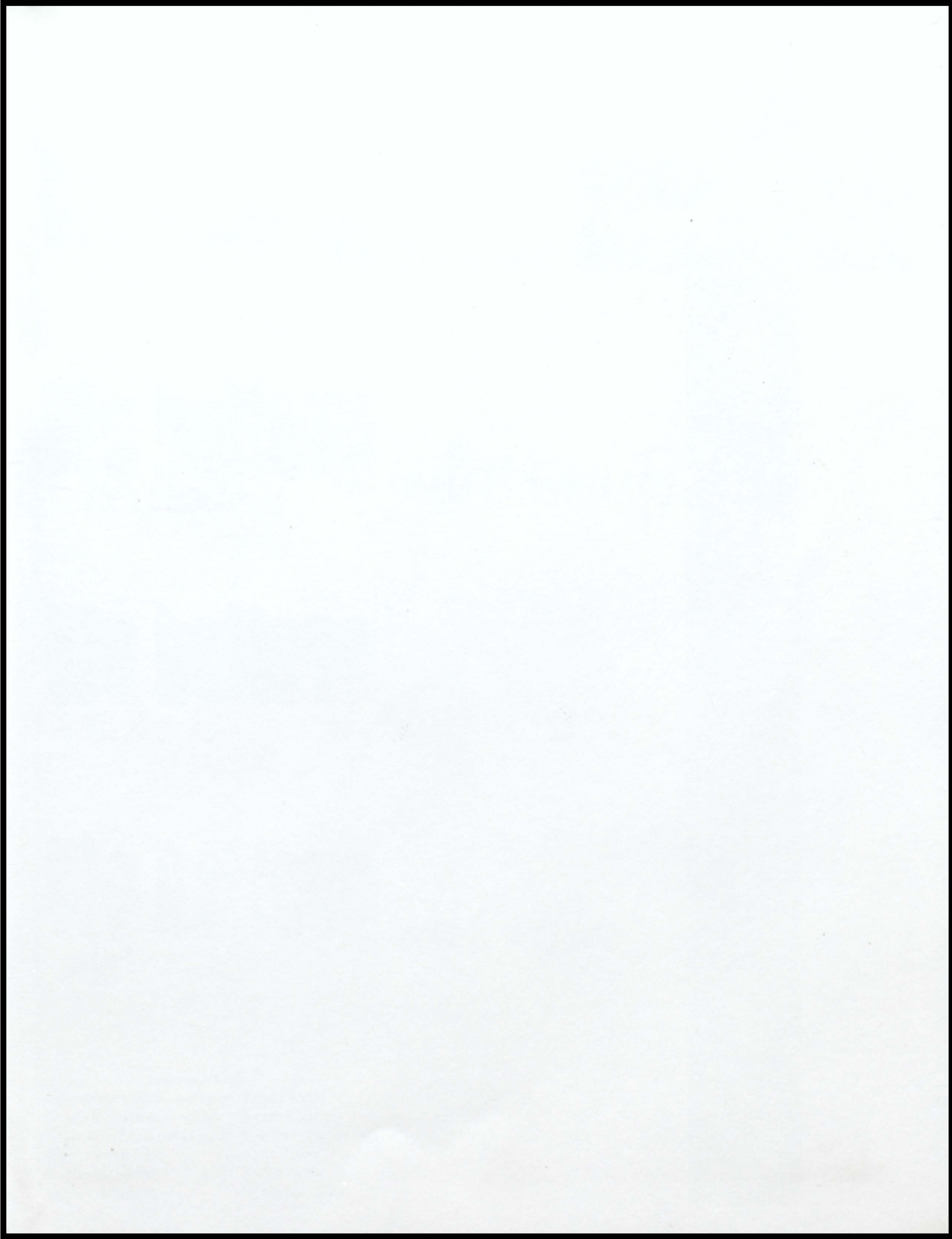


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How is the theme 'We Believe' portrayed at Scotus?



"Something that makes Scotus special is the students are extremely driven. Scotus students believe in and support one another in the classroom."

Kelsey Faust, 12



"Scotus is pretty much a big family. Together we learn new lessons, have lots of fun, support each other in times of need, and, most importantly, believe in each other."

Hallie Parker, 12



"Scotus is a school that believes students should aim for success and excellence. We are so lucky to have teachers and adults in our school who care so much about our success."

Emily Stutzman, 12

We Believe

"Scotus has a strong foundation that believes in us." - Amber Buhman

Agreeing on a yearbook theme can be a strenuous task. When the time came to discuss a theme, the yearbook staff had to think about what has made their experiences at Scotus one of a kind. After brainstorming ideas, the staff came to the agreement of "We Believe."

The Scotus students and staff have always strived to achieve excellence in their faith and academics. The only way to truly reach for excellence is to grow. The staff's top priority is to better the students and push them to be their best selves.

Junior **Haylee Cielocha** said, "We are so lucky to have teachers and adults in our school who care so much about our success. Teachers are constantly striving to help us grow academically in every way we can. We are given endless opportunities to help us grow in whatever it is we are involved in."

Fine arts and activities are ways that Scotus students are encouraged to find themselves and their

hobbies. Participating in the fine arts and other activities allows students to find a sense of individuality.

Senior **Hallie Parker** said, "At Scotus everyone is able to express themselves how they want to, whether that be in performing in One Act, competing at speech meets, or playing volleyball. We all have our own individual ways to show our Shamrock pride."

Success in sports is a quality that Scotus has coined. As a result, the student section started the chant "We believe that we will win!" While the chant can be perceived as arrogant, the chant is not just about winning a game. Scotus believes that when we win, we grow as a team. The scoreboard is not always the most important aspect.

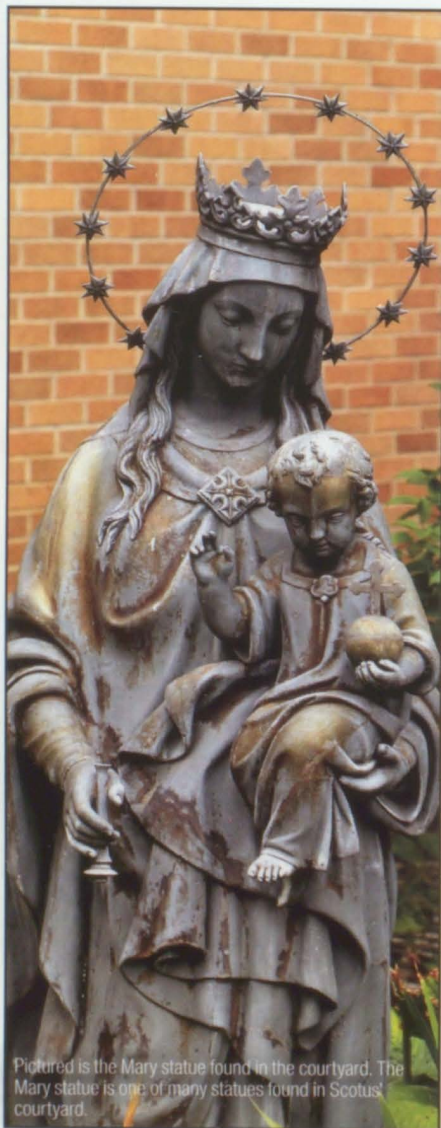
Senior **Courtney Kosch** said, "All of our coaches and teammates believe in one another causing the team to become closer and depend on one another. When we believe in each other, we achieve more than anyone could imagine. The power of belief in our sports helps each team have a successful season."

No student is the same at Scotus, but every student has a home at Scotus. The students and staff always go out of their way to support a Shamrock. No one is ever truly alone at Scotus.

Senior **Kendra Korger** said, "The amount of love and support that is available at Scotus is undeniable. Whether it be teachers, students, teammates, or other staff members, I feel as if I will always have someone to be there for me."

These four beliefs have allowed Scotus to become more than a school. Scotus is a family where people build lifelong relationships and grow into excellent people.

Senior **Abbie Zoucha** concluded, "Students may come to Scotus solely focusing on what they will learn but leave with a better understanding of who they are and other life skills."



Pictured is the Mary statue found in the courtyard. The Mary statue is one of many statues found in Scotus' courtyard.



(far left) Father **Matthew Capadano** gives his homily during Catholic Schools Week Mass. Senior **Rebekah Hergott** paints a portrait of a saint during the newly added class Theology and Art. Eighth grader **Jasmine Jackson** works on an assignment in the media center lab.

in growth



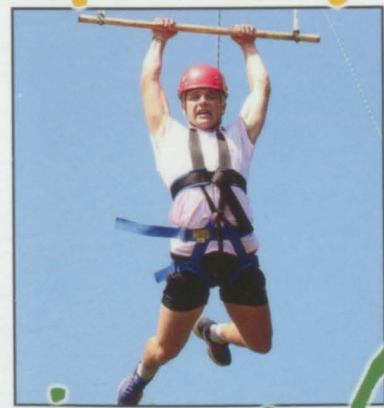
(far left) Sophomore **Maddie Blaser** competes in an OI.D. at the district speech competition. Fourth year vocal teacher **Laura Salyard** directs the Shamrock Singers during the spring vocal concert. Senior **Elliott Thomazin** dazzles English teacher Becki Zanardi during the Mr. Shamrock competition.

in individuality



(far left) Senior **Grant Shanle** avoids getting blocked as he goes up for a layup against Aquinas Catholic. Sophomore **Olivia Fehringer** paces herself during state cross country. Junior **Tyler Palmer** runs the football in an attempt to get a touchdown.

that we will win



(far left) Senior **Evan Silva** swings from the bar during the senior retreat. Seniors **Jaden Hollmann**, **Kaity Lovell**, and **Logan Bennett** pose for a picture while dressed in a hawaiian theme for a football game. President **Jeff Ohnoutka** embraces senior **Bailey Lehr** after thanking her for all she has done for the school's athletic program. **Lehr** tore her ACL during the basketball season.

in each other



We Believe *in growth.*

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." -2 Peter 3:18

There are many instances in the Bible when it is said that people grew in both faith and stature. This is the same for the students of Scotus. Scotus encourages its students to grow physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Students who attend Scotus have many opportunities to grow spiritually both in and outside of school. The Campus Ministry team and Shepherd's Program offer many chances for students to increase their Catholic faith.

"Attending Scotus has helped me grow spiritually by how it has given me the opportunities to know about JC Camp, Steubenville, and other great retreats," senior **Caleb Kosch** stated.

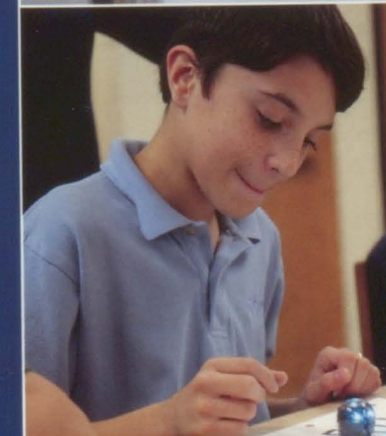
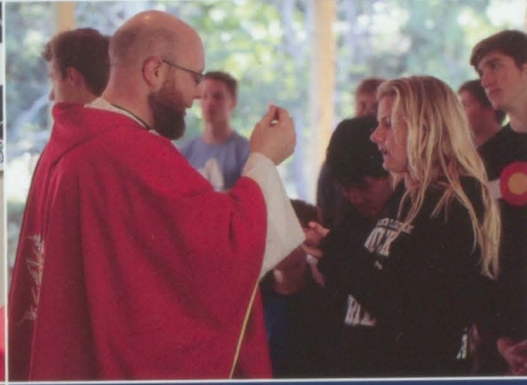
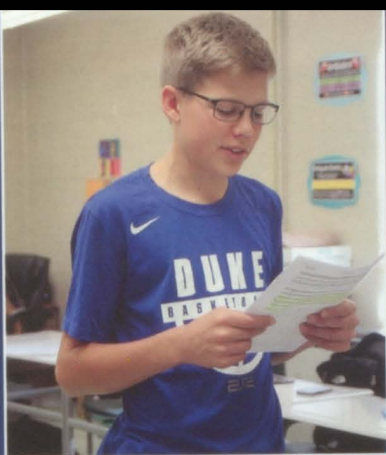
Students also have the chance to advance in their time management and study skills. Scotus prepares its students for college and life outside of the Scotus walls.

"Scotus has helped me by pushing me to the best of my abilities and keeping me on track for the future," sophomore **Olivia Klug** said.

Scotus offers many different classes to students that help them decide what they want to pursue once they leave Scotus. This year, STEAM classes were added as electives for students. The classes helped the students grow academically in science and in math, along with technology, engineering, and art.

"STEAM class has exposed me to a lot of new equipment that is used in the engineering, chemistry, and other math and science fields," junior **Liza Zaruba** said. "STEAM helps me to have a better idea of the real world applications of the different lessons I learn in my math and science classes."

Growth is important at all times in life, but especially in high school when so many important decisions need to be made. High school students need to make decisions about their futures, and at Scotus, they have many opportunities to prepare themselves for success.



What activity did you enjoy most at your retreat?



"I enjoyed kayaking with a group of my senior classmates. We shared a few laughs when our individual kayaks began to sink, and we had to carry each other back to shore."

Maddie Sueper, 12



"I personally enjoyed when we split into separate groups and talked about the seniors' talks."

Simon Pichler, 10



"My favorite part of the retreat was watching Abe launch Hanna in the air."

Kelsey Faust, 12



Day Devoted to Those in Need

"I think we got an idea of what service actually is." -Connor Wiehn

Each year students are introduced to after school activities, new schedules, and, of course, stress. One way Scotus helps to alleviate some of this stress is by offering class retreats, a day for classmates to bond and spend time with Christ.

However, Scotus chaplain **Fr. Matthew Capadano** and Campus Ministry assistant **Kelly Koranda** decided to switch up the tradition of traveling to Duncan for retreats by having the juniors venture to Omaha this year to serve those in need.

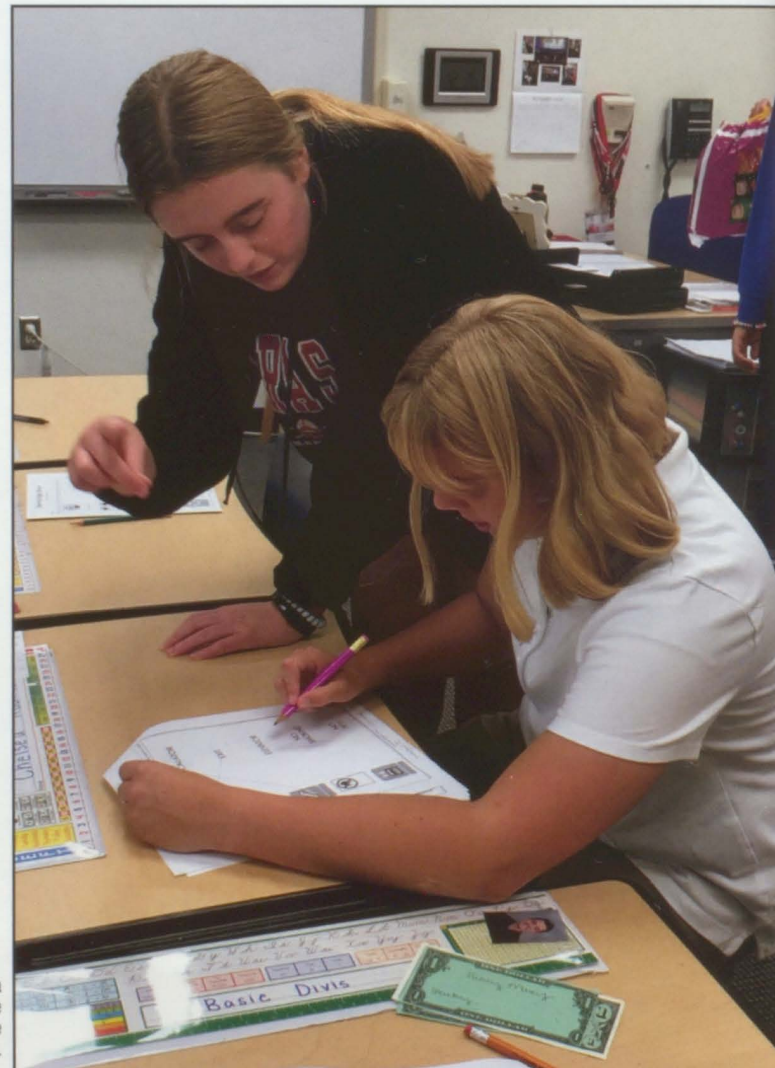
"The goal of the junior retreat was for the students to meet Jesus in the poor. We also wanted them to receive a desire to serve others," **Capadano** said.

In Omaha, the students split up into groups and helped at different organizations. From homeless shelters to assisted living centers, the juniors served a wide variety of those in need during their retreat.

"A group of girls and I went to visit the Bethlehem House. We got to visit the house and see some of the women who lived there. Women go there to live while they are pregnant and don't have a stable home or family to rely on during that time in their lives," junior **Haylee Cielocha** explained.

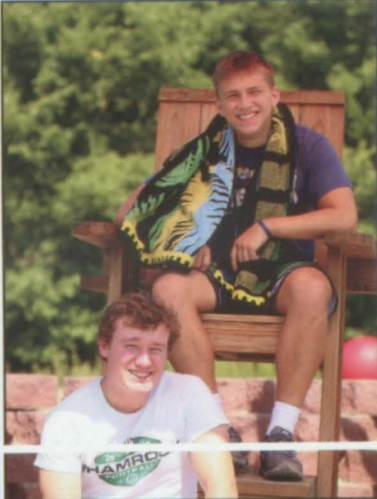
Rather than playing the same games they have the previous two years, they spent their retreat sorting clothes, folding blankets, cleaning, and conversing with the people who lived at the organizations. Through these tasks, the juniors bonded as a class and learned a thing or two about serving those in need.

"I think we got an idea of what service actually is. We learned how grateful we should be for the lives we have," junior **Connor Wiehn** said.



Junior **Sarah Bichlmeier** helps a student with a worksheet at the Madonna School in Omaha. The Madonna school was one of the few places the juniors helped at in September.

Seniors

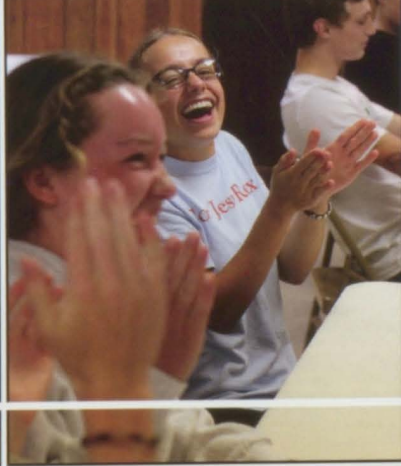
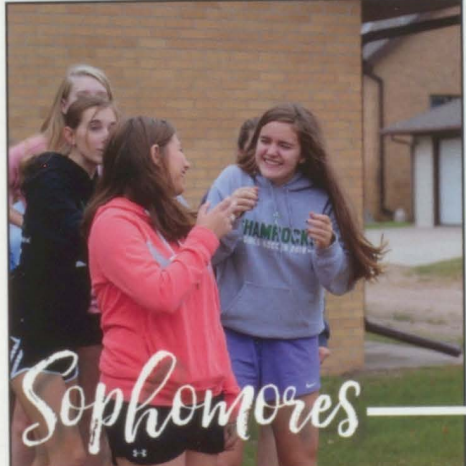


(Senior retreat) **Logan Bennett** laughs while she ziplines. A group of senior boys try to balance themselves on an obstacle while swimming. **Zack Beiermann** and **Braden Labenz** smile for a picture while at the lake.
 (Junior retreat) **Kyle Hiemer**, **Evan Hand**, and **Haylee Cielocha** share a laugh after Mass. A group of junior girls pose outside the organization they helped at. **Dalton Borchers** smiles for a picture in his free time.

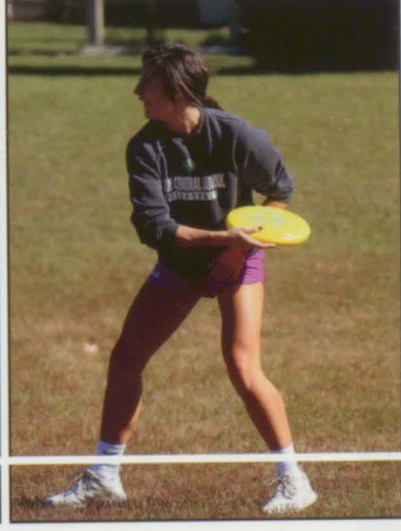
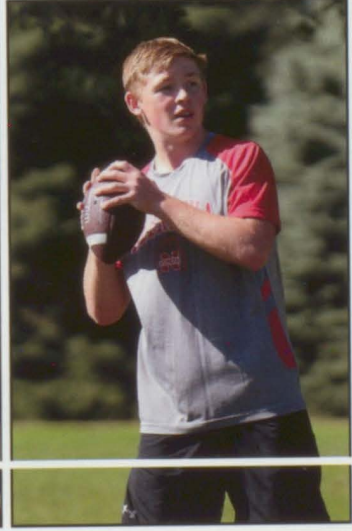
Juniors



Sophomores



Freshmen



(Sophomore retreat) **Camille Pelan** and **Christina Oakley** laugh as they try to catch marshmallows in their mouths. **Tanley Miller** and **Este Lesiak** celebrate after winning a game. **Emily Ferguson** and **Abaigeal Aydt** laugh while talking to each other. **Michael Gasper** stands up and talks to his classmates.
 (Freshmen retreat) **Lyndon Obal** and **Chris Adame** celebrate with the other boys in their grade after winning a game. **Devon Borchers** preps to throw a football to a fellow classmate. **Audrey Sprunk** passes a frisbee in her free time.

Why do you march?



"It's a cause I really believe in and everyone on the bus and at the March are working toward a common goal. It's really empowering."

Katelyn Bayer, 10



"To stand up for an injustice that I believe has been done for over many years. Every step, cheer, prayer, and sacrifice on the March is for the babies!"

Emily Ferguson, 10



"I feel like the media doesn't give the March the glory it needs. There were way more people there than I was expecting, and just seeing that many people all there to protest the same thing was amazing."

Abee Hutchinson, 9



Forty-four Scotus students and adults attended the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. this year to fight for an end to abortion in the United States.

Standing Up for Life

"There were so many people this year all fighting for life." -Hannah Allen

Catholics are called to stand up for all forms of life and speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. In January, 44 adults and students from Scotus took the opportunity to attend the March for Life, an annual rally held in Washington D.C. near the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 court case that legalized abortion.

"I chose to go on the March because if the babies can't stand up for themselves, then we all need to stand up for them," sophomore **Clarissa Kosch** said.

The group started their journey with a 22 hour bus ride to Pennsylvania. Their first stop was St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine and Basilica in Emmitsburg. The following day, the group toured Gettysburg and celebrated Mass at the Lady of Lourdes Chapel and Grotto.

"The grotto was so beautiful, peaceful, and there were so many places to pray. You could truly feel the presence of the Lord," sophomore **Emily Ferguson** said.

The group then traveled to Washington D.C. and attended the Life is Very Good Rally the night before the March. The rally consisted of praise and worship music, adoration, and pro-life speakers.

"I loved the Life is Very Good Rally because of the chance to meet up with people that I know, and a chance to participate in adoration," sophomore **Simon Pichler** said.

The following morning, they went to the Mass for Life at the Verizon Center with 20,000 other Catholics from around the country. They then attended the March for Life and peacefully protested for all humans to have the right to life.

"I was exhilarated. There were so many people this year all fighting for life," senior **Hannah Allen** said.

After the March, the students explored the city and visited monuments. The trip was cut short due to inclement weather, so the students missed out on the Holocaust Museum and the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Despite the abrupt end to the trip, the students had a great time, and many of them said they would recommend others to go on the March in the future.

"Do it. Put yourself out there and stand for what's right. Even if the trip has some down sides, the trip as a whole is amazing and worth it," senior **Lucas Schaecher** concluded.



(far left) Senior **Abe Perault** stands with his sign at the March for Life. It was **Perault's** third time attending the March. Sophomore **Maddie Blaser** shows off her pro-life sign at the March. **Blaser** attended the annual event for the second time. (below) The Scotus group takes a selfie at the National Mall before the March. The Omaha Archdiocese wore neon hats at the March for Life this year. Sophomores **Jaelyn Podolak** and **Olivia Klug** smile during the pro-life march in Washington D.C. Senior girls **Emma Brandt**, **Mira Liebig**, and **Emily Stutzman** stand up for human life amidst thousands of other pro-life marchers. Senior **Elliott Thomazin** marches to fight for the end of abortion.



(top left) **Father Capadano** says Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine and Basilica. Seniors **Hallie Parker** and **Julia Pichler** and sophomore **Maddie Blaser** pose with a cardboard cutout of Pope Francis at the Life is Very Good Rally. (above) The marchers smile for a picture before beginning their 24 hour journey to D.C. (far left) The seniors meet up with former Scotus chaplain Fr. Roza at the Life is Very Good Rally the night before the March. Senior **Isaac Ostdiek** prays at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basilica. Senior **Braden Labenz** venerates a relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

In what ways do you see faith throughout school?



"I see faith every day in our classrooms. We pray in every class. We freely get the chance to talk about God and Jesus."

Lily Dohmen, 8



"I love how we all go to Church and Confession. My experience as a junior high student is amazing because I'm growing up in a Catholic community."

Mary Faltys, 7



"All over our school, in everything we do. We are always surrounded by faith."

Halle Langan, 8

School of Faith

"It was a surreal experience." -Elliott Thomazin

Faith can be seen in many ways at Scotus. One of the ways that faith is shown is through the tradition of the Stations of the Cross.

Each year at Scotus, the seniors are given the opportunity to partake in acting out Christ's Passion for the student body. This is a tradition the senior class has had for many years.

The seniors volunteer to play a role of one of the main characters involved in the fourteen stations. Senior **Elliott Thomazin** played the role of Jesus.

"It was a surreal experience," **Thomazin** said. "Putting myself into the mentality of Christ during his Passion helped me to come to a deeper understanding of the suffering that he experienced for us."

For many students, acting was something new to them.

Senior **Jaden Hollmann**, who had never been in a play production, played the role of Mary.

"It was nerve racking at first," **Hollmann** said. "But I felt honored being able to [play the role of Mary.]"

Senior **Cameron Johnston**, who played the role of the bad robber, described another challenge.

"The most difficult part was knowing a bunch of people were staring at me and trying not to smile. Also holding my arms up like I was being crucified was hard because they got tired," **Johnston** said.

The recreation of Christ's Passion is something the seniors are honored to do, and it will continue to be a tradition at Scotus.

"My favorite part was being able to bring the story of Christ's Passion to Scotus in a unique way. The Stations of the Cross sometimes feel distant from reality or difficult to picture," **Thomazin** said. "Hopefully, we were able to connect with the student body and bring something new to the table."



Senior **Jaden Hollmann**, who played Mary, holds **Elliott Thomazin**, who played Jesus, in the Stations of the Cross.

All School Mass



Senior **Elliott Thomazin** gives communion to an elementary school girl at an all school Mass during Catholic Schools Week. Senior **Tommy Yu** sings in the choir. Junior **Kaleb Wiese** receives ashes from teacher **Tom Salyard** during Ash Wednesday Mass.

Campus Ministry



Senior **Isaac Ostdiek** shows that he is open for a pass from his teammates. Seventh graders **David DeLeon**, **Addison Schoenfelder**, and **Rudy Brunkhorst** throw footballs to their teammates. All photos were taken at the outdoor activity day held by the Shepherds Program.

Catholic Schools Week



Freshman **Adam Quinn**, senior **Mira Liebig**, and teacher **Pat Brockhaus** try to figure out tongue twisters at the Catholic Schools Week rally. The faith rally was a new addition to Catholic Schools Week this year.

Stations of the Cross



Senior **Jaden Hollmann** weeps for Jesus along with the women of Jerusalem. Senior **Elliott Thomazin** carries the cross with the help of senior **Caden Pelan**, who played Simon. Seniors **Evan Sliva** and **Drew Zaruba** "condemn" **Thomazin**, who played Jesus.

What was the most interesting project you have done?



"We did a project where we made a circuit board that played a song and flashed. It was cool to see the music code, plus there were so many songs."

Abram Perault, 12



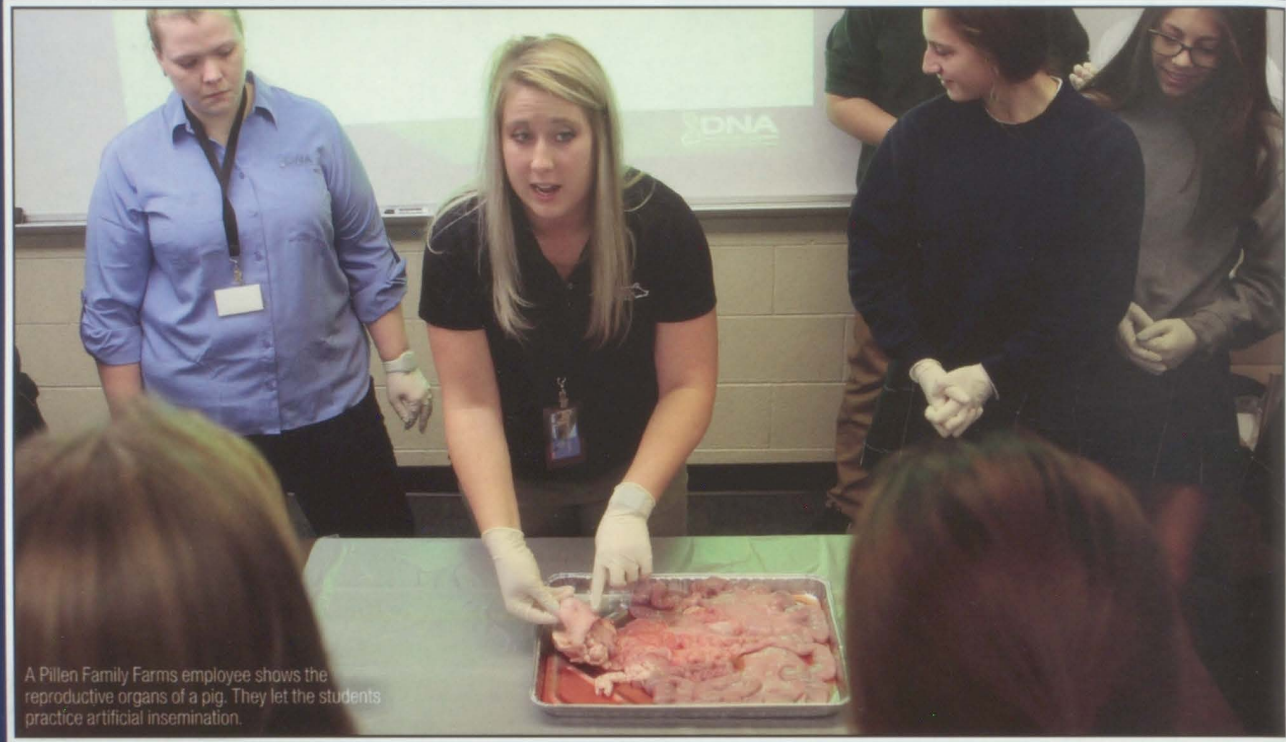
"We learned how to artificially inseminate a gilt and sow."

Konner Kudron, 12

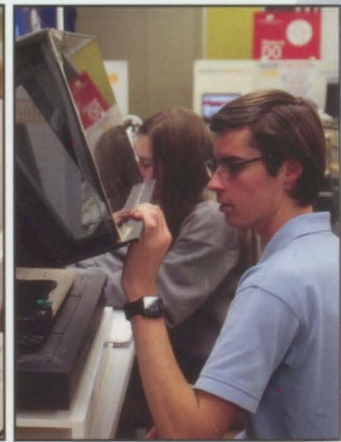
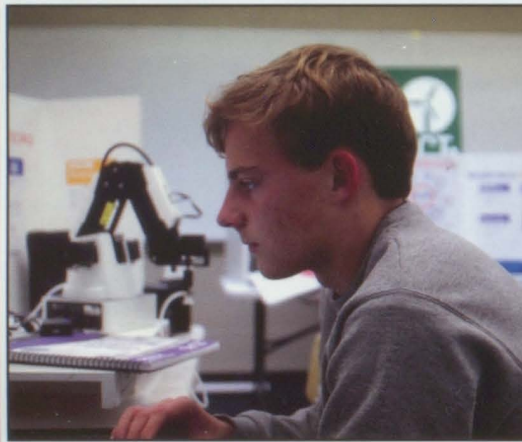


"I liked the 3D printing. I find it awesome that we can make anything we want as long as we can make it in some software."

Braden Labenz, 12



A Pillen Family Farms employee shows the reproductive organs of a pig. They let the students practice artificial insemination.



Nebraska Public Power District brought their lab to Scotus. They let the students discover what each piece of technology was used for.

(above) Junior **Drew VanCannon** programs in order to get the machine to do what he wants. Freshmen **Eden Broberg** and **Hannah Pflum** slide a piece of paper into the Cricut vinyl machine.

Sophomore **Michael Gasper** watches as he closes the wood engraving machine to make sure it stays in the correct position. (right) Senior **Grant Shanle** plays on the Virtual Reality head set while others crowd around to watch. Junior **Cole Demuth** types a code into the program on the computer so that he can get the circuit board to light up just the way he wants it to.



STEAM Lab Success

"The new technology allows a bunch of opportunities for students." -Abram Perault

Having to work with technology is becoming more common in the work place.

Scotus is doing all they can to help students prepare for the real world. This year was the first year the new STEAM lab was open. STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

Senior **Abram Perault** said, "STEAM teaches me to think more creatively than I ever have. I have found myself needing to figure out how to finish tasks in different ways than I usually would."

Pillen Family Farms and Nebraska Power District brought different machines for the students to be able to test and utilize for a few days.

"The STEAM lab is helping me prepare for my future by teaching me career skills for my future jobs," senior **Caleb Kosch** added.

Scotus has been fundraising for quite some time in order to put more technology into the STEAM lab. The new technology helps to serve as a learning skill.

Senior **Grant Shanle** said, "All the new technology in the STEAM lab introduces students to what machines they might use in their future jobs when they get into the work world."

For all the students who took STEAM and are interested in learning more, Scotus will offer a STEAM 2 class as well.

"I feel like as we get more technology in the STEAM lab the more fun and interesting the class gets," senior **Konner Kudron** stated.

Other classes offered through STEAM but are outside of the lab are Graphic Design, CAD, and Computer Science.



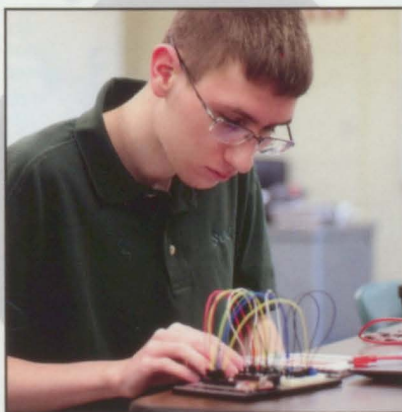
Freshman **Calder Obal** examines where he is going to place his magnet. The circuit board would use the energy from the battery to light up the board.



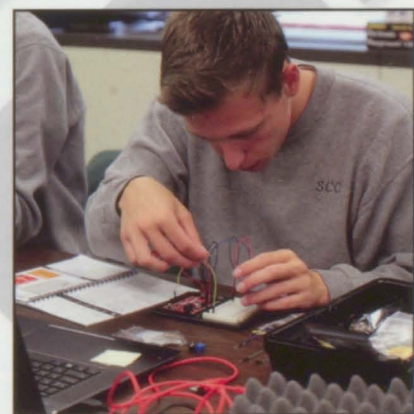
Math teacher **Zach McPhillips** joins his math class to explore the STEAM equipment. He found the thermal thermometer and measured the temperature of his coffee.



Senior **Konner Kudron** lines up the piece of wood with the guiders. This machine would engrave a design onto a slice of wood.



Junior **Kyle Hiemer** finishes his circuit board. He programmed his circuit board to flash lights.



Senior **Lucas Schaecher** starts his circuit board. The circuit board could be programmed to play music.

Describe your favorite memory in class.



Teachers Bring Passions to Class

"There is culture here." -Bree Ackermann



"My favorite memory is Mr. Brockhaus yelling at Mira to calm down everyday when she would argue about something in CNN's Top 5 News in Government class."

Hallie Parker,
12



"Spanish, Mrs. Moody has the funniest quotes. One is 'Why are you chewing on his papers?'"

Simon Pichler,
10



"In Physics, when Mr. Salyard put Physics Overlord in the name blank on an answer key. We called him 'Physics Overlord' for the rest of the year."

Blake Sucha,
12

Bree Ackermann is one of Scotus' newest faculty members, teaching English for the first time this year.

"When I visited Scotus, I fell in love right away. There is culture here. It's amazing," **Ackermann** said.

Ackermann attended Pius X Catholic High School in Lincoln, Nebraska. After she graduated, she studied at Wayne State in Nebraska.

"I was looking for a school that had my degree and one where I could play volleyball," **Ackermann** said. "It was the best option for me and was financially the best fit."

During her four years at Wayne State, she was involved in many groups including volleyball, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, WSC Catholic Newman center, Focus, and many honor societies. She decided to earn her masters and major in English.

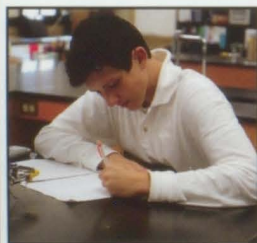
"English has a lot of grey area; I like the discussion and creativity it brings to subjects," **Ackermann** said. "Reading students' work is one of my favorite parts about being a teacher. There is something special about getting to be the first person to read someone else's work when it means so much to them."

One of **Ackermann's** main goals as a teacher at Scotus is to see her students succeed. One of her favorite parts about English is taking classic literature and putting it into modern problems.

"I'm very excited," **Ackermann** expressed. "We are going to take the book *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and tie it into 'This is America', a popular rap song by Childish Gambino."

Ackermann teaches both 8th and 11th grade English. Alongside her teaching position at Scotus, she is also an assistant coach for the volleyball team.

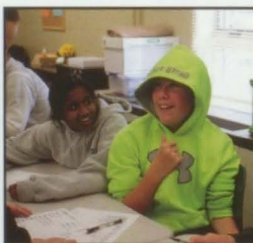
"Getting to be an assistant coach with the job of being a teacher was just an added bonus," **Ackermann** stated. "This is my dream job."



(above) Junior **Levi Robertson** focuses as he takes his chemistry quiz.



Freshmen **Devon Borchers** and **Chance Bailey** focus on the board as they listen during their 1st period religion class.



Freshmen **Vijay Wemhoff** and **Lyndon Obal** share a discussion about their homework assignment during their English class 9th period.



(right) Speech and English teacher **Melanie Mimick** enthusiastically teaches her 9th period English class.



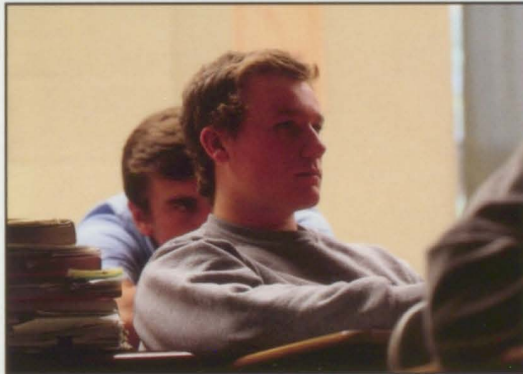
(far right) Senior **Bryce VunCannon** looks over his notes during 1st period study hall.



Scotus' new English teacher **Bree Ackermann** helps her English 11 student junior **Tyler Palmer** with his writing.

College Credit Classes

For many students at Scotus, college is right around the corner. As the days count down, the stress levels rise throughout the hallways. Not only are students worried about what college to decide on but the ideas of all the credit hours they are expected to complete. Scotus, known for being a college prep school, helps students with this problem by offering classes for college credit. Many of these classes are offered to juniors and seniors, but mainly seniors. These classes include Accelerated English with **Kathy Ewers** from Central Community College and Calculus, Physics, Pre-Calculus, and Advanced Math, which are all taught by math teacher **Tom Salyard**.



College English teacher **Kathy Ewers** helps senior **Drew Zaruba** during her 8th period English composition class. English Composition is a college class taken through the Central Community College.



(top left) Junior **Haylee Cielocho** smiles during her mock interviews with business people from Columbus. Senior **Braden Labenz** watches CNN's top 5 news in Government class with Mr. Brockhaus. (above) **Drew VunCannon**, junior, shakes hands with his interviewer during the juniors' mock interviews. (far left) Junior **Dalton Borchers** answers questions during his mock interview. The interviews took place during American History classes. (left) Government teacher **Pat Brockhaus** explains CNN's top 5 news in his 9th period Government class.

Why did you choose the your electives?



"I chose [art, speech, and Spanish] because I enjoy them, and they will also help me in the future."

Olivia Klug, 10



"I chose [Skills for Life] because when you're older you're going to need these skills for life."

Adam Quinn, 9



"I took [Culinary Arts and Video Production] because I want to learn how to cook since I am being shipped to college next year. Video Production helps me with my youtube channel! Go subscribe @miraliebigvlogs."

Mira Liebig, 12

Building Your Day

"A healthy lifestyle includes balancing both work and play." - Janet Tooley

Forty-four and counting. Scotus offers high school students forty-four electives to build their school day. The available electives provide students with the opportunity to take part in their interests and prepare for the future.

Some of the courses, such as speech and Computer Business Applications, are required, but students are given the option as to when the classes will appear in their schedules. Students can choose to take these two classes between their sophomore and senior years.

Sophomore **Abaigeal Aydt** decided to take speech and Computer Business Applications and predicts them to be applicable for her future.

"I think in the future no matter what career I choose, learning how to speak is essential as well as managing a computer," **Aydt** said.

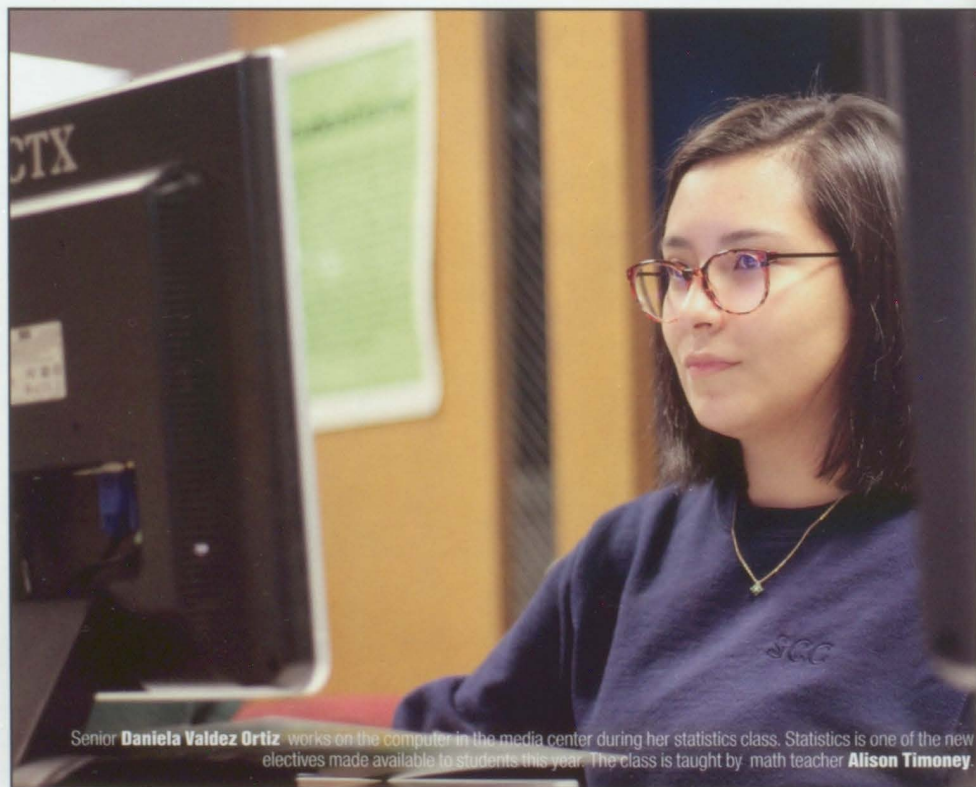
New electives in the curriculum allow students to explore different subjects and provide students with hands-on work along with challenging them. A new class added was Applied Statistics. Math teacher **Alison Timoney** is delighted to be teaching this class and believes the class is valuable to students.

"Statistics is a very broad field and is used in many different professions; therefore, I think that it is a very relevant and applicable math class to take," **Timoney** said.

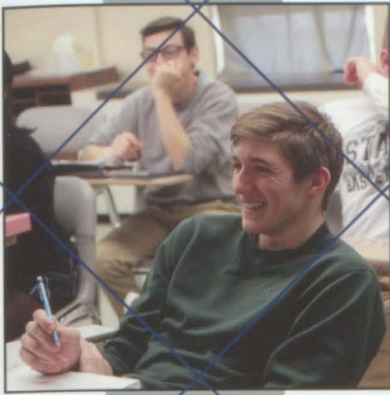
The standard electives Scotus provides are also constructive and fun for students. Anatomy/Physiology is taught by science teacher **Joan Lahm** and is the only class taught about the structure and function of the human body.

Physical Education classes are also among the offered courses. Health and girls junior high P.E. teacher **Janet Tooley** instructs Recreational Sports. Recreational Sports allows students to be active and have fun by playing games.

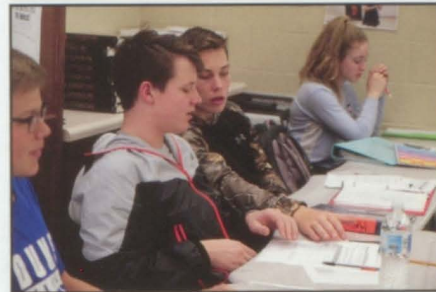
"Working hard to achieve goals in life is very important, but sometimes we don't allow ourselves the opportunity to 'play', just for the sake of having fun!" **Tooley** said.



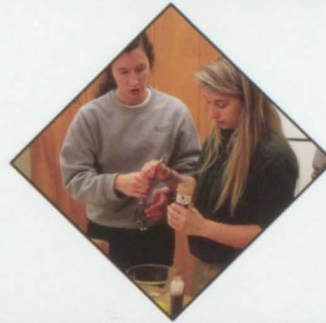
Senior **Daniela Valdez Ortiz** works on the computer in the media center during her statistics class. Statistics is one of the new electives made available to students this year. The class is taught by math teacher **Alison Timoney**.



(top left) Sophomore **Ava Kuhl** laughs after practicing her speech in front of one of her classmates. Sophomore **Simon Pichler** presents his personally chosen dramatic reading to a fellow speech student. (bottom left) Sophomores **Kaden Young** and **Bryce Foreman** discuss how to perform a line of a speech. Sophomore **Cassie Kouma** practices a speech during work time in her speech class. Speech is a one semester, required class at Scotus and is taught by third-year teacher **Melanie Mimick**.



(middle left) Senior **Bailey Lehr** prepares dough for pigs in a blanket during Culinary Arts. Seniors **Courtney Kosch** and **Mira Liebig** debate on the correct amount of seasoning for the recipe. Senior **Kendra Korger** sprinkles shredded cheese on a pan of pigs in a blanket before putting them in the oven. Culinary Arts is one of the many electives taught by **Carmen Johnson**.



(left) Art Teacher **Clyde Ericson** helps seventh grader **Evan Kiene** mix paint to create the perfect color. This is **Clyde Ericson's** second year as an art teacher at Scotus. (bottom left) Seventh grader **Aidan Bettenhausen** covers his project with black paint. (bottom right) Sophomore **Olivia Klug** thoroughly examines her work.



(middle, top to bottom) Senior **Colby Gilson** laughs during **Pat Brockhaus's** Psychology class. Senior **Isaac McPhillips** voices his opinion. **Pat Brockhaus** teaches Modern Government along with other electives offered to juniors and seniors. Freshman **Sophie Palmer** writes down her answer to Spanish teacher **Jo Moody's** question during a review in Spanish I. Senior **Tara Kamrath** moves her game piece during a game of Monopoly in Spanish IV. Students play Monopoly every other Friday in Spanish III and IV.



We Believe *in individuality*

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them." -Romans 12:6

From the fine arts to student organizations to the various clubs at Scotus, there are countless ways for students to exhibit their individuality through their talents. This year there were over twenty different activities and clubs for students to participate in.

For some students, the fine arts department has given them the opportunity to present their talents while bonding with their peers. Freshman **Luke Przymus**, a member of HOSA, Student Council, and Shamrock Singers, participated in the musical for his first time this year.

Przymus said, "It's helped me discover more of who I am, and it's helped me make a lot of great friends along the way."

For other students, joining organizations such as FBLA, HOSA, and Student Council have given them a chance to search for their idea of a successful future. Junior **Sarah Bichlmeier**, a member of flags and HOSA, had the opportunity to visit multiple medical facilities with HOSA this year, which gave her an insight on potential medical field jobs.

Bichlmeier said, "I've gotten better direction as to what I might want to do in the future, which can be a stressful process."

Sophomore **Lizzie Parker**, a member of band, NHS, and campus ministry, had a similar experience in FBLA, which has helped her to expand her leadership skills this year.

Parker said, "This year I became the Vice President of FBLA, and it has given me more responsibility within FBLA. It has allowed me to become a better leader, and I have learned a lot through it."

Although each activity at Scotus is different from the next, each one gives the students a new way to share their individual talents throughout the year.



What is your favorite part about being in your group?



"My favorite activity that FBLA participates in is State Leadership Conference because we go to Omaha as a big group, and it is always really fun!"

Elizabeth Parker,
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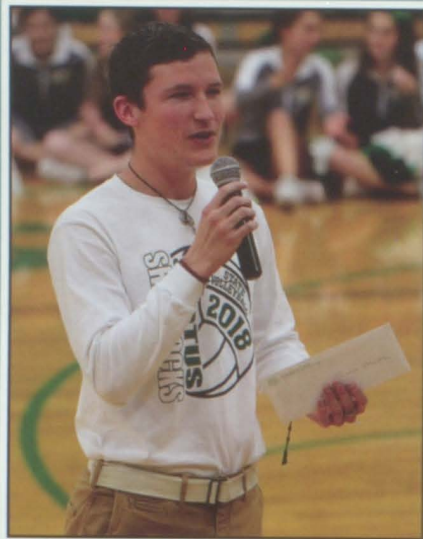
"My favorite activity that NHS does is the blood drive. It is a great way for our group to give back to the community."

Emmitt Broberg,
11



"My favorite activity that FBLA participates in is the food drive in the fall. Different teachers have competitions to help encourage people to bring in food."

Abaigeal Ayd,
11



Learning Leadership

"Scotus reaches out to our community." -Caleb Kosch

At Scotus, there are students who lead in many ways. National Honor Society, Student Council, and FBLA are all groups that encourage leadership from students. Each group leads in a different way. One example of leadership is through volunteering.

Student Council president **Caleb Kosch** said, "Scotus reaches out to our community."

All three of these organizations impact the school and community in different areas. Student Council works with the Simon House in Columbus. Student Council donates the money made from their annual No Shave, No Sock Rule, No Sandal Rule November to the Simon House. As the president of Student Council, **Kosch** also helped organize other activities throughout the school such as Mr. Shamrock Game Night, and Homecoming.

National Honor Society is another group at Scotus that encourages leadership. At every NHS meeting, sponsor **Jane Dusel** reminds the members there are many ways to be a leader both at school and in the community. The group has candy sales every year around Christmas to raise money to buy gifts for the Holiday Co-op. They also host a blood drive every year.

NHS president **Elliott Thomazin** stated, "Our big event is the blood drive," **Thomazin** said. "The drive allows people in the Scotus community to donate blood to those who need it."

FBLA also brings positive leadership to Scotus. The group hosts various food drives throughout the year, and they give those food donations to the Simon House in Columbus.

"Being the President of FBLA has given me multiple chances to reach out to our community through playing Bingo at nursing homes to raking yards for the elderly," senior **Hallie Parker** said.

These three groups bring leadership to the school by leading as examples in volunteering for the community and Scotus. They are representatives for the other students and organize activities the entire school participates in.

Kosch stated, "Being president of Student Council has helped me become a better leader in the community and given me a unique role in the school."

(top) Student Council President **Caleb Kosch** speaks at a pep rally. **Kosch** was also an NHS officer this year. NHS president **Elliott Thomazin** opens up NHS induction with a prayer. The four short candles represent the four pillars of NHS: character, leadership, scholarship, and service. The big candle in the middle represents the eternal light of knowledge. FBLA president **Hallie Parker** attends state FBLA. State FBLA was held in Omaha for the last time this year, and it will be moving to Kearney next year.

Blood Drives

National Honor Society hosts a blood drive at Scotus every year in February. This year, two groups of NHS members hosted blood drives of their own at the St. Bon's Social Hall. Seniors **Blaney Dreifurst** and **Mira Liebig** hosted a blood drive during the summer of 2018. Their blood drive had forty-nine donors.

"Mira and I got the word out about our blood drive and asked as many people as possible," **Dreifurst** stated.

In December, juniors **Jayden Heng** and **Liza Zaruba** hosted another blood drive.

"Liza and I are were looking for something more meaningful to do with our service hours, and when Mrs. Dusel presented the opportunity, we jumped on it," **Heng** said.

Heng and **Zaruba's** blood drive hosted forty-five donors. Blood drives are especially necessary during the winter because so many get canceled due to weather.

"It was cool knowing that we were really making a difference in people's lives, especially during the time of year where blood donations are most needed," **Zaruba** stated.

The blood drive that NHS hosted in February was also a success. One hundred and three productive units were collected.



Junior **Jared Beaver** donates blood at the Scotus Blood Drive. **Beaver** was one of one hundred and thirteen people to attempt to donate blood.

(top left) Junior **Levi Robertson** gets ready to ref a game of dodgeball. This was Student Council's third annual dodgeball tournament.

NHS president **Elliott Thomazin** hands sophomore **Katelyn Bayer** her candle at NHS Induction. **Bayer** was one of twenty-nine new members to NHS this year.

(middle) Student Council member **Mira Liebig** asks contestant **Braden Labenz** a question at Mr. Shamrock. FBLA sponsor **Patti Salyard** makes triangles to hide around the school for FBLA week. **Salyard** has been FBLA sponsor at Scotus for twenty-four years.

(bottom) **Patrick Herchenbach**, **Gavin Brabec**, and **Cassie Kouma** participate at state FBLA. **Herchenbach** and **Brabec** placed in their events and **Kouma** received honorable mention in her events.

Sophomore **Anna Ehlers** makes a call at the annual phonathon. NHS volunteers with several other groups at Scotus make calls for this fundraiser.



What is your favorite memory from the club you are in?



"When Hannah showed up in her crazy sweater and hadn't read the book."

Caleb Kosch, 12



"When we tried to have an officers meeting at the Broken Mug, but when we got there it was closed. We ended up going to Courtney Kosch's house instead."

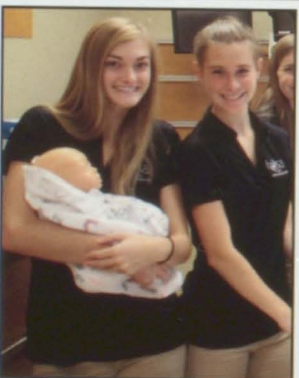
Maddie Blaser, 10



"When Rylie Olson, Maddie Blaser, and I were trying out goggles with different levels of impairment at the Kearney event."

Gavin Brabec, 9

(right) Senior **Mariana Valdez Ortiz** lightly draws a face of a girl. (far right) **Mr. Ericson** sketches an "E" to demonstrate to the club how to properly use the space on a piece of paper. (below) Senior **Daniela Valdez Ortiz** sketches a flower using shading techniques. (middle bottom) Sophomore **Keira Feehan** free draws in her notebook using techniques that she learned in Art Club. Art Club meets every Wednesday and members get the opportunity to work on art that is shown off throughout the school.



The HOSA group gained more people and got the chance to go to new conferences this year. (above) Sophomore **Kaira Dallman** and junior **Liza Zaruba** pose while learning how to properly hold a baby. (middle) Seniors **Zack Beiermann**, **Maddie Sueper**, **Kelsey Faust**, **Mira Liebig**, **Kendra Korgor**, **Julia Salerno**, **Emily Stutzman**, **Logan Bennett**, and **Carter Thorson** smile while at a HOSA conference. (above far right) Senior **Maddie Sueper** poses with her award from the Commissioner's Recognition for Student Excellence in the Career banquet. (right) Sophomores **Maddie Blaser** and **Michaela Kresha** smile while holding the hospital's baby dolls. (far right) Sophomores **Kaira Dallman**, **Shelby Bridger**, and **Camille Pelan** examine one of the hospital's mannequins.



New and Improved

"It gives me a glance of different career choices and how to get there." -Camille Pelan

High school is a crucial time for students to decide what they want to do in their futures. Since this was a big concern for students, a new club was made to help students explore jobs. Careers Club was a new club that invited speakers to come in and talk to students about their occupations.

"It gives me a glance of different career choices and how to get there," sophomore **Camille Pelan** said.

Job shadowing was later introduced to the club, and students had the opportunity to shadow medical professions. A nurse, the mayor, and an employee from Pillen Family Farms are a few of the speakers who came in and shared with the students about their everyday lives.

"I enjoy hearing the speaker's path after high school since it relates to decisions that we will have to make soon," junior **Lauren Ostdiek** said.

While new clubs were being introduced to the Scotus community, other clubs kept improving. Book Club was nothing new for students to hear about, but a book club relating only to the Holocaust is something that interests many students. English teacher **Becki Zanardi** took over the book club this year and made it strictly about Holocaust books and only for seniors. As an educator of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, **Zanardi** had valuable lessons to express to the students in this club.

"Studying the Holocaust can teach us that it's important that everyone, especially those in leadership positions, respect ALL life and preserve free and just societies," **Zanardi** said.

The seniors were intrigued with what they learned about the Holocaust victims and what they experienced.

"[I liked] being introduced to parts of the Holocaust I never knew about," senior **Emma Brandt** said.

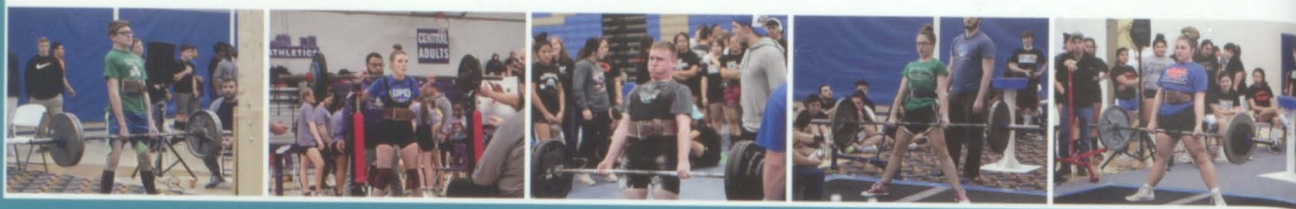
With the monthly discussions about the book the group read and the Holocaust in general, students were informed about the importance of learning about inhumane subjects.

"I think it's important to be taught about the Holocaust and all genocides because humanity needs to learn from their mistakes and getting educated about these events is a good way to honor those who lived through or were killed during this time," senior **Patrick Herchenbach** said.



(top) STEAM teacher **Betsy Rail** listens to a speaker at the Careers Club meeting. (above) Sophomore **Gillian Brandt** pays attention to a speaker talk about their career at a Careers Club meeting. Careers Club is a new club that gives students the opportunity to learn about the various jobs there are. It is beneficial to the students who have no idea what they would like to do in their futures or want reassurance they are choosing the correct career and going down the right path. (left) Senior **Patrick Herchenbach** and English teacher **Becki Zanardi** discuss one of their books they enjoyed reading in Book Club. The Book Club members would try and meet at least once a month to discuss the interesting books they read. At Book Club this year, students only read about the Holocaust and discussed the importance of learning about it.

Who motivates you to do your best?



"Madison Wittwer, she really took me under her wing and pushed me to do my best. She encouraged me to keep pushing, and I am so grateful for that."

Kyanne Casperson, 9



"The crowd cheering you on and watching you try to get your lift."

Anna Ehlers, 10



"I can lift more weight. I can always lift more weight. Plus there's just something fun about being strong."

Abe Perault, 12

Strength and Success

"Everyone encourages others to be the best they can be." - Rylie Olson

For the four years powerlifting has been an activity at Scotus, it has become increasingly popular among many of the athletes.

Students enjoy the activity because it is a refreshing change from the typical fall, winter, or spring sports seasons.

"Unlike most sports, powerlifting is an individual thing. Your success is based purely on how much effort you put in," freshman **Kyanne Casperson** said. "In other sports, you might work extremely hard and still not get to play. In powerlifting everyone 'plays'. There is no sitting the bench."

This was Senior **Rylie Olson's** first year as a powerlifter.

"My favorite part of powerlifting is the team environment," **Olson** said. "Everyone is positive and encourages others to be the best they can be."

The athletes enjoy seeing how they improve over the course of the season by striving to reach the goals they have set for themselves with the help of their teammates and coaches.

"Powerlifting isn't always about winning; it allows you to work better on your own goals. It also has many coaches, so it allows you to have one on one time with coaches to help you improve," junior **Tim Ehlers** said.

Many of the athletes who participate in powerlifting are also involved in many other sports and activities in and out of school. Powerlifting allows them to become stronger for those activities.

Sophomore **Ashtyn Preister** said, "Powerlifting improves my arm strength for throwing during track, and this may sound crazy, but it helped me a lot in my dance classes too."

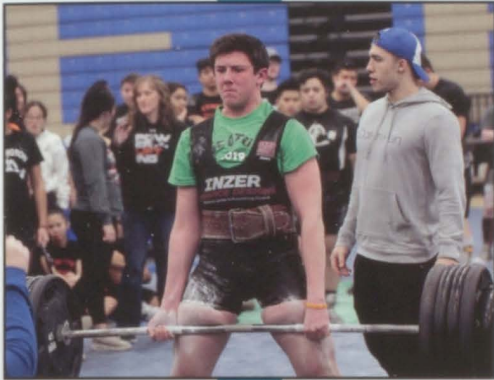
Many lifters find that powerlifting has allowed them to improve themselves while still having fun with their teammates. The powerlifting coed team won first place at the state meet this year.

"Ultimately, my goal was to try something new and have fun with it. I ended up getting so much more than that. I found a place where I knew everyone cared about me. If I ever was having a bad day, as soon as I got to practice, my mood instantly 'lifted,'" **Casperson** said.



Junior **Tim Ehlers** deadlifts during the state powerlifting meet at Peru State College. Ehlers is in the 165 pound weight class.

State Champions

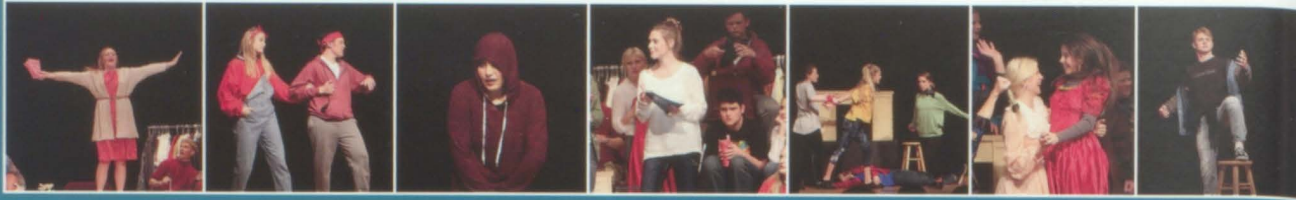


(top) Senior **Abe Perault** and sophomore **Madison Wittwer** squat at a raw meet in Beatrice. Junior **Levi Robertson** and sophomore **Kade Wiese** deadlift at the state meet at Peru State College.



All lifters pictured placed first in their weight class at the state meet at Peru State College. (top left) Junior **Kaleb Wiese** prepares to squat at the state meet. **Wiese** was in the 242 weight class. Junior **Kate Smith** concentrates before she deadlifts. **Smith** was in the 148 pound weight class. Senior **Rylie Olson** and sophomore **Katelyn Bayer** get their deadlifts. **Olson** was in the 165 pound weight class and **Bayer** was in 114 pounds. Senior **Emma Brandt** deadlifts 275 pounds. **Brandt** was in the 135 pound weight class. Sophomore **Adam Kamrath** deadlifts 270 pounds. **Kamrath** was in the 114 weight class. (left) The powerlifting team poses with their medals and trophies after they receive first place at the state powerlifting meet at Peru State College.

What is your favorite quote from the performance?



"You mean can't kick his.. *honk honk* but he.. *honk honk* but they.. *honk honk* kissing isn't allowed either! *honk honk* MAAANNNN."

Vijay Wemhoff, 9



"You will be the glue that holds together the two pieces of wood keeping them together so they don't fall apart. Are you ready for this job? Are you ready?!!!"

Julia Pichler, 12



"Soupnuts."

Logan Bennett, 12

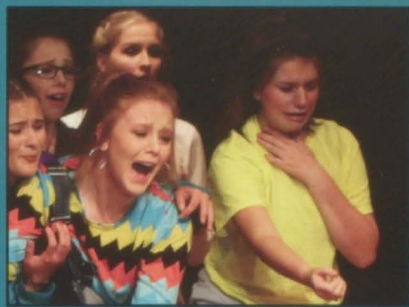
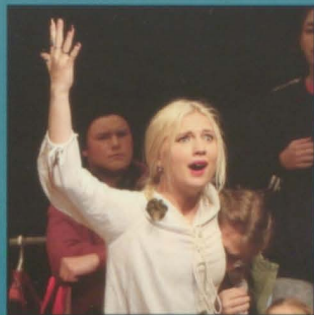
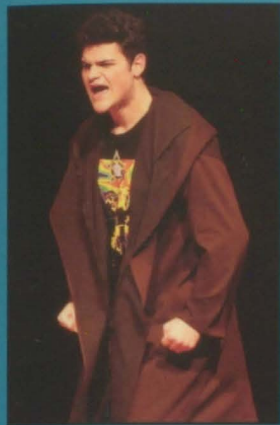


(left to right) Seniors **Isaac Ostdiek** and **Kendra Korger** dance while playing the roles of Romeo and Juliet. Senior **Madeline Sueper** delivers lines as a teacher on stage. Senior **Elliott Thomazin** and junior **Evan Hand** perform a scene during the home performance.



Cast members raise their hands to ask questions as Mrs. Gunnysack, played by **Madeline Sueper**, storms out of the classroom before scene two.

Best Facials



(far left) Senior **Isaac McPhillips** yells at a fellow character while on stage. (middle) Senior **Mattie Johnson** takes center stage as her character, Janine. Junior **Kate Smith** and sophomore **Christina Oakley** cry in despair as a character dies. (above) Junior **Levi Robertson** celebrates during the end of the production.



(top to bottom) A group of students celebrate during the ending scene of the play. Junior **Jayden Heng** busts a move during a dance party scene. A group of one act members act as a classroom of students during the Loup City Invite. Senior **Patrick Herchenbach**, playing Principal Trollybottom in the play, breaks up a fight between juniors **Dalton Borchers** and **Tyler Palmer**. Senior **Elliott Thomazin**, as Mr. Wipplestick, takes a tumble in his wheelchair. Sophomore **Simon Pichler** plays three people at once for his part in the production.

Debuting with Comedy

"I saw the potential to do something great." -Clyde Ericson

Being a teacher involves constantly taking on new responsibilities and using different talents to master these responsibilities. When second year art teacher **Clyde Ericson** was asked to take over the Scotus One Act program, he used his artistic abilities and theater background to tackle the task. However, throughout the season many surprises came about, one of which being the unexpected large cast.

"I didn't know what to do. I thought I was given more than I could handle. I saw the potential for disaster first, but I also saw the potential to do something great," **Ericson** commented.

After the initial shock of having forty-four students go out, **Ericson** started working on the production of *Romeo to Go*, a comedy written by Jonathan Rand. It is a production about a teacher who only has twenty minutes to throw together a ten-minute version of Romeo and Juliet.

"I was skeptical of doing a comedy at first because last years' play was very serious. However, I learned from my team quickly to just go with it, and that the more fun we had the better the play looked," senior **Mattie Johnson** said.

After a three-month season of long competitions and countless practices, the team ended with a successful show getting fourth at districts and receiving many individual acting awards throughout the season. Not only did **Ericson** successfully coach the students, he also received many rewarding moments.

"I want to empower others while looking to the bigger picture. It was rewarding to see this cast humbly take whatever role they were given and work together to make the most of it. Being able to sit with the audience, see the show in its completion and watch the audience truly enjoy our hard work was a great reward," **Ericson** said.

What is your favorite memory from this season?



"We made a hoodie with our coach Jose's quotes on the back."

Simon Pichler, 10



"Ms. Mimick and I made a bet that if I used my British accent in my speeches and won she would buy me coffee. I proceeded to give a seven minute speech in a British accent. The judges told me they could listen to my voice all day and both gave me a perfect score. One told Ms. Mimick they loved her 'foreign extemper'."

Patrick Herchenbach, 12



"When we found out we were going against Creighton Prep, Rachael started crying and dropped to the floor when she found out she would have to go and then ended up having her best performance of the season."

Brea Lassek, 11

Speaking at Its Finest

"It's about learning and making adjustments from week to week." -Isaac Ostdiek

Racing hearts and sweating palms are symptoms speech team members have to overcome throughout their season. Speech team is an activity that is fun, yet beneficial for members.

Senior serious prose speaker **Mattie Johnson** said, "I joined the speech team because I love being involved in the fine arts, and it has helped me be more confident in front of crowds."

The speech team experienced a large amount of success throughout the season. Ten members were able to qualify for state with the help of third year coach **Melanie Mimick** and second year junior varsity coach **Becki Zanardi**.

The team had two teams qualify in the Oral Interpretation of Drama (OID) category. **Lauren Ostdiek** also made it to state in her entertainment speech.

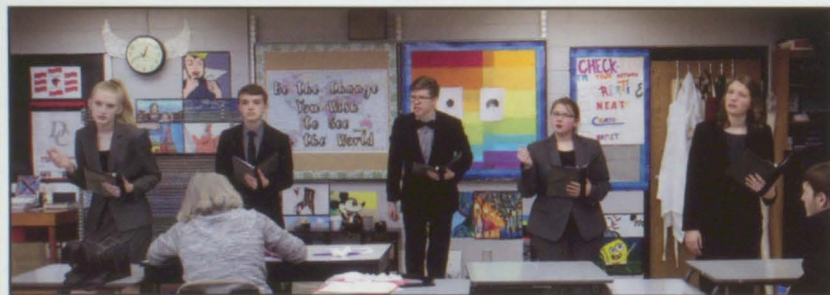
Ostdiek said, "When I qualified for state in entertainment, I felt so excited and relieved. The anxiety of standing, waiting for your name to be called is unmatched. When we qualified with the OID, it was equally exciting because I knew that I would not only get to go to state, but I get to go with some great friends."

After qualifying for state, the teams went back to work fine-tuning their speeches.

Senior **Isaac Ostdiek** said, "We prepared the way we always do. Practice. We just had fun with our performance trying to see if there were any new things we could add that would make our performance more entertaining. There were even a few things that we added the night before while we were practicing in the hotel room."

Lauren Ostdiek was the only member to place at the state level. She received a sixth-place medal in her entertainment speech. Despite only having one event place at state, the team enjoyed their time together and grew closer as a speech family.

Senior informative speaker **Hannah Allen** said, "Speech has been my favorite activity because of how accomplished I feel and the family aspect that our team has developed."



(top right) Senior **Julia Pichler** and sophomore **Maddie Blaser** embrace after receiving first place for their OID at the Schuyler meet. (above) **Blaser, Pichler**, seniors **Isaac Ostdiek, Patrick Herchenbach** and junior **Lauren Ostdiek** perform their OID, "Clue", at districts. Juniors **Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Katie Stachura**, sophomore **Noah Korth**, freshmen **Zoe Euteneuer**, and **Gwen Stachura** perform their OID at district speech. Their OID would place third at districts, qualifying for state speech.



Taking the Stand at State

Hard work pays off. The junior mock trial had this mentality and saw great success during the season. During the mock trial season, the team made mock trial their priority. This required the team to have numerous hours of practice.

Junior witness **Emily Miksch** said, "Every week we had around two practices for multiple hours, ranging from one hour to nine hours."

The team spent the tedious hours getting familiar with their case with the help of their two coaches.

Junior witness **Amber Buhman** said, "We have really good coaches who understand what it takes to be successful in mock trial. They understand the material and the best way for us to answer the questions during the trial."

In order to advance to the state competition, the juniors knew they would have to overcome the three other Scotus teams. The three teams included the freshmen and two sophomore teams. The juniors were able to advance to the district finals where they competed against one of the sophomore teams. The two teams battled it out, but in the end the juniors were victorious. The win allowed the team to advance to the state competition in Omaha.

Junior witness **Kate Smith** said, "I would describe the feeling as pure excitement. We came up short the year before losing to the seniors, and we were so ecstatic that it was finally our time to go to Omaha."

Even though the girls were overjoyed to be competing, they knew they had to concentrate and improve before state.

Junior attorney **Lauren Ostdiek** said, "We prepared for state by perfecting and altering what we had done at districts. We knew that at state, the competition would be really intense, so we had to get our material ready."

The fine-tuning paid off because they were able to place fourth in Omaha.

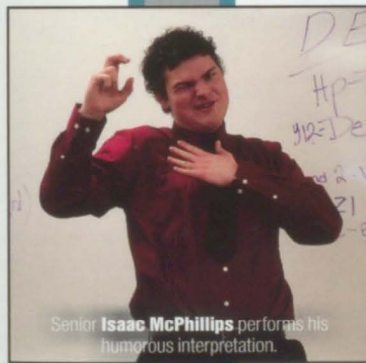
Smith said, "We were all holding hands and anticipating the moment when they would say our names, and when our name wasn't called for honorable mention we were so excited that we placed at state our first year."

While the team claimed what they are working on next year is confidential, junior attorney **Brea Lassek** disclosed, "It will be our senior year and our goal is to give Creighton Prep a run for their money for a trip to nationals."

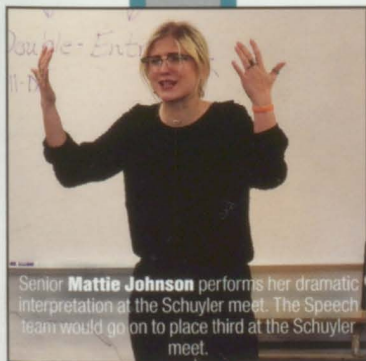
Juniors **Emily Miksch**, **Kate Smith**, **Rachael Lam**, and **Brea Lassek** discuss pre-trial matters before competing in the district final competition. The junior team would go on to state after defeating the sophomores.



Sophomore **Emily Ferguson** gives her informative speech over personalities.



Senior **Isaac McPhillips** performs his humorous interpretation.



Senior **Mattie Johnson** performs her dramatic interpretation at the Schuyler meet. The Speech team would go on to place third at the Schuyler meet.



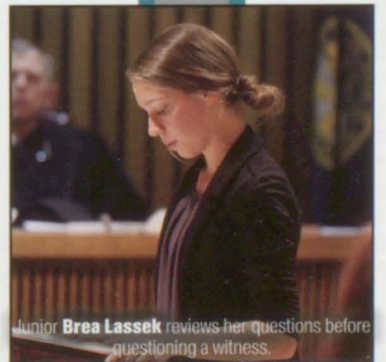
Sophomore **Camille Pelan** is questioned during the district final competition.



Sophomore **Matthew Dolezal** answers questions over an exhibit. This year was the sophomores' first time advancing to the district finals.



Juniors **Rachael Lam**, **Liza Zaruba**, **Emily Miksch**, **Brea Lassek**, **Lauren Ostdiek**, **Chloe Odbert**, **Amber Buhman**, and **Kate Smith** pose for a picture at the state mock trial competition.



Junior **Brea Lassek** reviews her questions before questioning a witness.

What is your favorite memory from the musical?



"We were practicing the finale song, and we all forgot that there was a rest before the last note of the song. As soon as we messed up Ms. Salyard yelled, 'There's a rest!!!' The rest of the season that was a running joke anytime someone messed up in a song."

Lizzie Parker, 10



"My favorite memory from musical this year was on one of the performance days when Elliott, Abe, and I played Super Smash Bros on our Nintendo switches."

Timothy Ehlers, 11



"I have so many amazing memories from musical this year. I have come so close to so many amazing people through the never-ending practices."

Patrick Herchenbach, 12

A Musical at Sea

"Musical is such a great experience." -Elliott Thomazin

On the night of February 15th, the musical cast members were full of nerves and excitement as they performed their show, *Anything Goes*, for the first time. The musical is a twisted love story that takes place on a cruise ship in the 1930's. The cast members began working on their musical in November, and they practiced every day after school until the show in February. Senior **Patrick Herchenbach** played the male lead, Billy Crocker. It was his second year in the musical.

"We all put in a ton of hard work, and it really paid off in the end," **Herchenbach** said.

Along with all the practicing came some challenges. Many of the characters in the musical had accents and personalities that were difficult for the cast to master. Senior **Isaac Ostdiek** played one of the lead roles, Sir Evelyn Oakleigh, who had an English accent.

"I really had to work on my lines. It was rough for me to memorize all of the lines because this was one of the biggest parts I have been given," **Ostdiek** said.

Another challenge that the cast faced was finishing everything up and perfecting the show in time for opening night. Junior **Liza Zaruba** played the role of Bonnie.

"The cast definitely faced a time crunch. We were busting a move trying to finish up all of the dances and blocking. The week before the show it seemed like the entire cast was so stressed," **Zaruba** said.

Despite the struggles and the stress along the way, the cast managed to perform three shows February 15-17th. Sophomore **Janae Rusher** played the role of Hope Harcourt.

"The Friday performance was my favorite because it was the first time with a big audience. It was fun to finally have people laugh at the jokes we made, and it helped us to have more energy on stage," **Rusher** said.

There were many new faces in the musical this year, including senior **Elliott Thomazin**. **Thomazin** decided to try something new for his senior year, and he encourages others to do the same.

"Musical is such a great experience. It is something that everyone should experience during high school. I learned so many things this year. I regret not doing it earlier," **Thomazin** concluded.



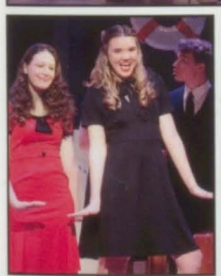
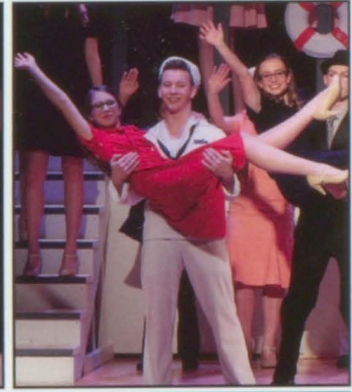
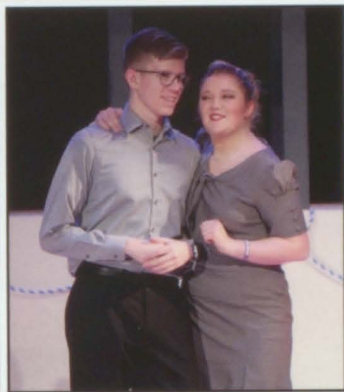
(above) Sophomore **Janae Rusher**, freshman **Dominic McPhillips**, and senior **Isaac Ostdiek** act out the wedding between Hope Harcourt and Sir Evelyn Oakleigh.

(right) Seniors **Isaac McPhillips**, **Madeline Sueper**, and **Patrick Herchenbach** sing during the musical. The three seniors were leads in the production.





(left) Sophomore **Janae Rusher**, and seniors **Isaac Ostdiek** and **Mattie Johnson** belt out the final note in a song. (below) Sophomore **Lizzie Parker**, senior **Madeline Sueper**, sophomore **Clarissa Kosch** and **Maddie Blaser**, junior **Jayden Heng**, freshman **Camille Cox**, and sophomore **Olivia Klug** pose as Reno's Angels during a scene in the musical. (bottom left) Freshman **Christopher Adame-Hernandez** and senior **Tommy Yu** portray the characters Ching and Ling. Seniors **Patrick Herchenbach** and **Madeline Sueper** perform a duet together. Senior **Julia Pichler** acts in her last musical. Freshman **Luke Przymus** lifts freshman **Kyanne Casperson** during the opening number.



(top left) Sophomores **Debanhi Adame-Hernandez** and **Tim Ehlers** share a dance together in the musical. Sophomores **Emily Ferguson** and **Cassie Kouma** play their parts as newspaper journalists. Junior **Liza Zaruba**, who played Bonnie, leads the other actresses in a dance routine. Freshmen **Zoe Euteneuer** and **Berlin Kluever** pose during a dance. Freshman **Ben Policky** put on a serious face to show his character's emotions. **Policky** played a sailor in the musical. Junior **Jayden Heng** acts as her character, Charity. Seniors **Abram Perault** and **Isaac McPhillips** perform a scene during Act 1. Sophomores **Olivia Klug**, **Emily Ferguson**, and **Christina Oakley**, junior **Debanhi Adame-Hernandez**, sophomore **Cassie Kouma**, and freshman **Kyanne Casperson** sing a song during the musical. Senior **Elliott Thomazin** gasps as he portrays his character, Elisha Whitney. **Thomazin** did musical for the first time this year.

What was your favorite memory from spring play?



"Isaac and Elliott never knew their lines, so when it was their turn to go on, they improvised the whole thing and it was super funny".

Abee Hutchinson, 9



"Every time Levi would taste the poison he did something weird with his tongue. I almost lost it every single time."

Hannah Allen, 12



"My favorite memory was at auditions when Mr. Ericson and Patrick made all the girls line up and do our best pirate 'Arrgh'."

Maddie Blaser, 10

Western Fun Found on Stage

"A melodrama definitely makes for an interesting production." - Elliott Thomazin

With new advisor **Clyde Ericson** and two new student directors, seniors **Patrick Herchenbach** and **Julia Pichler**, the spring play was bound to be a little different this year. The production of *The Treasure of Shiver River* was a melodrama about a small western town love story which included plenty of conflict. A melodrama is a play that is very predictable with characters such as heroes and villains, and it often follows a love story. It also uses periods of actor to crowd interaction.

"I was thrilled with the crowd interaction. They laughed a lot, booed, and we even had volunteers. I was expecting the crowd to be a lot less involved, but they really enjoyed the production," **Herchenbach** said.

Although it was a different type of play than the spring play cast has worked with before, the directors and cast were satisfied with the performances presented. Senior **Elliott Thomazin** played Marshal Law, the town's handsome marshal who worked his way to buy back a family heirloom so he could propose to the colonel's daughter.

"A melodrama definitely makes for an interesting production. Our interaction with the crowd worked well. When Isaac needed an evil laugh, the audience was more than prepared to supply," **Thomazin** said.

The spring play cast spent over a month preparing for the production, but it wasn't an easy process. Early mornings, late nights, and last-minute memorizing of scripts didn't keep the group from having some fun. As a first timer in the spring play, freshman **Gavin Brabec** played the role of Colonel Sanders.

"The cast was running through scene 2, and we could not remember our lines, so we made lines up as we went and got to the end. This was a few days before our performance," **Brabec** said.

Senior **Isaac Ostdiek** had the chance to take on a new role during his last spring play production. Ostdiek played the role of Rod Enreel, whose only agenda was to strike it rich by marrying the colonel's daughter.

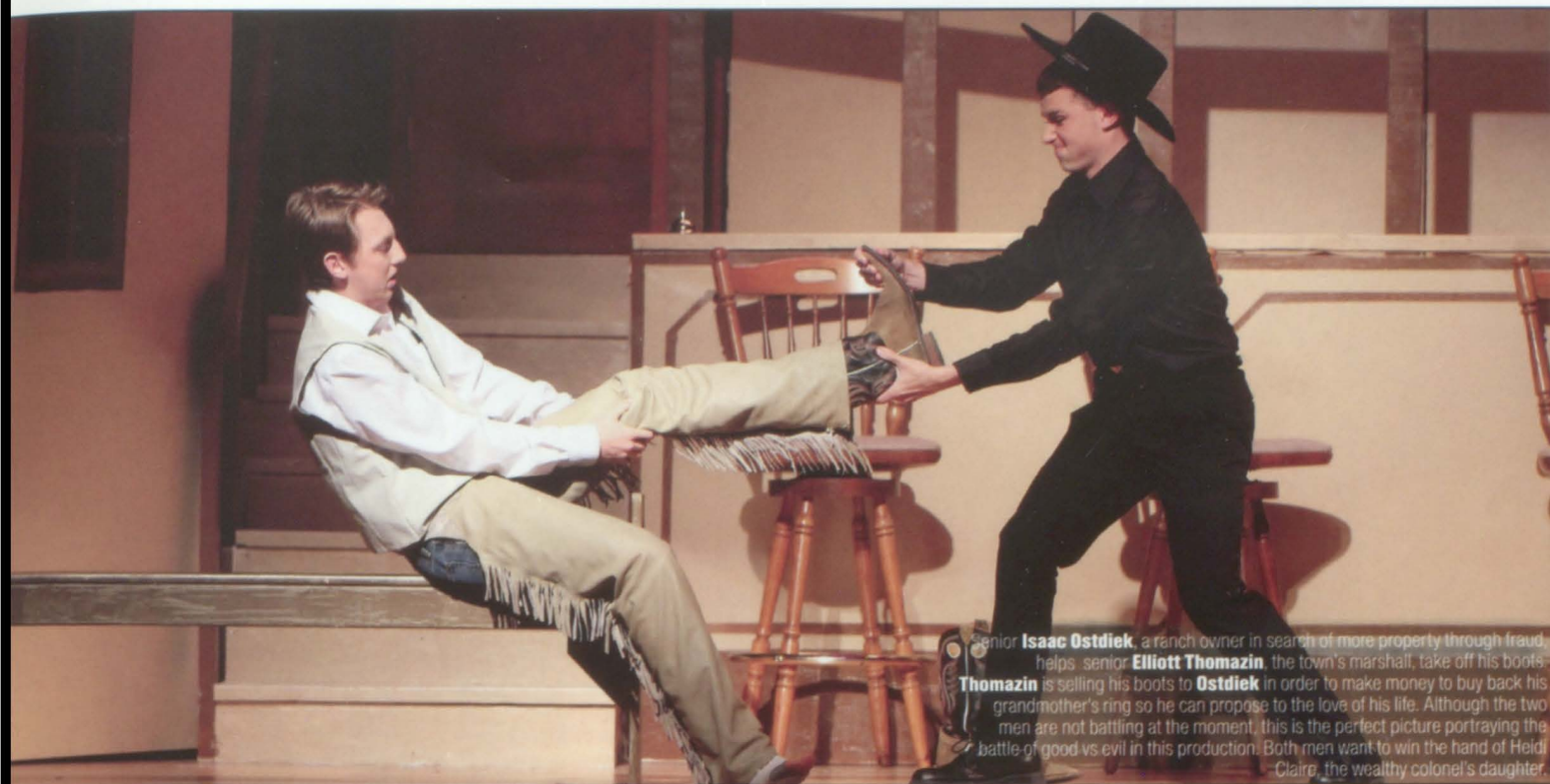
"Being the villain was different. I got booed whenever I entered. I almost broke character a few times from laughing. It was a fun part that I think I played well. It seemed like everyone in the audience enjoyed the play, and that is all that I could ask for," **Ostdiek** said.

(left to right) Senior directors **Patrick Herchenbach** and **Julia Pichler** take a bow after the public performance. This was the first time both had directed a production rather than performed.

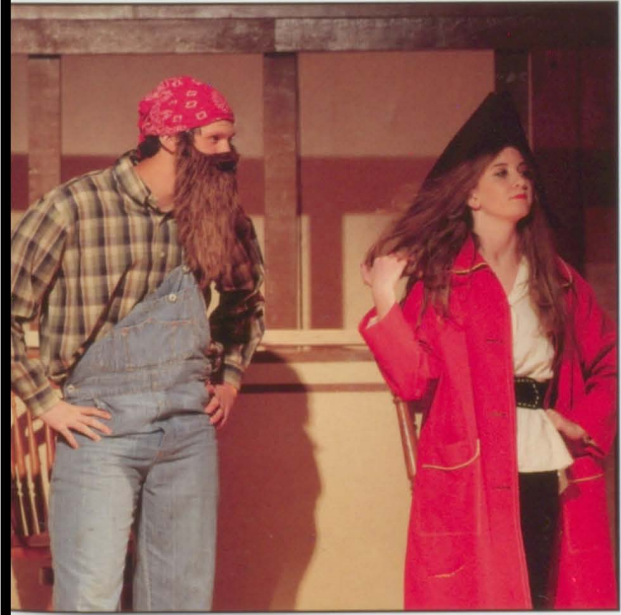
Senior **Hannah Allen** tells the audience of her plan to keep the auction from proceeding. **Allen** played the role of Dr. Ophelia Payne who was a con artist pretending to be a doctor.

Sophomore **Maddie Blaser** complains to the audience about how her man is trying to get another girl. **Blaser** played the role of Paige Turner who was madly in love with Rod Enreel.





Senior **Isaac Ostdiek**, a ranch owner in search of more property through fraud, helps senior **Elliott Thomazin**, the town's marshal, take off his boots. **Thomazin** is selling his boots to **Ostdiek** in order to make money to buy back his grandmother's ring so he can propose to the love of his life. Although the two men are not battling at the moment, this is the perfect picture portraying the battle of good vs evil in this production. Both men want to win the hand of Heidi Claire, the wealthy colonel's daughter.



(top left to right) Senior **Mattie Johnson**, the western town's innkeeper, tells freshman **Kyanne Caspersen**, the town's local reporter, about her gambling addictions. **Johnson** reports that her character is reformed and no longer bets, but finds herself betting on certain outcomes throughout the production. **Caspersen** interviews freshman **Regan Sucha** and **Simon Pichler**, the auctioneer and his wife. **Sucha** warns **Caspersen** about the strange activity that could occur if **Pichler** got too excited. Senior **Isaac Ostdiek** addresses an audience member to ask them to make an evil laugh as sound effect to his devious plan. The melodrama was written so that the performer could interact with the audience while the rest of the performers on the stage were frozen and unaware of the interaction. (far left) Junior **Levi Robertson** and freshman **Roxanne Beshaler** fight over the best way to find the treasure of Shiver River. **Robertson** and **Beshaler** played the role of a dynamic duo who had been searching for the treasure for many years. (left) Senior **Elliott Thomazin** dips sophomore **Clarissa Kosch** following their marriage proposal. Throughout the performance there was a struggle for the two to communicate their true love to each other, but in the end they found that special moment.

What was your favorite song the group sang?



"I really liked 'Let the River Run,' because I liked the rhythm and melody of the song. The melody made the song really fun to sing!"

Lin Jurarut, 11



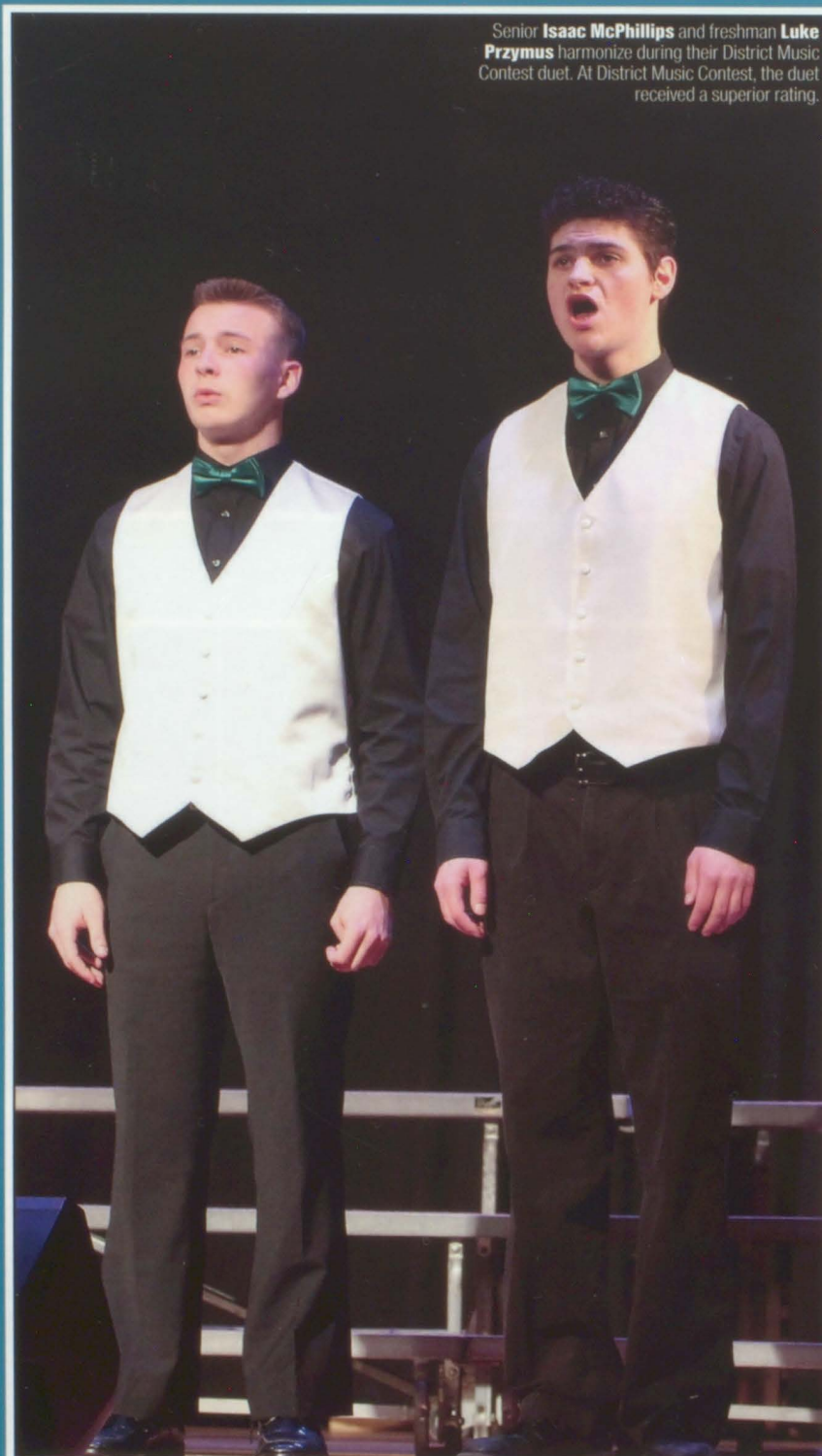
"My favorite song was 'Fresh and Fearless.' It was a difficult but beautiful song, and the tenor part I learned was fun."

Josh Styskal, 10



"My favorite song was the song the sophomores performed called 'Come to Me, Oh My Love' because there were a lot of different parts in it."

Ava Kuhl, 10



Senior **Isaac McPhillips** and freshman **Luke Przymus** harmonize during their District Music Contest duet. At District Music Contest, the duet received a superior rating.



(top right) Sophomore **Janae Rusher** sings the solo she performed at District Music Contest. **Rusher** sang many solos at District Music Contest. Senior **Mattie Johnson** tells a story about Shamrock Singers director **Laura Salyard** at the end of the seniors last concert. The seniors were the first students **Salyard** has taught for all four years of high school. Junior **Jayden Heng** and senior **Madeline Sueper** sing in their trio with **Mattie Johnson**. The trio received Outstanding Performance at District Music Contest. Senior **Tommy Yu** performs a solo. Scotus received seven superior ratings and four excellent ratings at District Music Contest.

Strength in Numbers

"We could sing in eight parts and still hear every part." -Patrick Herchenbach

Imagine thirty-four different singing voices blending together in harmony. Now imagine that same number of voices talking about different things at the same time. When all thirty-four of the voices are working in union it can sound amazing, but when they are all talking it can be hard to get anything done. This is what it was like every day in Shamrock Singers.

"There were so many people talking for Ms. Salyard to quiet down," freshman **Grace Mustard** recalled. "Sometimes it would be hard to get things done and to focus."

The challenges did not end once everyone got on task either. Having such a big group also made learning the songs more difficult.

"If one small thing is off, it took forever to figure out who or what it was," sophomore **Michaela Kresha** stated.

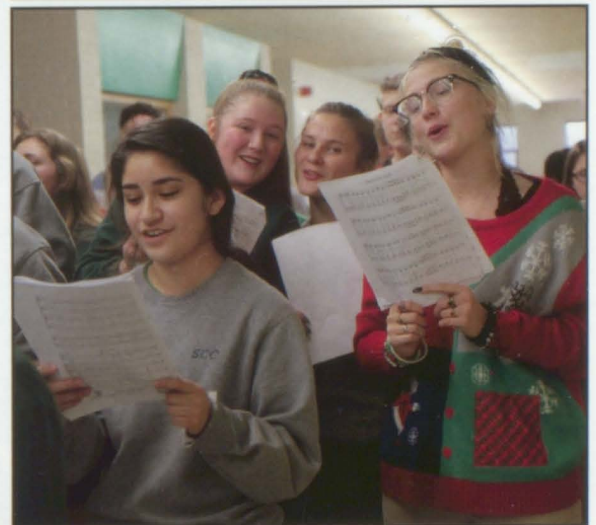
Once all of these challenges were overcome, the benefits of having a big group outweighed the difficulties.

"With so many people, we could sing in eight parts and still hear every part," senior **Patrick Herchenbach** said. "This was a huge benefit to having a big group and was really cool to hear!"

Having a large number was a benefit in the long run. It gave the group more of a variety of voices.

"If someone made a mistake, you couldn't really tell," freshman **Ruby Martinez** recalled. "The other singers in the group cover for you if you mess up."

Having a large group gave many of the members a chance to sing new parts in the music. Sometimes having so many people was challenging, but eventually, having a large group became a great positive.



(top) Sophomore **McKenna Mausbach** carols through the hallways. Shamrock Singers sang carols in the hallways around Christmas time. Freshman **Ruby Martinez** and senior **Mattie Johnson** sing in the second floor hallway at Scotus. The group also sang carols at the Scotus Craft Boutique. (far left) Senior **Patrick Herchenbach** plays a piano solo. **Herchenbach** received Outstanding Performance for this and his singing solo at District Music Contest. This means that he had the best piano and singing solo of everyone at DMC. Sophomore **Josh Styskal** performs a violin solo. **Styskal** earned an excellent rating at District Music Contest this year. Freshman **Camille Cox** plays a piano solo. **Cox** earned honorable mention in this piano solo. This means that she had the second best piano performance out of everyone at the District Music Contest.

If you could choose a different instrument to play, what would it be?



"Xylophone, because it sounds nice."

Ben Policky, 9



"If I could play a different instrument it would probably be the guitar because I've recently learned how to play it, and it takes my mind off things."

Sydney Quinn, 9



"If I could play a different instrument, I would play drums because the drumline is so cool!"

Adriana Cieloha, 9

Love for the Notes

"It can provide a calmness for our souls and hearts." - Kristen Cox

The Scotus band has grown in numbers over the last 25 years. When **Kristen Cox** started at Scotus, she had 13 students in high school band. After directing the band for 25 years this year, it has grown to 67 high school members. Although having so many members is a good thing, it comes with its challenges.

"There are lots of challenges. The biggest is the space. We are busting at the seams. If anyone were to come in here during band, the kids are literally wall to wall and back to back," **Cox** said.

Due to having so many kids in band and not much space, **Cox** had to make new accommodations for the band to work. A few band dads built new shelves where the kids store their instruments. This was one of many changes.

"Another thing that has changed is practice. We are able to record it and send it through One Drive. It's helpful for me because the amount of time I have kids' practice is shorter because I can't listen to an hour of every student anymore," **Cox** stated.

The band performs three concerts throughout the school year, including the band dinner concert, which has been a great fundraiser for the band.

"The Scotus teachers, administrators, and community wanted Scotus band to survive. There was a period at Scotus that band was not offered. Before I came there was a possibility band wouldn't be offered anymore. There were core parents who stuck with it and helped me," **Cox** said.

Although there are many challenges with having such a large band and different hurdles that had to be jumped, **Cox** believes one thing has remained over the years.

"What has not changed is the fact that everyone has a love for music. It may be different styles, and everyone has a different connection with music, but everyone has a common love for some type of music," **Cox** stated. "I think we can all recognize music can help with all situations. It can provide a calmness for our souls and hearts. When they leave here, they miss it and have an appreciation for it."



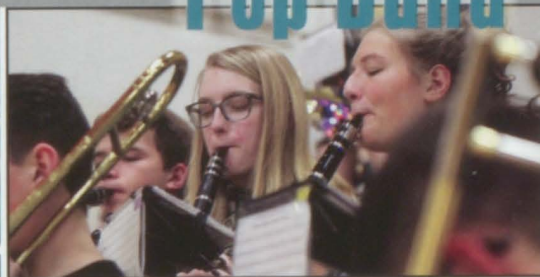
The band marches in the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island.

Concerts



(far left) Freshman **Carson Czarnick** and junior **Lauren Ostdiek** play their trumpets during the band concert. Senior **Logan Johnson** plays the drums during the band dinner concert. The theme this year was pirates. Freshman **Emiliano Rodriguez** plays the saxophone for Jazz band. (top) Seniors **Tyler Wurtz, Grant Shanle,** and **Elliott Thomazin** play their trombones during a band concert. Senior **Braden Labenz** plays his solo during the Christmas band concert. Senior **Isaac Ostdiek** plays a solo during the Pirate themed dinner concert.

Pep Band



(far left) Junior **Debanhi Adame-Hernandez** and sophomore **Madison Wittwer** play their trombones before a game. Freshman **Lainee Leitschuck** plays the flute for pep band. Senior **Abigail Stuart** plays the clarinet before one of the volleyball games. Sophomore **Maddie Blaser** and junior **Lauren Ostdiek** play 'Sweet Caroline' on their clarinets before a basketball game. Senior **Hanna Doan** plays the tambourine for the school song. The pep band travels to games to support the teams beforehand.

Marching



(far left) Sophomore **Benjamin Juarez Mendez** plays the drum while marching. Sophomore **Ben Merrill** plays the trumpet while marching during the Columbus Days Parade. Sophomore **Maddie Blaser** plays her clarinet during the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island. Senior **Isaac McPhillips** plays his tuba during the Columbus Days Parade. The Marching band participated in the Columbus Days Parade and Harvest of Harmony in Grand Island.

Drumline



(far left) Junior **Henry Hernandez** plays with the drumline at the Spring Band Concert. Senior **Blake Sucha** gets his groove on while performing at a basketball half-time. The drumline plays during a basketball half-time. Senior **Drew Zaruba** flashes a smile before playing at a pep rally with the drumline.

What is your favorite activity to perform at?



"I like performing at basketball games because we don't freeze and our hands don't go numb."

Laine Leitschuck, 9



"My favorite activity to perform at is football games because the crowd is farther away so it's not as scary."

McKenna Hoefer, 11



"My favorite activity to perform at is definitely football because it is outside and a lot of people come to the games."

Berlin Kluever, 9

Perfecting the Performances

"My team has improved the overall cleanliness of our routines." -Hannah Allen

From pep rallies to halftime shows, the Scotus flag corps team always knows how to keep the audience amused by twirling their flags and showing off their dance moves. Flag corps was busy this year keeping Scotus fans and students entertained at a variety of events. They started their year by performing at the fall pep rally, and they spent the rest of the fall season presenting their routines at the home football games.

"I love to perform at football games; it has such a fun atmosphere to be in," junior dancer **Jaycee Ternus** said.

When football season finished, the team's hard work and practices did not. They continued to practice their routines and work on being performance-ready for basketball season. The team spent many

mornings in the gym, focusing on some new areas.

"This year, we worked a lot more on cleaning the routines, and we take more time to stretch before practices," junior **McKenna Hoefer** said.

Senior **Hannah Allen** believes that these minor tweaks made in practices enhanced their performances throughout their season.

"I think my team has improved the overall cleanliness of our routines. That has been something we have put a lot of effort into this year," **Allen** said.

Allen was the only senior on flag corps this year. Although it was hard at times, she believes it was a learning experience.

"It was weird being the only senior on flag corps, but I kind of liked it. It gave me more responsibility, and I think I learned to handle that really well. Also, the juniors helped out a lot, too, which was really nice," she said.

Flag corps finished their year with a performance at the spring pep rally and auditions in April for the upcoming school year.



Sophomore **Cassie Kouma** flashes a big smile as she waves her flag during a halftime performance.



The flag corps girls dance at a home football game. The girls wore new white and black uniforms this year.



(top left) Junior **Jaycee Ternus** dances at a pep rally. The flag corps dancers form a kickline during the halftime show of a football game. (far left) Junior **MaKenzie Enderlin** strikes a pose for the crowd. Sophomore **Madison Wittwer** smiles while twirling her flag. Freshman **Berlin Kluever** swings her flag while performing at the fall pep rally. Senior dancer **Hannah Allen** smiles while holding her flag up at a home football game. **Allen** was the only senior on flag corps this year.

What is your favorite song to dance to at homecoming?



"'Don't Stop Believing' because it is one of the few songs I can belt out all of the words and not feel ashamed."

Callan Fuchser, 12



"My favorite song to dance to at homecoming is the 'Cha Cha Slide' because everyone dances to it and everyone knows how to do it."

Kate Maguire, 9



"'Centipede.' If you know, you know."

Kendra Korger, 12



(top left) Junior **Evan Hand** slow dances with his date, junior **Liza Zaruba**, as bubbles fill the air.

(top middle) Senior **Elliott Thomazin** dances with friends during the dance.

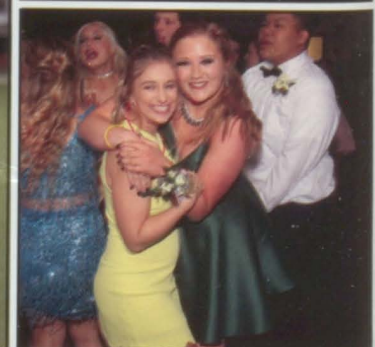
Thomazin was a homecoming candidate.

(top right) Students gather together to dance and sing in the center of the dance floor.

(above) Juniors **Emily Miksch** and **Rachael Lam** show off their dance moves along with senior **Emily Stutzman**.

(right) Seniors **Courtney Kosch** and **Caden Pelan** smile after being crowned the 2018 Homecoming King and Queen. The coronation took place on Friday night after the football game.

(far right) Seniors **Lucas Schaecher** and **Konner Kudron** enjoy a song. Seniors **Mira Liebig** and **Madeline Sueper** pose for a picture at their last homecoming dance.



Meet the Candidates



Caleb Kosch & Kelsey Faust



Caden Pelan & Kendra Korger



Nathan Schumacher & Courtney Kosch



Grant Shanle & Bailey Lehr



Elliott Thomazin & Julia Salerno



Drew Zaruba & Emily Stutzman



(far left) Sophomore **Kamryn Chohon** breaks out her moves at the dance. Students were given glow sticks to wear on the dance floor for the "Glow Fest" theme. (left) Seniors **Patrick Herchenbach** and **Julia Pichler** swing dance together. Sophomore **Este Lesiak** dances with friends.



Senior **Abe Perault** shares a slow dance with junior **Lauren Ostdiek**.

Glowing on the Dance Floor

"I enjoyed everything about homecoming." -Caden Pelan

During the last week of September, the usual bare walls of the Scotus hallways were full of bright decorations for the "Glow Fest" homecoming theme. Students dressed in spirit costumes filled the hallways during the week leading up to the dance. Junior high students were able to participate in spirit week for the first time this year.

"I liked character day the best because I dressed as Minnie Mouse and **Cameron Houfek** dressed as Mickey Mouse," eighth grader **Jack Faust** said.

After the fun-filled week, students filled the stands at Memorial Stadium to cheer on the football team. The Shamrocks upset the undefeated Wahoo Neumann Cavaliers 21-19. After the victory, the homecoming coronation took place on the field. Twelve seniors were chosen as candidates by their classmates and voted on by the student body. **Courtney Kosch** and **Caden Pelan** were crowned homecoming king and queen.

"I enjoyed everything about homecoming. The football game, the dance, the coronation, and the interaction with so many genuine people made my last homecoming my favorite," **Pelan** said.

On Saturday night, the homecoming dance took place in the cafeteria. It was decorated to go with the "Glow Fest" theme, and students were given glow sticks to wear on the dance floor. There was a large turnout, and many people stayed the entire dance.

"Having a large group of people stay at the dance the whole time made it better," **Kosch** concluded.

Time Travel



Junior **Connor Wiehn** dresses as a knight on time travel day. Students could dress as someone from the past or the future.

Teacher Day



Senior **Colby Gilson** dresses in a suit and tie to look like Mr. Salyard on Teacher Day.

Neon Day



Freshman **Liz Adamy** smiles for a picture to show off her bright outfit on Neon Day.

Character Day



Eighth grader **Brooklyn Brandt**, seventh graders **Anna Lovell** and **Ashlee Leffers**, and eighth graders **Jack Faust** and **Cameron Houfek** dress as characters for spirit week.

Spirit Day



A group of seniors smile before the start of the homecoming pep rally. The last day of spirit week was spirit day. Students dressed head-to-toe in green to show off their shamrock pride.

What was your favorite song of the night?



"...'Ready For It' because I felt like the music makes me dance."

Prim Suchanya, 11



"I like the line dances because everyone actually dances to them."

Janae Rusher, 10



"I like dancing to songs that everyone likes, like 'Jesus Jump'. I love 'Jesus Jump'."

Patrick Herchenbach, 12

Dancing in December

"It was a long day, but it was still just as fun!" -Hallie Parker

Dancing a night away in December is an experience students had for the first time this year. The new date of the Winter Formal caused students to have mixed feelings.

Sophomore class officer **Ava Kuhl** said, "I thought it was nice because it was easier to plan, and it was less busy in December so more people could come."

While the date did not conflict with any school activities, it did fall on the same day as the ACT.

Senior **Hallie Parker** said, "I rushed home from the ACT to get my hair and makeup done."

Even though some students had a long day after completing the test, they still had fun showing off their moves on the dance floor.

This year's Winter Formal Court consisted of twelve seniors.

Senior candidate **Patrick Herchenbach** said, "I was very excited to be chosen as a candidate for Winter Formal. It was special for me because I've only been at Scotus for two years, but I really feel like I'm a part of the Scotus community."

In the end, **Mattie Johnson** and **Zack Beiermann** took home the crowns. Both seniors were shocked when their names were announced.

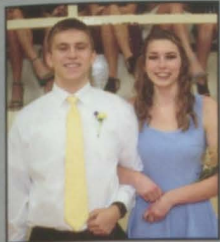
Beiermann said, "I was extremely surprised that I was chosen as the king because there were some great candidates."

Despite the new date, Winter Formal was attended by many students who made the most of the dance.

Junior **Amber Buhman** concluded, "I enjoyed Winter Formal this year. I appreciated how most of the senior class stayed until the dance was over."



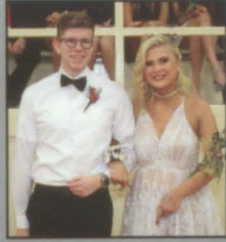
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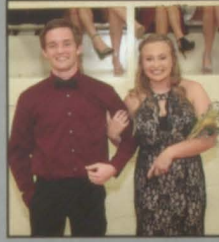
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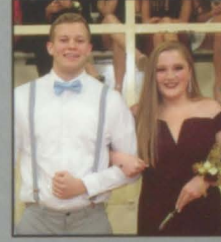
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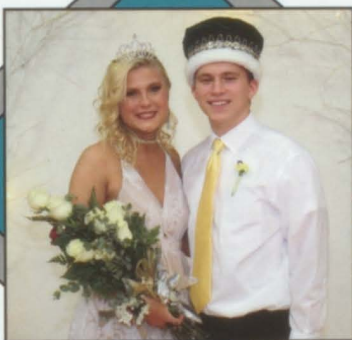
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Freshman **Kyanne Casperson** dances in a circle with her friends. (top) Seniors **Maddie Sueper** and **Logan Bennett** enjoy their last Winter Formal together. Juniors **MaKenzie Enderlin** and **Jaycee Ternus** jump to a song with a group of other juniors. Senior **Bryce VanCannon** sticks out his tongue as he does the 'Wobble'. Senior **Julia Salerno** shows off her dance moves.

(top to bottom) Seniors **Mattie Johnson** and **Zack Beiermann** smile for a picture after winning Winter Formal King and Queen. Both candidates were surprised to receive the crowns. Junior **Brea Lassek** dances along side her friends. Senior **Callan Fuchser** gives up trying to keep up with a line dance. Sophomore **Camille Pelan** screams a song at the top of her lungs.

What was your favorite song to dance to at prom?



"'Billie Jean' by Michael Jackson. It was great to watch Jared Beaver hit us with the moon walk."

Evan Hand, 11



"'Pure Water' because MIGOS sings it."

Logan Bennett, 12

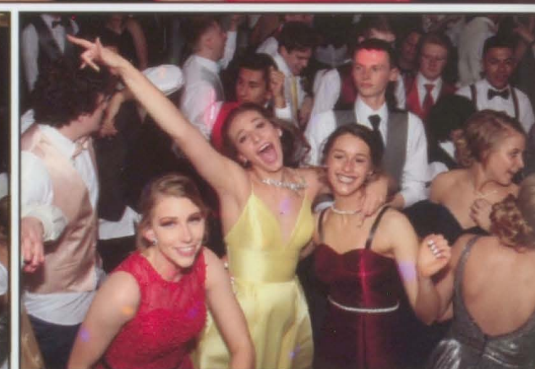


"The best songs played were 'The Cupid Shuffle' and the 'Cha Cha Slide' because I actually danced to them, resulting in my calves being sore for the next three days."

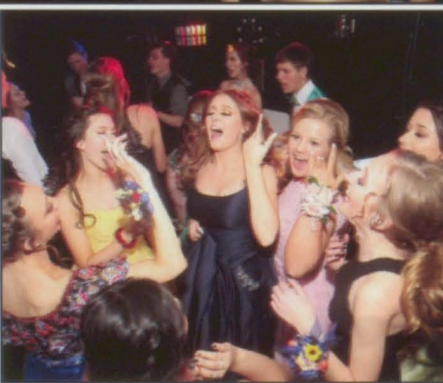
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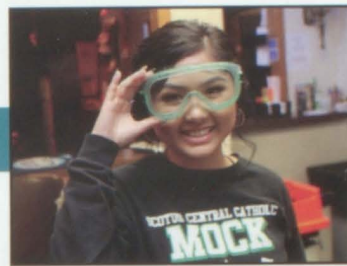
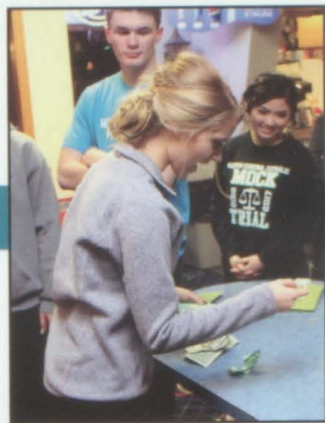


Junior **Tim Ehlers** slow dances with his date, sophomore **Keira Feehan** at prom. The dance was held in the Scotus cafeteria.



(top left) Senior **Elliott Thomazin** dances to the "Cotton Eye Joe." Senior **Hannah Allen** shows off her dance moves on the dance floor. (above) Seniors **Bryce VunCannon**, **Thomazin**, **Konner Kudron**, and **Grant Shanle** circle up to dance. Seniors **Emma Brandt**, **Julia Salerno**, and **Emily Stutzman** enjoy the music. Juniors **Molly Carstens** and **Sarah Bichmeier** sing along to a song. Seniors **Hanna Doan**, **Abigail Stuart**, and **Tara Kamrath** pose for a picture on the dance floor.





(middle) Junior **Jacey Clarey** counts her money after she gets out of the money blowing machine. Junior **Rachael Lam** shows off her goggles before she enters the money blowing machine.



A Night to Remember

"It made it worth staying up till 3:30." - **Abbie Zoucha**

Every year, post prom at Scotus is made possible by the junior parents. They decide on a theme and a location for the evening.

In past years, post prom has been held in the two gyms at Scotus. This year, the junior parents decided they wanted to do something different. Post prom was held at Westbrook Bowling Alley in Columbus.

"Post-prom was better than last year. I felt like I wasn't just standing around like I did last year," senior **Abbie Zoucha** stated. "There were so many different games and prizes, so it made it worth staying up till 3:30."

The theme for this year's post prom was "Casino Night." The students were given fake money to begin the night and were able to participate in a number of different casino themed games, and they were able to 'gamble' with their money.

Senior **Isaac Ostdiek** said, "The money with everyone's face on it was a great touch. It helped make the auction that much better."

Along with the games and activities that were offered, at the end on the night, the junior parents hired a live auctioneer. With the money that the students won throughout the night, they had a chance to put their winnings toward a prize.

"The auction was the most original idea I've seen lately. Everyone was in on it, and the prizes were a surprise, so you never knew what the winner was going to get," senior **Abe Perault** said.

When it comes to gambling and betting on prizes, luck plays a big part. For senior **Hannah Allen**, her night was not as lucky.

"I learned that I should never go to Vegas or an auction," **Allen** said.

With or without luck, prom was one of the most memorable nights for many juniors and seniors.

"Post prom was so much fun; I loved all of it," junior **Haylee Cielocho** said.

"The junior parents really did a great job coming up with games for us to play and making the night super fun and memorable!"



(top) Juniors **Kaleb Wiese** and **Cole Demuth** and senior **Bailey Christensen** participate in a game of black jack. Junior **Samantha Tonniges** and senior **Abbie Zoucha** pose for a picture during post prom. Junior **MaKenzie Enderlin** celebrates her win in a game of black jack. Senior **Caleb Kosch** smiles after hitting a strike while bowling. Post prom this year was held at Westbrook Lanes.

Why do you believe you should have won?



"I should have won because I took a shot to the face from a metal chair."

Colby Gilson,
12



"I think that I should have won. I'm not being petty, that is a fact. I have scratches on my arm from breaking those boards to prove my point."

Isaac Ostdiek,
12



"I should have won because my stand up comedy was better than Abe's."

Caleb Kosch,
12



Battle of the Senior Boys

"Mr. Shamrock was really impressive." -Pat Brockhaus

The annual Mr. Shamrock competition always seems to bring the Scotus community smiles and laughter, and this year was the biggest debut in Scotus history with a total of twelve senior boys performing. There was a variety of rappers, WWE fighters, and a large dinosaur that filled up the stage. Throughout the night the senior boys had the opportunity to show off their talents, abilities to answer questions, and "catch that dream girl" outfits.

"My favorite part about Mr. Shamrock was everyone really thought about their talents and outfits. That passionate atmosphere was fun to be in," senior contestant **Abe Perault** said.

Watching the contestants run around stage and entertain the audience drew laughter from the crowd. As a returning judge of the contest, **Pat Brockhaus** stated, "Mr. Shamrock was really impressive because of the various talents and the interview questions and answers."

Not only was it an entertaining show, all the food and cash donations went directly toward the Simon House. Student Council organizes the show every year to make sure it runs smoothly.

"All the contestants did an amazing job and truly made it a night that I will never forget," senior contestant **Caden Pelan** said.

What really stood out to the judges was **Elliott Thomazin's** talent. He lit up the room with one of his magic tricks which helped him win the Mr. Shamrock competition.

"Winning Mr. Shamrock was such an honor. I had a blast with all the guys who performed. Everyone was creative and brought some unique talents to the competition. When they announced the winner, I was ecstatic. I was just happy to be part of a great night filled with plenty of smiles, laughs, and memories," **Thomazin** said.



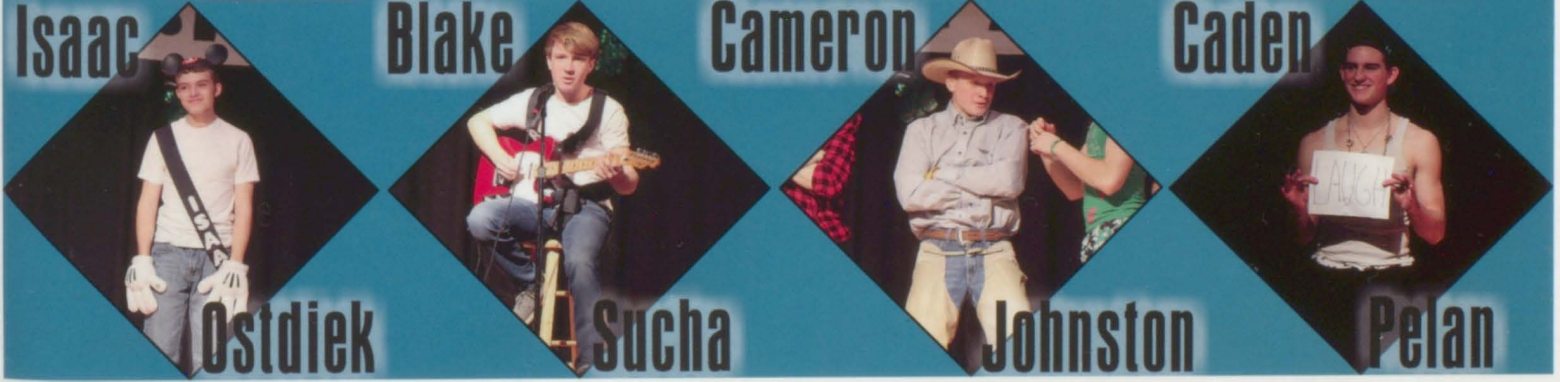
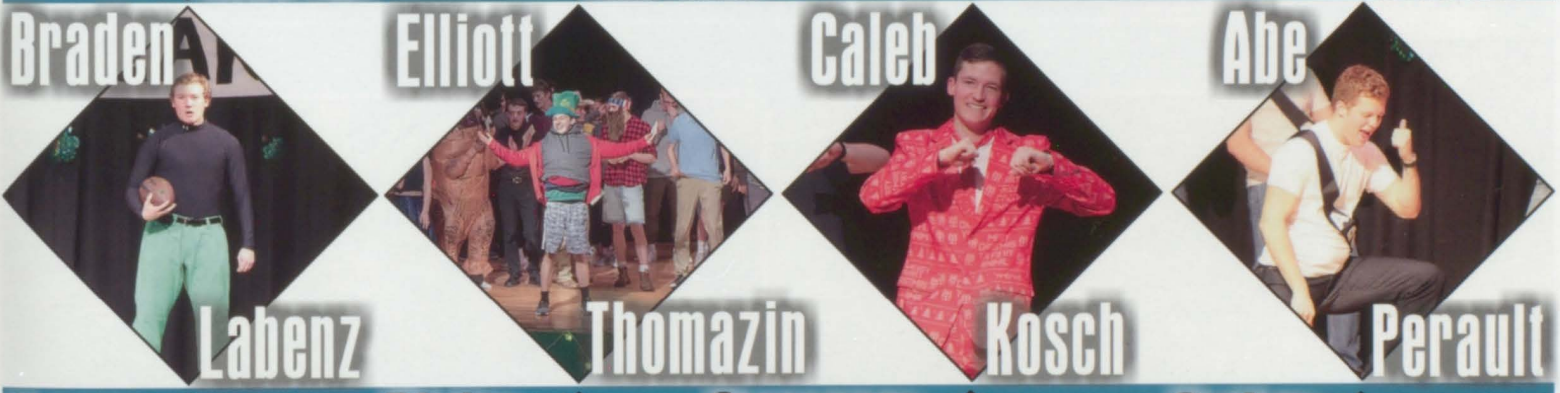
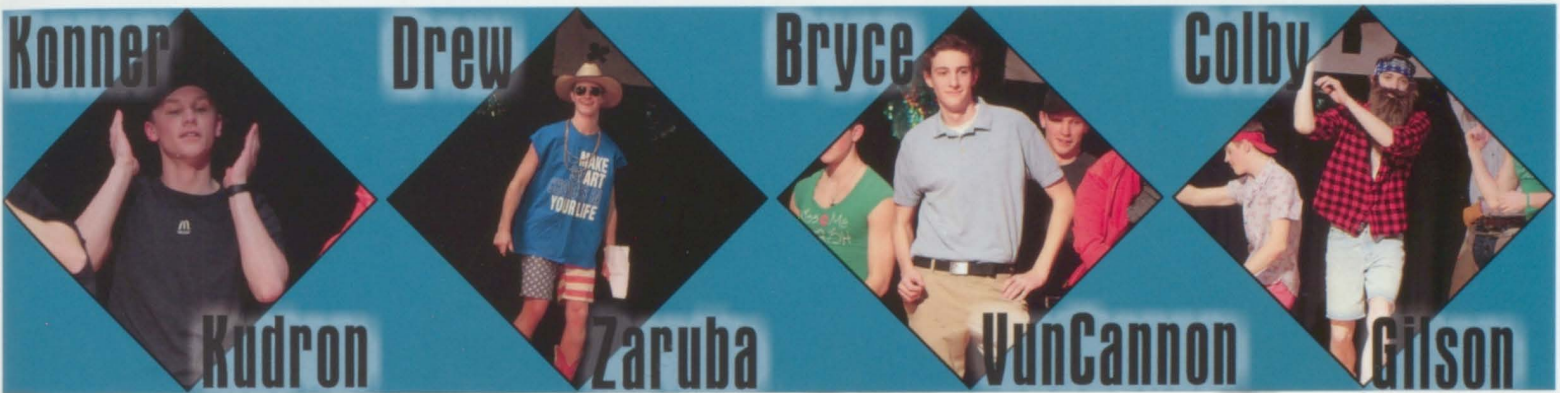
(above) Senior **Elliott Thomazin** and English teacher **Becki Zanardi** stand on stage while **Thomazin** performs one of his newest magic tricks. (top right) Seniors **Colby Gilson** and **Cameron Johnston** show off their talents in their WWE fight. Each contestant had a talent that they performed for the audience. (right) Seniors **Abe Perault**, **Braden Labenz**, and **Caden Pelan** cheer for **Labenz** as he accepts his third place title at Mr. Shamrock. (far right) Seniors **Cameron Johnston** and **Drew Zaruba** display how to properly ride a bull during their opening dance. The senior boys had multiple jokes that they threw into the show to keep the crowd entertained.



MR. SHAMROCK PAGEANT



(left to right) Seniors **Konner Kudron**, **Braden Labenz**, **Abe Perault**, **Caden Pelan**, **Cameron Johnston**, **Blake Sucha**, **Drew Zaruba**, **Bryce VunCannon**, **Caleb Kosch**, **Colby Gilson**, **Elliott Thomazin**, and **Isaac Ostdiek** show off their dance moves during their synchronized line dance. The senior boys practiced their dance mornings before school so they could impress the judges and the audience.



What is the best part about being a member of the journalism staff?



"The best part of journalism is that I feel more involved in the school and every activity that goes on because we have to report on everything that happens at the school."

Cameron Johnston, 12



"I typically love taking pictures, and Mrs. Rusher was great at teaching how to work the camera and how to get good angles."

Blaney Dreifurst, 12

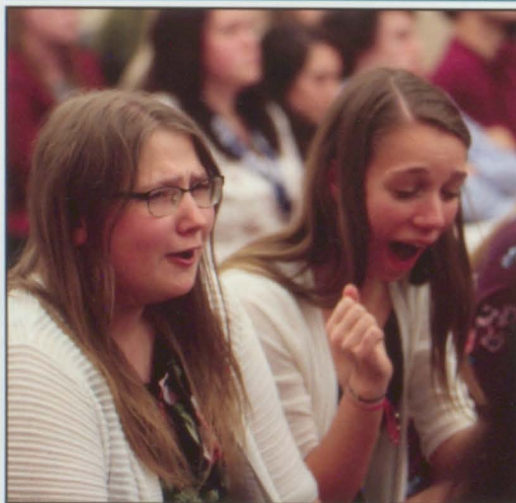


"I think it is really rewarding to hear positive feedback about the product that we put out every month. You really do not know how much work we put into it until you are on the staff. Getting those positive comments and seeing the stats of who is all looking at the paper on the website is so rewarding."

Chloe Odbert, 11



(right) Senior **Courtney Kosch** peers through the camera as she takes a picture of the photographer. At the beginning of the school year, the journalism staff spent a week learning how to use the cameras. (far right) Senior **Rylie Olson** smiles as she watches another yearbook staff member learn how to use the camera while **Abbie Zoucha** tests out the camera herself. (below) The entire journalism staff poses for a selfie at Valentinos after spending the morning selling ads. Journalism staff members were paired up to sell ads around Columbus. (far middle) The yearbook staff takes a selfie before the fall activities group photos begin. (bottom right) Senior **Tara Kamrath** and junior **Jaycee Ternus** count newspapers to be delivered around school.



(above) Senior **Julia Pichler** and junior **Brea Lassek** celebrate after hearing **Pichler** placed in the top 4 at state journalism. **Pichler** placed 3rd in Advertising. (right) Seniors **Mariana Valdez Ortiz** and **Julia Salerno** smile big after hearing **Valdez Ortiz's** name called at state journalism. **Valdez Ortiz** placed 3rd in Photo Illustration and 6th in Entertainment Review.

New Competitors Amongst New Competition

"I was worried that others would be better because I didn't feel like I wrote anything that would make me stand out." - Amber Buhman

After returning with a second state championship last spring and learning of class changes this fall, Scotus Journalism was unsure of what the state competition would bring this year. The journalism staff qualified with a total of twenty-one entries and brought sixteen members to state journalism in Norfolk to compete. Only two of the sixteen members were returning competitors, which led to uneasy spirits.

Junior **Kate Smith** said, "I was extremely nervous. I started looking up strong verbs to use in my headlines because I was so worried about writing boring titles."

The tension was tangible as competitors waited for awards to begin and multiple students feared they placed last in their events. Although many of them had doubtful reports upon completing their events, the outcomes at awards were greater than they could have imagined.

A new addition to the team who feared the worst was senior **Julia Pichler** who placed 3rd in advertising at state journalism. "I was so confused. I'm not even in journalism. I was thinking to myself, I didn't sign up for this, literally," **Pichler** said.

Pichler as well as senior **Mariana Valdez Ortiz**, who placed 3rd in Photo Illustration and 6th in Entertainment Review, were entered to participate in state journalism with their entries that they created in graphic design class first semester.

Junior Yearbook Sports Feature Writing champion **Amber Buhman** said, "I thought I had written a good article, but I was worried that others would be better because I didn't feel like I wrote anything in my article that would make me stand out. I had convinced myself that I was going to get 8th, so when they announced the 8th place person and it wasn't me, I was happy! When they announced second and it wasn't me, I was so surprised that I had won!"

Buhman, along with seniors **Julia Salerno** and **Blaney Dreifurst**, placed 1st in their events. Despite the fear of placing last for many of the competitors, none of the entries from Scotus received an eighth-place medal. At the end of the day, the team came home with eight third-place medals, three gold medals, and so much more. The outcome was different than the team anticipated, but each member came back with a new experience to learn from.

"I'm really proud of how we did as a team. Coming off of back to back state championships, we obviously wanted to win again, but 3rd place is pretty great too considering how stiff the competition was," senior **Kelsey Faust** said.



Juniors **Kate Smith** and **Chloe Odhart** wait for the Headline Writing event at state journalism to be announced. Smith placed 5th in Headline Writing at state journalism.

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



"Miss Mimick because she has a super sarcastic side."

Christina Oakley, 10



"Mrs. Moody because she always says nonchalant things that make me laugh."

Whitney Klug, 8



"Mr. Brockhaus. Whenever I see him he always says something that makes me laugh."

Jared Beaver, 11

Separated Success

"It gave the students and athletes the recognition they deserve." - Keira Feehan

In past years at Scotus, the athletic banquet and academic banquet were held on the same night. This year, however, the administration decided to separate the banquets so the night would not be as long.

Both students and staff had mixed emotions on the two banquets being separated.

Sophomore **Camille Pelan**, who attended both banquets, was not fond of the two nights.

"I liked how they were held on the same night because only one night was taken up," **Pelan** said. "I think getting them all done in one day is more productive."

Another student felt differently about the night. Senior **Nathan Schumacher**, who also attended both banquets, was pleased with how the nights were separate this year.

"Having the two banquets separate made it more enjoyable for me because it wasn't a long night," **Schumacher** said.

When the nights were combined, there was always a dinner held in the cafeteria during the athletic banquet. This took up more time; however, some students enjoyed that part of the night most.

"I liked the food when the nights were not separate," sophomore **Kade Wiese** said. "Also, I would've rather had one long night instead of two long nights."

Athletic director **Merlin Lahm** was the MC for the Athletic Banquet.

"[In the past,] the night was so long," **Lahm** stated. "If we can find two nights that time of year [the banquets will be kept separate.]"

Despite the many opinions on the night, having the banquets separate this year was a success.

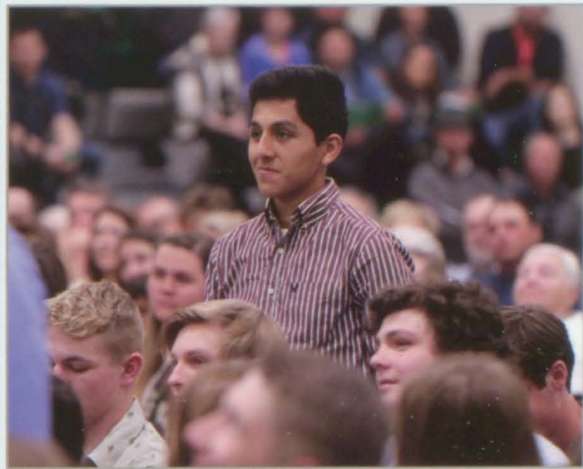
"I really enjoyed the nights being separate because it gave both time to slow down and acknowledge both the academics and athletics," sophomore **Keira Feehan** said. "I feel like it gave the students and athletes the recognition they deserve for all of the hard work they put in during the school year and sports season."



Junior **Ryan Brandenburg** stands to be recognized receiving a letter in wrestling.



(left) Sophomore **Camille Pelan** and junior **Eric Mustard** received male and female lifters of the year. Seniors **Kelsey Faust** and **Caden Pelan** were the Sertoma Athletes of the Year. Seniors **Bryce VanCannon** and **Julia Salerno** received the Shamrock Club Scholarships. (below) Seniors **Braden Labenz** and **Abbie Zoucha** received the Babe Ruth Award. Seniors **Bailey Lehr**, **Grant Shanle**, and **Courtney Kosch** were voted male and female athletes of the year. Juniors **Chloe Odbert** and **Tyler Palmer** pose for a picture after receiving the Jim Puetz Memorial Scholarship. Along with them is **Gary Puetz** (brother of Jim), **Judy Puetz** (wife of Jim), and **Vern Younger** (friend of Jim). Seniors **Elliott Thomazin**, **Kendra Korgor**, **Abe Perault**, and **Nathan Schumacher** received the Gene G. Witt Scholarship. Seniors **Emma Brandt** and **Braden Labenz** received the Chip Kaup Scholarships.



(top) Senior **Rylie Olson** receives her award envelope from NHS sponsor **Jane Dusel-Misfelt**. Sophomore **Ben Juarez Mendez** stands to be recognized for receiving a letter in boys cross country. Junior **Jacey Clarey** stands to be recognized for receiving a letter in girls track. Freshman **Emiliano Rodriguez** shakes **Angie Rusher's** hand. **Rusher** assisted freshmen class sponsor **Kelly Koranda** handing out awards.



We Believe *that we will win.*

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:13

The hallway by the Dowd Activity Center is lined with trophy cases, plaques, team and individual records, and championship pictures. Championship after championship, Scotus has a tradition dating back since the 60s of winning.

This year, many of the sports teams made it to state, but they fell short by getting eliminated in the first round to higher seeds or not competing to their personal bests. Through losing, they learned what it is they need to improve on and begin to develop a team for the future. Each sports program is a family, and they take pride in teaching the younger generations of athletes who hope to one day hang a banner.

Participating in sports builds character and leadership. These characteristics are something the students at Scotus will continue throughout their lives in their work places or with the people they interact with daily.

"Playing sports at Scotus has impacted me because it has taught me a work ethic, teamwork, and how to be a leader," senior **Zack Beiermann** said.

The student body takes pride in being heavily involved with activities. With many championship titles, winning cannot be accomplished without the hardworking teams developed year after year with the help of dedicated coaches.

"All of my coaches have a positive impact in my life. They have helped me become a better skilled athlete," junior **Kenzie Brandenburg** said.

In some respects, it isn't about the wins or losses, but that we believe that we will win that keeps athletes working year after year.



What game was your favorite to cheer at this year?



"The subdistrict boys' basketball game against Boone Central because the student section was filled up to the top, and everyone was having the time of their lives. Plus the boys were on fire that night."

Kade Wiese, 10



"Football because it is my favorite sport."

Eli Kreikemeier, 7



"The football games because this year was my first season not playing football, and it was really cool to see what the game looks like from a different angle. My favorite part is simply being able to be out with my friends on Friday nights and just having a good time together."

Cole Demuth, 11



A group of seniors pose for a picture in the student section during the football game against Aquinas. The theme of the game was gold-out.

Developing Rowdiness

"It is about leading, having fun, making friends, and being a part of the Scotus family." -Braden Labenz

The Shamrock student section is filled with dozens of students ranging from first time seventh graders to experienced senior leaders. The seniors do their best to develop the underclassmen into future Rowdy Dowdy leaders.

Senior **Abe Perault** has been an active member of the student section since he was young. Even though he was a part of the football team, he made it to almost every volleyball or basketball game to cheer on the athletes and lead the student section.

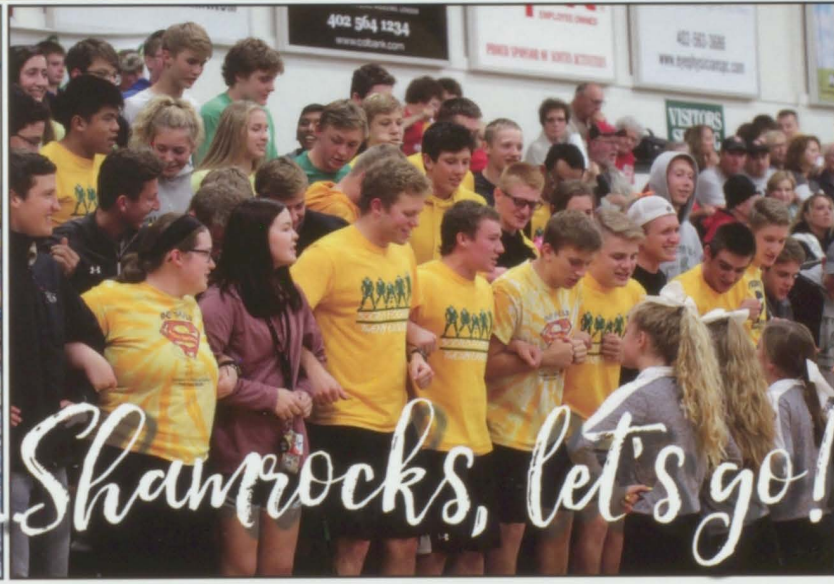
"Leading the student section is much more difficult than I thought it would be. When people want to cheer, they will cheer, and when they don't, they don't. In the end, the more creative we got, the more fun we had," **Perault** said.

One benefit the seventh graders received when coming to Scotus was being given the title of a Rowdy Dowdy. Seventh grader **Max Lancaster** enjoyed getting in on cheers and representing Scotus at the games.

"It was very crazy [sitting in the student section for the first time], and we did a lot of chants," **Lancaster** said.

Senior **Braden Labenz** played a key role in creating new cheers the senior class came up with. He was also a part of the football team, but he was able to lead the student section during the basketball and volleyball games.

"Being a Rowdy Dowdy has taught me how to lead positively. We lead the student section well, and there was never a dull moment. I couldn't wait to be a senior and sit in the front row. But it is more than just sitting in the front. It is about leading, having fun, making friends, and being a part of the Scotus family," **Labenz** concluded.



(far left) Seniors **Abe Perault, Elliott Thomazin, Braden Labenz, and Zack Beiermann** dress as ESPN crew for the boys' subdistrict basketball game against Twin River. Freshman **Regan Sucha** takes part in a cheer directed by the cheerleaders during the Aquinas football game. (bottom left) A group of eighth graders pose for a picture in their beach-themed attire during the football game against West Point-Beemer. (bottom middle) The student section participates in a cheer led by the cheerleaders at the volleyball game against Neumann. The theme was gold-out for Sammy Superhero's. (below) Seniors **Hallie Parker** and **Callan Fuchser** pose for a picture at the volleyball game against Neumann. Sophomore **Joel Schumacher** participates in a cheer at halftime of the boys' game against Omaha Concordia.

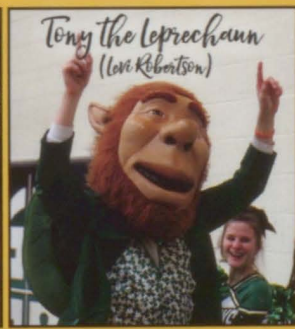


Shamrocks, let's go!

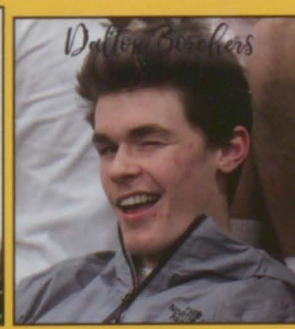
Close up look at the Rowdy Dowdies



Mira Liebig



Tony the Leprechaun (Lori Robertson)



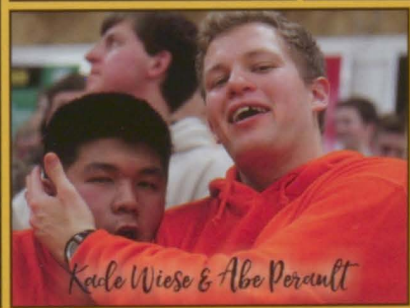
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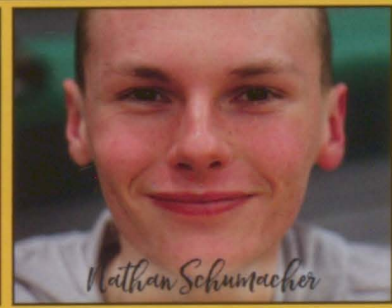
Max Lancaster



Father Capadani



Kade Wiese & Abe Perault



Nathan Schumacher



Tommy Yu

What is your favorite part about being a cheerleader?



"My favorite part is leading the crowd and getting them fired up at intense moments of games. (Toaster rides are pretty cool, too)."

Kate Smith, 11



"My favorite part about cheerleading was cheering with all the cheerleaders and being able to basically have front row seating while cheering."

Kaira Dallman, 10



"My favorite part about being a cheerleader is being on a team that is so supportive of not only everyone else, but one another. My first year I became closer with everyone on the squad."

Camille Cox, 9



(top) A group of the squad leads the student section in the cheer "trucking". The cheerleaders keep the student section involved by doing a variety of cheers with them in between quarters and during timeouts. The cheerleaders perform a pyramid in a dance to entertain the crowd during half time of a game. The girls learned a variety of pyramids and stunts at the NCA cheer camp they attended during summer.

Senior Spirit

Kelsey Faust



Rebekah Hergott



Mattie Johnson



Kendra Korger



Julia Salerno



From One Season to the Next

"Cheer has given me more confidence, and I am thankful for that." -Alli Demuth

From representing the Shamrocks during the summer at various camps and parades, to leading a rowdy student section during a winter basketball game, the Scotus cheerleaders keep themselves busy throughout their entire season. Starting back in April of 2018, the cheer squad added seven new members giving them a total of twenty girls, five of which were freshmen.

"The highlight of this cheer season has been watching all of the freshmen really break out of their shells and have fun cheering by each other," senior **Julia Salerno** said.

Starting in the summer, the girls attended the NCA cheer camp at UNL where they received various awards such as All-American nominees, trophies, and winning the overall spirit award for the fifth year in a row. After a busy summer, the squad prepared for an even busier school year filled with practices every Tuesday and Thursday, making posters for the school, planning pep rallies, fundraising, and, most importantly, cheering on the Shamrocks.

"My favorite thing about cheer is the Shamrock atmosphere at every event we have," senior **Rebekah Hergott** said.

During the fall the cheerleaders show spirit at Friday night football games and volleyball games in the Dowd Activity Center. Then during the winter months, they cheer on the boys' and girls' basketball teams as well as the wrestlers. Many of the cheerleaders also happen to be athletes themselves, so they go from school, to practices, to cheer then wake up the next day to do it all over again.

"I love cheer, but it can be a little busy at times and difficult when I need to go home and do my homework," sophomore **Alli Demuth** said.

Although cheer isn't always the most physically demanding sport, it takes time and effort from the girls. However, the time and effort are rewarded by seeing the Shamrock community come together at games, spending time with friends, and picking up life lessons along the way.

"Cheer has really taught me to break out of my shell. I have come to learn that it is not scary going up in front of a ton of people. Cheer has given me more confidence, and I am thankful for that," **Demuth** said.



(top) Sophomore **Alli Demuth** and freshman **Makenna Svehla** perform a stunt during a football game with freshman **Allie Baumert** as the flyer. (middle) A group of cheerleaders lead the crowd at a home football game during a timeout. (above) The squad performs a dance they choreographed at the homecoming pep rally. (far left) The cheerleaders entertain the fans at a football game with a dance during halftime. (left) Junior **Liza Zaruba** and Freshmen **Camille Cox** and **Eden Broberg** perform the school fight song during a pep rally.

What is your favorite club?



"My favorite club is my 9 iron because no matter the day I can hit the ball straight and long with that club."

MaKenzie Enderlin, 11



"My 6 wood because I've used it so much that I can always rely on it to get me out of tough places."

Jaelyn Podolak, 10



"My favorite club is the 7 iron because it hits farther than my other irons. It is my lucky club."

Michaela Kresha, 10



Senior **Hannah Allen** hits the ball down the fairway at Quail Run. She has practiced and competed at Quail for four years.

Surprising the Spectators

"All I worked for finally paid off." - Jaycee Ternus

Inexperience is a hurdle that all teams must face at one point or another but seeing how a team handles the adversity is something everyone looks forward to. The girls' golf team had one returning varsity player. The team knew they had to step up to achieve what they wanted at the end of the season.

The team started off strong winning the first two meets scoring 205 points at both the Norfolk dual and Fullerton, Lakeview, and Scotus triangular. The next couple meets didn't go as well as the team planned, but at the Boone Central and Fullerton Invite, the girls turned everything around and won the meets.

"We all shot well, and it was our best team score all year," freshman **Avery Dierman** said.

They didn't stop believing and kept pushing each other throughout the season. The team ended up placing second at district golf, which was a surprise to many people.

"I was really proud of my team placing at districts and going to state. We were not projected to do that because we were such a young team," senior **Hannah Allen** said.

Making it to state was both thrilling and nerve racking for the young team.

"My golf team really kept me calm because we were going through the same thing, and my coach really encouraged me, too," junior **Jaycee Ternus** commented.

The team tied for seventh place at the state tournament, shooting a total of 444 points. None of the teams had the opportunity to finish the tournament due to the poor weather conditions.

"[The season was] fast but full of love. It's always fast, but the amount of love we have for each other is like a family," junior **MaKenzie Enderlin** said.



(far left) Sophomore **Jaelyn Podolak** focuses before she puts the ball into the hole. Practices consisted of fixing stances and direction to improve the girls' games. (middle) Junior **Jaycee Ternus** holds her swing as the ball glides down the fairway. The team placed second at the Scotus Invite scoring a total of 419 points. Junior **MaKenzie Enderlin** chips the ball out of the bunker and onto the green. (left) Senior **Hannah Allen** drives the ball down the fairway and onto the green. The team shot their best at the district tournament scoring a total of 447 points.



(top left) Freshman **Avery Dierman**, junior **MaKenzie Enderlin**, senior **Hannah Allen**, freshman **Alaina Dierman**, and junior **Jaycee Ternus** pose for a picture after they won the Fullerton invite. (above) **Alaina Dierman** carefully puts the ball. (middle left) Freshman **Abee Hutchinson** drives the ball down the fairway. (middle right) Freshman **Avery Dierman** puts the ball onto the green and into the hole. The JV team practiced with the varsity and improved throughout the season. (left) Sophomores **Michaela Kresha** and **Jaelyn Podolak**, and freshmen **Alaina Dierman**, **Abee Hutchinson**, and **Avery Dierman** pose for a picture after their meet at the Elks Country Club.

Stepping Up

Senior **Hannah Allen** contributed to the golf team by giving helpful tips to improve her teammates' games, encouraging the girls to never give up, and always providing the girls with some giggles.

"I knew going into the season I was going to have to step up and be a leader. I'm close friends with everyone on the team, so leadership naturally happened with me being the oldest," **Allen** said.

Although people doubted the team, **Allen** never did. She had faith in herself and team.

"We were not projected to (place at districts), but everyone worked really hard all year and played well at districts," **Allen** commented.

Allen's teammates looked to her not only for advice but depended on her for always having fun.

"My favorite memories of the season are

Hannah dressed in a cow onesie in our hotel room, and her forcing us to listen to Taylor Swift in the toaster," junior **MaKenzie Enderlin** said.



Who was the most inspirational player on the team?



"Adam Kamrath because he is the best and doesn't make mistakes."

Connor Wiehn, 11



"Rylie Olson was a positive role model and made the practices fun."

Kate Smith, 11



"We got to wear shirts and put up a banner for Trevor Luckey, so it's good to see him keep fighting."

Drew VunCannon, 11

Swinging for Success

"We just need to keep building." -Katie Stachura

Only having three or four people from your school on a team seems strange to most athletes, but not to the Scotus students who co-op to play softball and tennis for Columbus High School.

The softball team had a total of four girls from Scotus.

"The highlight game was when we played Scottsbluff in conference, and we were losing 2-8. We came back and beat them 10-9 in the last inning," junior catcher **Kate Smith** said.

The Discoverers faced the top three ranked teams in class A during their regular season; unfortunately, they did not win them, but the games helped them improve.

Senior **Rylie Olson** commented, "Overall, I think our season was productive. We learned a lot about teamwork, and each of us improved our skills."

The girls plan to practice and prepare for next season.

Smith stated, "I will be going to softball camps and perfecting my game to lead by example when I'm a senior next year."

The softball team finished with a record of 12-22.

Junior pitcher **Katie Stachura** explained, "We struggled with hitting a little at the end, but we worked really hard at hitting in practice, and overcame that struggle."

While the softball players struggled to finish out their season strong, the tennis players struggled to kick off their season.

Junior **Connor Wiehn** stated, "In the beginning of the season we struggled a lot with mistakes. As we went on we became more comfortable."

The boys' tennis team only had three juniors participate in the co-op sport this season.

Junior **Adam Kamrath** added, "I was very happy with the way my season ended. I finished off 22-20 and won my first match in the state tournament."

The Discoverers know that they need to work hard in order to be successful next season.

Wiehn added, "I will go to more open courts in the summer to improve my game."

Even though the tennis team finished with a 0-6 record in the tournaments they participated in, there was still some positive take away.

Junior **Drew VunCannon** stated, "[The season] was a lot of fun; the team and coaches made it enjoyable."



Junior **Katie Stachura** prepares to get the runner out at second base. The Discoverers fell to Millard West 10-0.



Junior **Adam Kamrath** returns the ball. The tennis team lost to Elkhorn 0-5.



(top left) Junior **Kate Smith** gets ready to throw down to second base. This season **Smith** had a total of 17 throwdowns. Freshman **Gwendolyn Stachura** winds up to pitch the ball. **Stachura** was one of the junior varsity pitchers from Scotus.



(bottom left) Junior **Katie Stachura** strides into her pitch. **Stachura** was the starting varsity pitcher. Senior **Rylie Olson** hustles down the baseline to beat the throw. The Discoverers beat Westside 13-8.



(far left) Junior **Adam Kamrath** swings across his body to serve the ball. The team hosted Kearney, but lost the meet 0-9. Junior **Connor Wiehn** chips at the ball during his match. The Discoverers' tennis team finished third at conference. Junior **Drew VanCannon** jump serves to get more power. Fremont was the last team the team played before the state tournament started.

What is your favorite part about cross country?



"I love how close we get as a team throughout the season, and singing 'Dancing Queen' on the bus home from every meet."

Kendra Korger, 12



"Hands down, my favorite part of cross country is the people. Cross country has the best group of people and coaches, and they make the awful practices 100% worth it!"

Haylee Cielocha, 11



"My favorite part is the people. They have truly changed my life and are some of the greatest people I have ever met. I will miss them, but they will always hold a very special place in my heart. XC fam for life!"

Mattie Johnson, 12



The Shamrocks begin their race at the state cross country meet. The girls finished 3rd at the meet.

Getting Back on Track

"I think the biggest improvement me made was mentally." -Brea Lassek

After experiencing a season full of injuries in 2017, the Shamrock girls' cross country team was determined to recover and get back on top this year. The girls began training in the off season, and their hard work paid off in the fall. The Shamrocks made it their goal from the beginning of the season to make it to the state meet, and they showed both physical and mental improvement throughout the season.

"Our athletic performance was consistent throughout the season of being on top, but I think the best improvement we made was mentally," junior **Brea Lassek** said.

The girls started the season with a team championship at the Boone Central Invite. Their success continued throughout the season, and the girls won eight out of ten meets, including the UNK Invite.

"Winning the UNK Invite was huge for us. We competed against over twenty teams, and many of them were teams we would see at the state meet, so winning made us realize that we had a chance at a state title," senior **Kelsey Faust** said.

The Shamrocks won their district, qualifying for the state meet in Kearney on October 19th. It was the team's goal to bring home a trophy, but the girls ended up just short of this goal with a 3rd place finish.

"State didn't go exactly the way we wanted it to, but we had a blast, and we were just thankful to be there," junior **Liza Zaruba** said.

The team finished their season with a 123-3 record. Although the girls will be losing three seniors, the team's future looks bright.

"I am going to miss everything about cross country, and it was extremely hard saying goodbye at state. I am going to miss running with my best friends, but I know they will continue to do big things in the future," **Faust** concluded.



The team huddles to pray before the race at state.

DYNAMIC DUOS

Having a teammate to run alongside can make a huge difference for cross country runners in both practices and races. Runners can help push their teammates to be their best and feel a sense of friendly competition. There were many girls on the team this year who were able to find a teammate with a similar pace to run alongside. Below are a few of the pairs of girls who could often be seen pushing each other every step of the way at meets.



Mattie & Jaycee



Olivia & Kelsey



Brea & Liza



Samantha & Jaylen



(top left) Junior **Jayden Heng** runs up "The Wall" at the Scotus Invite. It was **Heng's** first year of cross country. Sophomore runner **Abaigeal Aydt** leads a group of girls at the Boone Central Invite. Junior **Brea Lassek** focuses during a race. Freshman **Liz Adamy** runs up a hill while competing at the state meet. **Adamy** was the only freshman on the team this year. Junior **Jacey Clarey** competes at the Scotus Invite. (middle) Senior **Mattie Johnson** runs at the Lutjelusche course for her last time. Junior **Liza Zaruba** strides to the finish at districts. The Shamrocks were district champions. Junior **Haylee Cielocha** competes for the Shamrocks at their home invite. Senior **Kendra Korgger** runs at the Shamrock's first meet of the season, the Schuyler Invite. (bottom) Sophomore **Emily Ferguson** and senior **Kelsey Faust** race at Scotus' home course. Sophomore **Olivia Fehringer** strides to the finish at the state meet. The team finished 3rd place at state.



What is your favorite premeet hype up song?



"Hands down it would have to be 'Cereal.' It was fitting and everyone knew it."

Carter Thorson, 12



"Africa' by Toto."

Caleb Kosch, 12



"The Final Countdown."

Lucas Schaecher, 12

A Second Family

"The team. Scratch that. The family." -Lucas Schaecher

Even though many teams had rebuilding years, that was not the case for the Scotus boys' cross country team.

The team returned every varsity runner from last year, so they knew what to expect coming in and knew their goals for the season.

"Everything just felt right. Even on the hardest days, we really just went in and got to business, doing what we had to do, what we chose to do. This cross country season was the best season I've ever had," senior **Lucas Schaecher** said.

Although the runners thought the season went well as a whole, there were still meets that were challenging. Many runners thought the conference meet was the most challenging due to the rainy conditions that day.

"The most challenging meet for me this year was conference in Lincoln. The weather was cold and rainy, and my muscles tightened up halfway through the race. It was hard to tell myself to keep going all the way to the finish line," sophomore **Michael Gasper** said.

Many of the runners felt as if the district meet was the best of the season. The boys' team beat Boone Central by one point and were district champions.

"We had no idea if the boys had gotten first or second as a team. The moment they announced Scotus as first place, we all went wild. It was the best feeling I had all season," **Gasper** said.

The boys' team placed sixth overall at the state meet in Kearney. This was the first time senior **Elliott Thomazin** placed at a state meet.

"Bringing home two medalists, some great times, and a lot of smiles on the bus ride home was the perfect way to end the season," **Thomazin** said.

The team will lose six seniors next year, three of which were varsity runners.

"The one thing I will miss most about cross country will be the team. I have never met a more diverse group of people that come together so well. These people are the main reason I stayed out all four years, and it is sad that it is over forever now," senior **Carter Thorson** said.



Senior **Elliott Thomazin** runs at the district meet that was held in Albion this year. Thomazin was the lead runner for the boys' team this season placing third at districts and 10th overall at state.



(left to right) Seniors **Nathan Schumacher**, **Carter Thorson**, and sophomore **Ben Juarez** compete at the district meet in Albion. The boys were district champions and beat Boone Central by one point. (bottom, left to right) Junior **Tyler Vaught** competes at the Lutjelusche course. Sophomore **Michael Gasper** runs at the Schuyler Quad which was the first meet of the season.



(top left to right) Senior **Tommy Yu** finishes his race at the Boone Central Individual Meet. Sophomore **Josh Styskal**, freshman **Chris Adame**, and junior **Cole Demuth** compete at the first meet of the season, the Schuyler Quad. This was **Yu's** and **Styskal's** first year running cross country, but this was **Adame's** second year. Freshman **Carson Hoefler** remains focused while running at the Scotus Invitational at the Lutjelusche course. (far left) Seniors **Caleb Kosch**, **Lucas Schaecher**, and **Isaac Ostdiek** run for their last time at the Lutjelusche course.

What was your favorite game of the season?



"Lakeview, because we played our best, and it was great to see our hardwork pay off. I am forever grateful for the laughs and friendships this season brought me."

Courtney Kosch,
12



"I really enjoyed the Lincoln Lutheran game because the atmosphere from the crowd was great, and it was exciting to be playing at a state game."

Blaney Dreifurst,
12



"My favorite game was the game against Chadron because when we won, we made it to state and that was super exciting."

Julia Salerno, 12

Bringing Back Tradition

"I felt like I fit back into the Scotus tradition." -Bailey Lehr

Scotus is known throughout the state of Nebraska for its volleyball program winning state championships. Because of this, the volleyball team always feels pressure to get to state, especially this year because if they had not qualified, it would have been the third year in a row without an appearance and more is expected of the Scotus volleyball program. Winning the district final against Chadron took the Shamrocks back to the state tournament.

"When we got the final point, I started crying because we were off to the state tournament," senior libero **Abbie Zoucha** said.

All the girls on the team had seen teams before them make it to state, and they wanted to make it for themselves.

"It was a dream come true. I've grown up going to the state tournament. I was always watching some family member play down in Lincoln. Getting there and really being a part of the team made my six-year-old self so proud," junior setter **Chloe Odbert** stated.

The Shamrocks had a hard schedule this season. They played Saint Paul, Bishop Neumann, Grand Island Central Catholic, and Wayne in the regular season. All of these teams were also state qualifiers in Class C1. Scotus played teams from other classes that also made it to the state tournament this season.

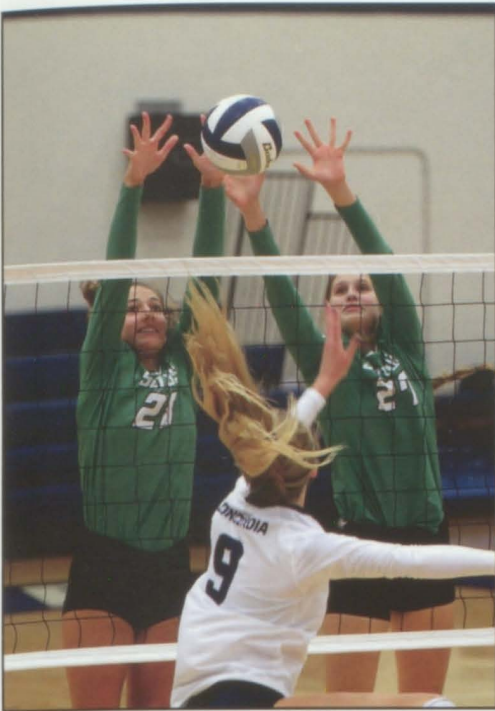
"I felt like I fit back into the Scotus tradition," senior outside hitter **Bailey Lehr** said.

The alumni and current players are all a part of a tradition that has lasted for years at Scotus.

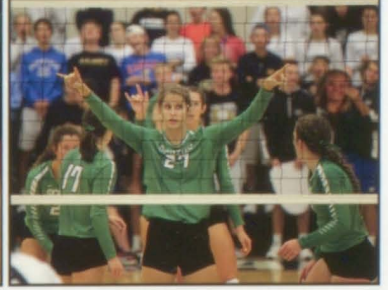
Head volleyball coach **Janet Tooley** said, "The girls are now a part of the Scotus volleyball sisterhood."



Senior **Bailey Lehr** pushes the ball through a blocker's hands. Bailey has been a varsity starter since her sophomore volleyball season. The Shamrocks hitting percentage improved as the season progressed.



(far left) Senior right side **Julia Salerno** and junior middle blocker **Amber Buhman** put up a block against Concordia. Scotus opened up the season against Concordia this year. Senior outside hitter **Courtney Kosch** jump serves at Lakeview. The Shamrocks were 3-0 against Lakeview this season. Senior libero **Abbie Zoucha** waits for the ball to come in at the Columbus Classic. Scotus took second place at the Classic. (bottom left) Senior outside hitter **Emily Stutzman** and junior defensive specialist **Lauren Ostdiek** celebrate after the Shamrocks score a point at home. Scotus has a huge turnout at home games. The team celebrates after winning a point against Wayne. The team swept the state qualifying Wayne Blue Devils at home in three sets. Libero **Abbie Zoucha** communicates as senior middle blocker **Bailey Lehr** tracks in the ball. The Shamrocks were very consistent in the back row throughout the season. Junior middle blocker **Amber Buhman** identifies the opposing team's hitters. Communication was a key to success for the Shamrocks this season.



(top left) Senior outside hitter **Emily Stutzman** swings through a big Kearney Catholic Stars block. The Shamrocks played the Stars three times this season. (bottom left) Senior defensive specialist **Blaney Dreifurst** gets in position to make a pass at the first round of the Columbus Classic. The Classic was held at Columbus High this year. (middle) Senior **Julia Salerno** swings through a Lakeview block at the second round of subdistricts. The Shamrocks won this game and went on to play Chadron in the district final. (top) Junior starting setter **Chloe Odbert** jump sets the ball. **Odbert** led the teams in assists this season. (above) **Lauren Ostdiek** passes a ball from the back row. The Shamrocks practiced serve receive at practice everyday.

What have you learned from being a part of the team?



"Hard work works. Discipline builds character. Most of all though, anyone can be a part of the football team. It doesn't matter if you're short, tall, fat, skinny, quiet or loud. There is a spot for everyone."

Abe Perault, 12



"Working hard and aggression will get you farther than talent."

Grant Shanle, 12



"One thing I learned from the last four years of being a part of the Scotus football team is that it is a brotherhood. I can personally say that each of my teammates have become brothers."

Zack Beiermann, 12



Senior quarterback **Caden Pelan** and the Shamrock offensive line prepare for the snap.

Roller Coaster Ride of a Season

"Good things don't come easily." -Braden Labenz

The Shamrock football team kept their fans on the edge of their seats during the season. People never knew what team would be on the field during the chilly Friday nights.

Senior running back **Zack Beiermann** said, "Our season was like a roller coaster ride."

The team started off their season with a bang by defeating longtime rival, Aquinas. Sadly, the Shamrocks were not able to keep the fire from the first win and fell during the following three games.

After the third loss, the team was sent back to the drawing board to prepare for number three ranked Bishop Neumann. The Shamrocks were able to knock off a top rated team. The team learned that they had the talent and potential to be a great team if they worked together and played hard.

Junior fullback **Eric Mustard** said, "We learned that we could compete with the top teams in the state. It gave us a lot of confidence moving forward."

Even with the newly found confidence, the Shamrocks were unable to pull off a win against hometown rival, Lakeview.

Senior lineman **Abe Perault** said, "I think it was a reality check for us. We came off the Neumann game feeling immortal."

The loss put the team at a difficult spot for the two remaining games. The Shamrocks had to win against the following teams. They were able to easily pull off a win against Logan View, but they knew the real challenge would be topped ranked Wahoo High. Even though the Shamrocks had high hopes during the practices leading up to the Wahoo game, they were unable to seal the deal. The team ended their season with a record of 4-5.

Senior running back **Tyler Wurtz** concluded, "[The season] had many ups and downs, but at the end of the day, we knew we gave it all our effort."



(left) Coach **Tyler Linder** talks to the team during a timeout. (bottom left) Junior split end **Dalton Borchers** escapes with the ball against Wahoo. Senior **Caden Pelan** looks to throw the ball. Juniors **Levi Robertson** and **Kaleb Wiese** wait for the snap. Junior **Tyler Palmer** avoids a tackle against Aquinas.



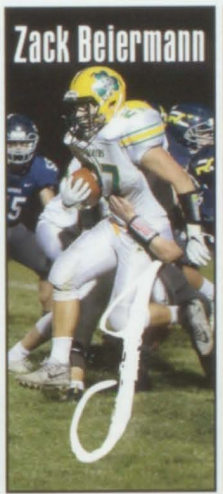
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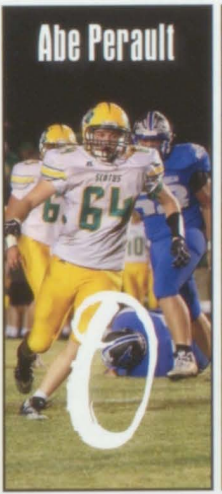
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Shamrock Football

Aquinas	23-21
Central City	20-28
West Point-Beemer	28-35
Pierce	21-58
Raymond Central	49-7
Bishop Neumann	21-19
Lakeview	14-24
Logan View	42-6
Wahoo	14-40

Overall Record: 4-5



(top left) Senior **Zack Beiermann** kicks an extra point while senior **Caden Pelan** holds the tee. Senior fullback **Evan Sliva** attempts to tackle the opposing player against Pierce. (middle) Junior **Eric Mustard** breaks through a tackle during the Raymond Central game. (left) Senior running back **Braden Labenz** jumps to block Pierce's extra point. Senior tight end **Grant Shanle** stops Aquinas from gaining yards.

What are you going to miss the most from this season?



"I am going to miss spending time with the team. Since we had such a small team, everyone became close to each other."

Blaney Dreifurst, 12



"I'm going to miss all the seniors. I'll miss Courtney guarding me in practice, guarding Abbie during plays, and I'll miss Bailey cheering during JV games."

Ava Kuhl, 10



"This season was different than any other season. Our team was a family. I am going to miss playing with these girls."

Abbie Zoucha, 12

Playing for Each Other

"We learned how to play for the team and not for ourselves." -Chloe Odbert

This season, the Scotus girls' basketball team had to go through a lot of challenges: their returning all-state player, senior **Bailey Lehr**, tore her ACL in the jamboree, sophomore **Kamryn Chohon** had to get her appendix removed, and the team was full of young players who had little to no varsity experience. The Shamrocks were still able to come together and have a good season.

Sophomore **Camille Pelan**, who led the Shamrocks to a 47-45 upset over fifth ranked GICC early in the season, said, "I'm so proud of our team! We were able to overcome so much adversity this season."

One way of overcoming this adversity was by valuing the team above individual success. In pregame talks, coach **Jarrold Ridder** often encouraged the girls to make sacrifices and to play for one another. The girls embraced the idea of this during the season.

Junior **Chloe Odbert** stated, "We grew together. We learned how to play for the team and not for ourselves. We truly did love and play for each other and our teammates."

The Shamrocks showed this team unity with a Holiday Tournament championship. Scotus beat Schuyler and Lakeview to win this for the eighth straight year.

There were three seniors on the team who each brought a different strength and led by example.

"We all wanted to win games for each other and especially for the seniors, because they have all put so much effort into this season. I especially wanted to win for Bailey since she got hurt in the jamboree," junior **Amber Buhman** said.

Even though the season ended sooner than the team would have liked with a loss against Boone Central in the first round of subdistricts and a record of 10-12, the Shamrocks had some big wins and some major upsets throughout the season.



Sophomore **Kamryn Chohon** shoots over defenders. The Shamrocks were a young team this season with only three seniors, two juniors, six sophomores, and one freshman on varsity.



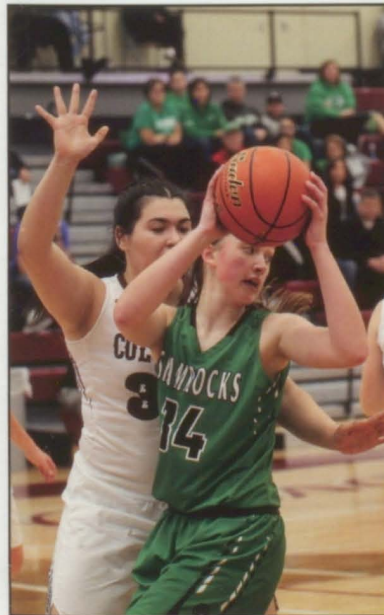
(far left) Junior **Amber Buhman** finishes through the contact. The Shamrocks worked to improve this skill at every practice. Sophomore **Camille Pelan** drives to the basket against Concordia. **Pelan** broke the single game 3 point record for Scotus this season. Sophomore **Kamryn Chohon** drives into a defender. **Chohon** took the most charges of anyone on the team this season.



(far left) **Courtney Kosch** shoots a three. **Kosch** was 42.3% from the 3-point line this season. **Bailey Lehr** shoots a free throw. **Lehr** tore her ACL in the jamboree this season, but she was still a leader on the team. Point guard **Abbie Zoucha** drives to the basket. **Zoucha** led the team in offensive rebounds this season. (below) Sophomore **Janae Rusher** secures a rebound. The Rocks opened their season with a jamboree at CHS. Junior **Chloe Odbert** makes a move to score. Scotus ended the regular season with a win against Kearney Catholic. Freshman **Grace Mustard** steps through a one-two layup. The Shamrocks had a young team this season.

Senior leaders

"The thing that I will miss the most is the team because I love every single one of the girls, and they all were always so supportive."
 -Courtney Kosch, 12



What is your favorite Mr. Brockhaus quote?



"It's like riding a bike" as he makes several mid-range jump shots in a row."

Grant Shanle,
12



"Bottom line."

Jared Beaver,
11



"Put your butt into that guy and get the rebound."

Garrett Oakley,
9

Finishing Strong

"We were a team that could be scary in the post season." - Tyler Palmer

Basketball season is the longest season for high school sports. Since it's such a long season, the school gets to watch the players improve throughout the four months. At the beginning of the season, the boys' basketball team came out strong and were ready to show everyone what they were capable of. They started their season off with a winning record of 5-4 after they won the Holiday Tournament.

"[A highlight from this season was] winning the Holiday Tournament because it gave the team confidence going into the new year against tougher teams," senior **Tyler Wurtz** stated.

After the Holiday Tournament, the team didn't play to their highest potential, but they never gave up. They went on a losing streak that eventually ended when they played a rival school, David City Aquinas.

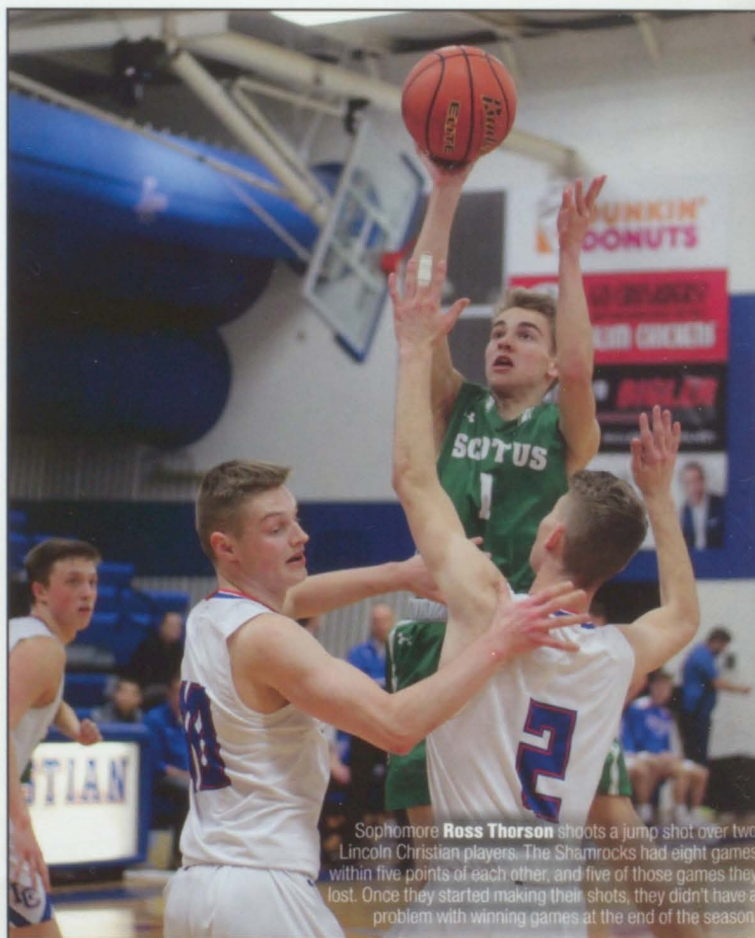
"After we finally broke through our shell against Aquinas, we got a new spark. Our shots started falling, and our plays started to develop. There was a lot of unselfishness during that game and it really revamped our whole vibe to realize we were a team that could be scary in the post season," junior **Tyler Palmer** said.

This win against Aquinas gave the team the confidence they needed to compete in the district tournament. They surprised everyone with their improvement and drive to win.

"I think we understood what we were really capable of toward the end of the season. We did not think we were a talented team during January, but we turned around that mentality in the middle of February," senior **Caden Pelan** stated.

Through their ups and downs, the Shamrocks continued to have a good mindset that led them further than anyone expected. They won their subdistrict games against Madison, Twin River, and Boone Central leading them to their district final game against Ogallala.

Head coach **Tyler Swanson** concluded, "I thought we finished off the season very strong. The Ogallala game did not end how we had hoped, but we knew we were going to have to play a very solid game and limit offensive rebounds and turnovers. The highlight of the game was how we finished the first half by hitting three threes in the final minute. That gave us a lot of momentum going into the half."



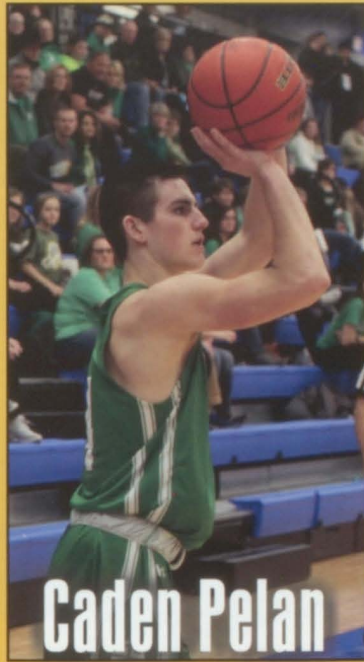
Sophomore **Ross Thorson** shoots a jump shot over two Lincoln Christian players. The Shamrocks had eight games within five points of each other, and five of those games they lost. Once they started making their shots, they didn't have a problem with winning games at the end of the season.



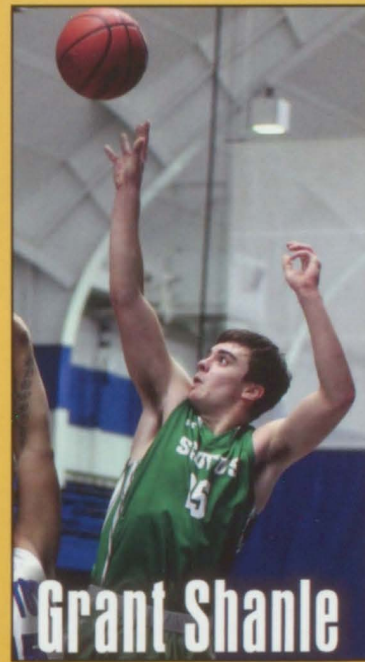
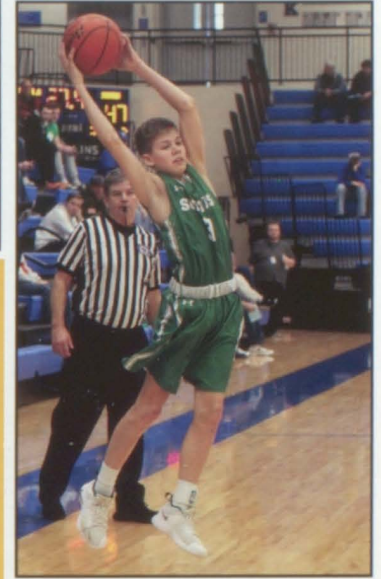
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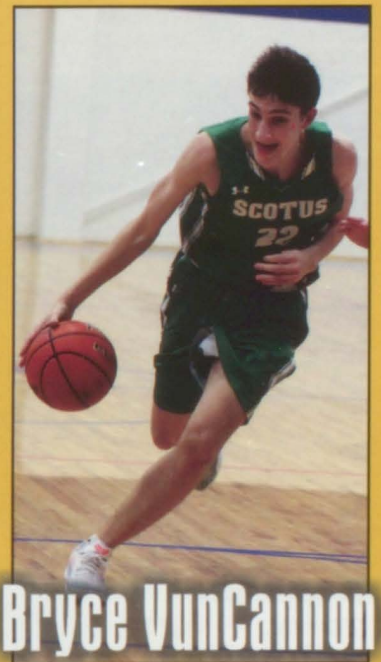
(left) Junior **Tyler Palmer**, assistant coaches **Pat Brockhaus** and **Mike VunCannon**, and junior **Connor Wiehn** focus on what is happening during one of their home games. The Shamrocks faced many challenges this year, but the win over David City Aquinas pushed them to keep working hard at the end of the season. (bottom left) Sophomore **Evan Bock** searches for a teammate to pass to while dribbling the ball down the court. (below) Sophomore **Josh Faust** shows off his vertical by jumping and catching the basketball. The boys made a comeback during the Ogallala game before half time which made the game one of the most exciting games for the Shamrocks this season.



Caden Pelan



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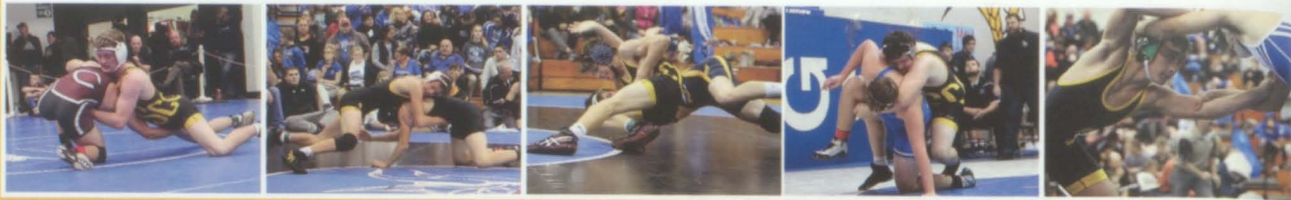


Bryce VunCannon



(top left) Junior **Tyler Palmer** drives down the lane going in for a layup. The boys started strong this season with a record of 5-4 after the Holiday Tournament. Junior **Eric Mustard** shoots a three pointer. (middle) Junior **Connor Wiehn** hits a big three pointer against Hastings St. Cecilia. As the season went on, the Shamrocks stepped up their game and made shots that helped them get far. (far left) Junior **Jared Beaver**, sophomore **Kaden Young**, junior **Connor Wiehn**, and assistant coach **Patrick Brockhaus** celebrate a big play at the subdistrict game. (left) Junior **Dalton Borchers** throws the ball to another one of his teammates. The Shamrocks went on a four game winning streak leading them to the district finals.

What will you miss most about the season?



"The seniors."

Evan Hand, 11



"Picking on the freshmen and my practice partner, Jack."

Colby Gilson, 12



"Wrestling."

Daniel Tworek, 12

Rocks Wrestling

"I'm now prepared for next year." -Nick Taylor

The wrestling program has been at Scotus for seven years, and the wrestlers had a "go get it" attitude from the start of the year. Finishing off the season, Scotus placed 2nd as a team at the conference tournament and qualified wrestlers at the state tournament.

"When I wrestled Brook Behlen from Lakeview [it excited me for the rest of the season]. Even though I tried to throw him and landed on my back, I should have beat him and that gave me hope," junior **Evan Hand** said.

Senior **Jackson Neville** placed 2nd at conference while wrestling in the 138-pound weight class.

Neville said, "As seniors, we were the leaders. We had to set good examples for the underclassmen."

Scotus managed to qualify six wrestlers for state: three seniors, two juniors, and one freshman.

Senior **Daniel Tworek** wrestled in the 106-pound weight class and placed 2nd at conference.

"The best thing about state wrestling was knowing you are one of the top sixteen wrestlers of your weight class," **Tworek** said.

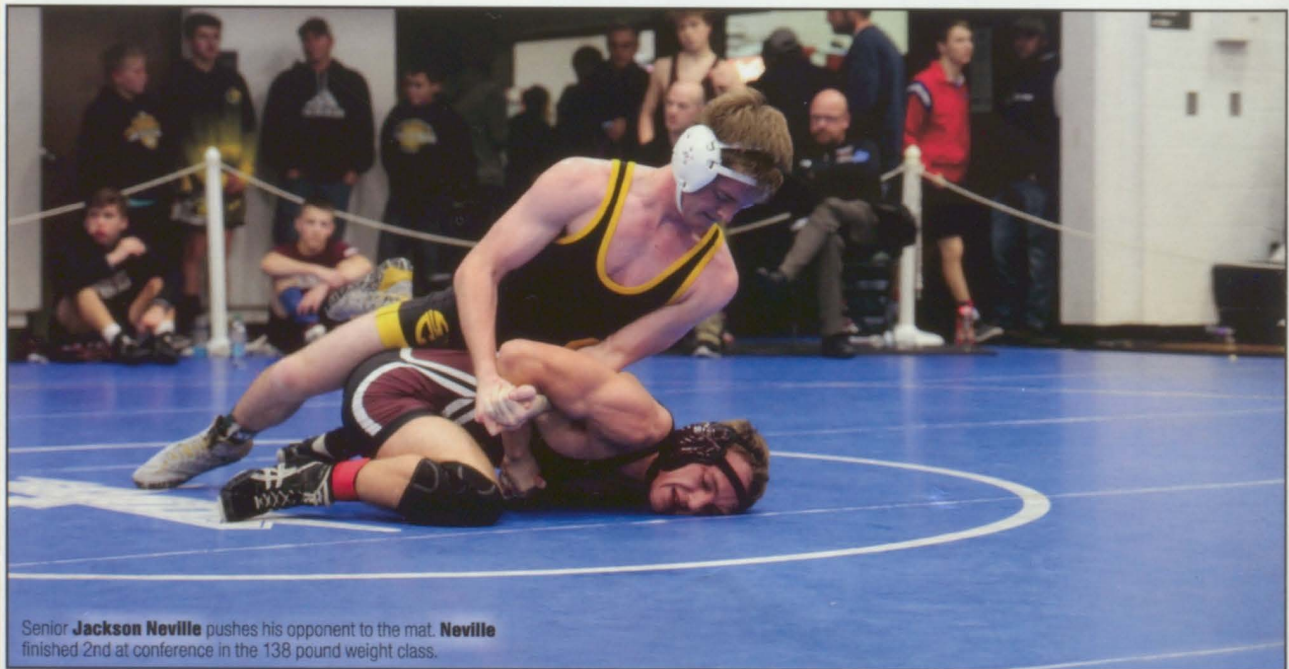
Freshman **Landyn Maschmeier** was the fourth freshman to be a conference champion at Scotus and also qualified for state.

Maschmeier admitted, "You feel like you have a lot of pressure on you and it's nerve racking because you have never been there before, but it's an exciting experience."

State wrestling did not go as planned for many of the athletes, but the returning wrestlers are able to learn from their experience.

Junior **Nick Taylor** competed in the 132-weight class and helped the team place at conference.

"I wasn't pleased, but I am now prepared for next year," **Taylor** said.



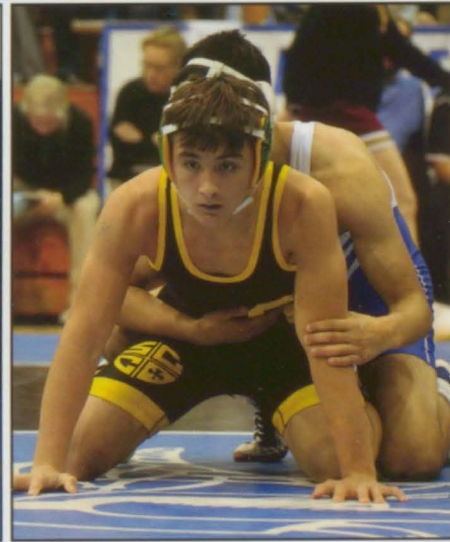
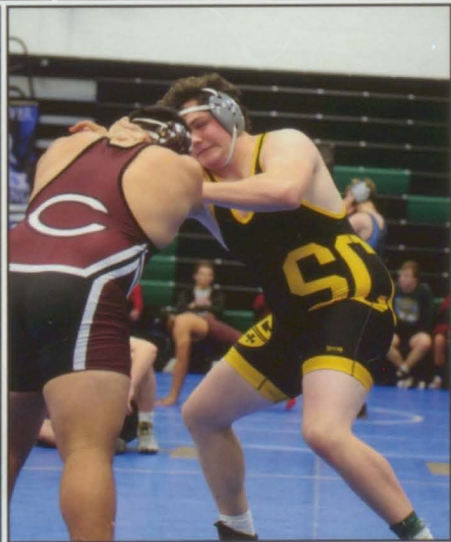
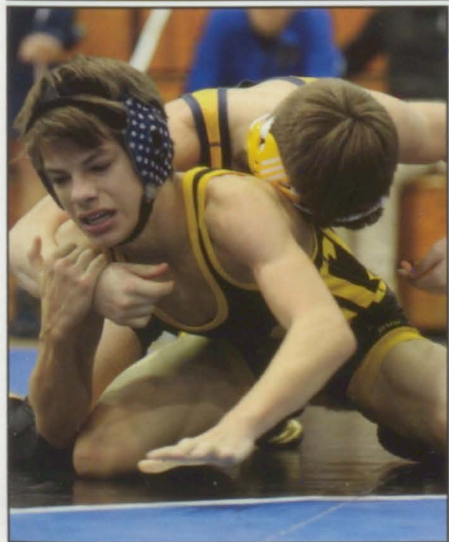
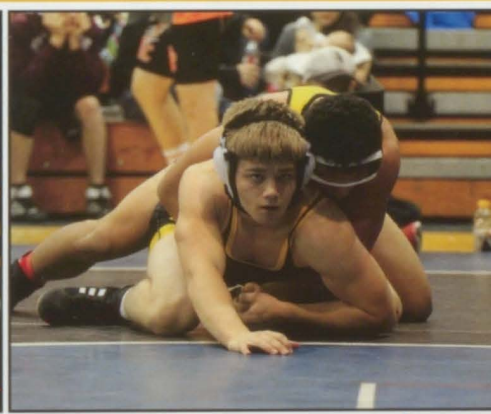
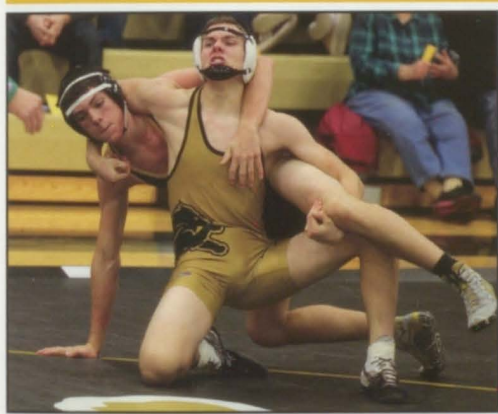
Senior **Jackson Neville** pushes his opponent to the mat. **Neville** finished 2nd at conference in the 138 pound weight class.

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(top left) Senior **Daniel Tworek** gets his arm raised to signal a win at their first meet in the season. Senior **Colby Gilson** looks up to see his positioning at the end of his match at Lakeview's invite. Senior **Evan Silva** waits for his opponent to wrestle at the CCC invite. Senior manager **Prestyn Engel** gets the correct angle to film the wrestlers at the Aquinas meet. Senior **Gary He** poses for a picture during warm-up at the Scotus triangular. Senior **Jackson Neville** raises his arm after securing a win at the Aquinas Invite.

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(top left) Sophomore **Benjamin Kamrath** stretches himself out to frustrate his wrestler from Aquinas. Junior **Brock Clarke** pauses to think about his next move. Junior **Evan Hand** pushes his opponents head to the mat to finish his match at CCC. (far left) Freshman **Landyn Maschmeier** tries to escape from his opponent at the first invite. Junior **Ryan Brandenburg** attempts to take down a Columbus High wrestler. Junior **Nick Taylor** takes a defensive position against his opponent.

What is your favorite memory from swim?



"My favorite memory of swim was having to cut my lock two separate times because it was rusted shut."

Konner Kudron,
12



"My favorite memory from swim was when the girls were GNAC conference champions and we and all the coaches jumped in the pool with the plaque!"

Julia Salerno,
12



"One of my favorite memories of swim was probably when we had a belly flop contest after time trials, in which most people on the team participated in. It also didn't hurt as bad as I was expecting."

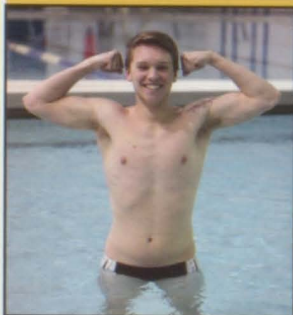
Kaira Dallman,
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Sophomore **Kaira Dallman** competes in the girls breast stroke at the Columbus Aquatic Center. This year was **Dallman's** second year on varsity

Seniors

Julia Salerno



Konner Kudron

(right) Freshman **Abee Hutchinson** swims a lap at a home meet. **Hutchinson** swims on the CHS junior varsity team.
(middle right) Junior **Emily Miksch** competes in her 200 free relay. **Miksch** and her relay team got 19th at state.
(far right) Senior **Julia Salerno** dives into the water to begin her race.



Swimming for the Win

"It never ran through my mind that we would've won." -Kaira Dallman

Scotus has always been known to be good in sports, from the volleyball court, out on the soccer field, and even in the depths of the swimming pool.

The swim team is a mixture of Scotus and CHS students freshmen through seniors. Usually the swim team practices at the Columbus Aquatic Center, but this year was a different story. Due to the low temperatures of the swimming pool at the Aquatic Center, the team was forced to have their first weeks of practice out of the water.

"It was hard seeing other teams being able to practice, and we wouldn't even get in the pool," team captain senior **Julia Salerno** stated.

The swim team attended many swim meets throughout the year including the Pius X dual and the Millard North meet.

"The meet that stands out to me the most is the Millard North meet because that is the meet that I got my 27 time in breast stroke," sophomore **Kaira Dallman** said.

With the main goal of getting to state swim, the swim team headed into conference and left champions. Not only did the girls varsity team bring home the gold, but also reserved nine spots for the state meet in Lincoln.

"I felt that conference swim went pretty well, but it never ran through my mind that we would've won," **Dallman** stated.

Even though neither the boys nor girls made it to round two of the state finals, personal best times were broken for many.

"I got a personal best time at state with a 1:03; my previous time was a 1:05 in my 100 breaststroke," senior **Konner Kudron** stated.

Finals included the 16 fastest times of the 22 total events. The girls ended up getting 17th in the 200 medley and 19th in the 200 free relay.

"We got a best time in every event; however, we are ready to go back and get to finals next year!" junior **Emily Miksch** concluded.



(top left) Freshman **Abee Hutchinson** swims hard in the breast stroke. This is **Hutchinson's** first year swimming. (middle) Junior **Emily Miksch** swims the women's 200 medley at the Columbus Aquatic Center. **Miksch** got 17th in the medley at state swim. (above) Sophomore **Kaira Dallman**, **Harper Marshall**, **Miksch**, and senior **Julia Salerno** pose for a picture of the women's 200 free relay team. (far left) Senior **Konner Kudron** talks to his time keeper sophomore **McKenna Mausbach** before **Kudron** begins his race. (middle left) Senior **Julia Salerno** relaxes in the pool after a hard race. **Salerno** is a four time qualifier for state swim. (left) Sophomore **Kaira Dallman** swims the backstroke. **Dallman** was the youngest varsity swimmer.

What is your favorite memory from the season?



"When Kamryn Chohon hit the game winning goal against Hastings, Coach Brezenski got so excited. I think it was the highest I've ever seen her jump."

Camille Pelan,
10



"Watching coach Brezenski do the worm after we beat CHS in the district finals."

Julia Salerno,
12



"My favorite memory was when Callie Backman got hit by Courtney Kosch's kick twice in the same practice and didn't move out of the way either time, she just fell backwards."

Stephanie Hoenk,
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Shamrock Strong

We kept fighting for each other through the tough times. -Camille Pelan

Along with many other sports, Scotus is known for always having a good soccer team, but this year was different. Not only did the girls lose six of their starters from the previous year, but they were also having troubles getting girls to join the team, but the team persevered in the end to have a great year.

"We were scared at the beginning of the year that we weren't going to have enough for a team. We took the sixteen girls we had and worked hard. All of us wanted to be there and play which made this season fun," senior midfielder **Abbie Zoucha** said.

With small numbers and a young team, the girls had a lot to prove about themselves. With only sixteen girls on the team, they worked harder to keep themselves in shape, for most of them wouldn't come out of the game.

"Some challenges that our team faced was being low in numbers and having a lot of injuries. We dealt with them by having us underclassmen step up. We all fought as long and hard as we could when we were put in," freshman wing **Liz Adamy** said.

Even though the team had low numbers, they grew into more than just a team. A lot of the girls knew that to be successful as a team they needed to work well together and have good relationships amidst the team. The girls only let in a total of ten goals throughout their season.

"The best part about being on the soccer team was becoming so close with everyone, especially the seniors. They were great role models for everyone," freshman wing **Halle Langan** said.

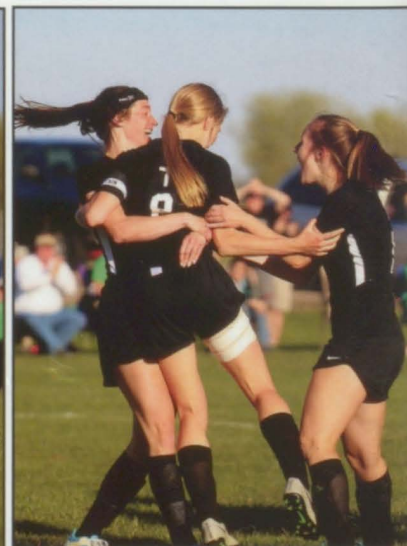
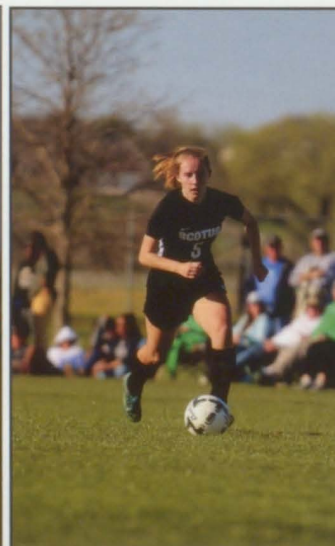
The girls ended their season with thirteen wins and only four losses, losing by one to two points each time. The Scotus soccer girls ended their season at substate when they lost to Elkhorn 1-0.

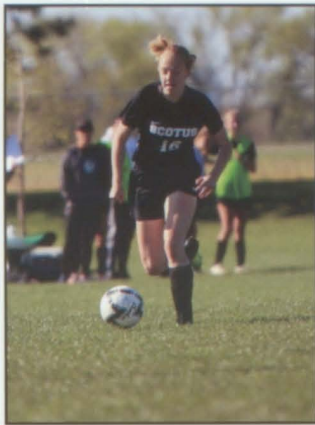
"I think this season was full of trials, but we dealt with it very well. Not being able to have more than five people sub into a game was difficult and injuries set us back at some points. Overall, I believe that we persevered through difficult times and never gave up. I'm very happy with how everyone played and all the effort they gave the whole season," senior midfielder **Courtney Kosch** said.

(right) Senior **Abbie Zoucha** gets tackled by the other team's goalie. **Zoucha** had the most goals this year with 20.

Freshman **Kate Maguire** takes the ball up the field. **Maguire** filled big shoes from last year and stepped into the middle defender spot.

Seniors **Emily Stutzman** and **Abbie Zoucha** celebrate after **Zoucha** scored a winning goal with freshman **Kate Maguire**.





(far left) Junior **Kenzie Brandenburg** dribbles around the Omaha Duchesne's goalie. The girls beat them 5-0. (middle left) Junior **Ava Kuhl** dribbles up the ball. **Kuhl** is a defender for the team. (left) Freshman **Stephanie Hoenk** takes on her opponent. **Hoenk** was one of five freshmen to join the team. (bottom left) Senior **Julia Salerno** goes up for a header. **Salerno** played wing for her team and had many assists. (below) Senior **Emily Stutzman** clears the ball. **Stutzman** played defense for Scotus all four years.



(top left) Freshman **Liz Adamy**, **Stephanie Hoenk**, **Callie Backman**, **Halle Langan**, and sophomore **Tanley Miller** cheer on their teammates from the side lines. The soccer girls only had five subs all year. Sophomore **Camille Pelan** goes against a CHS girl during the game. Scotus won against CHS 1-0. The soccer team lays on the field for a pep talk before their game. The girls did it before every game. (middle) The Scotus girls celebrate their win against Omaha Duchesne after beating them. Sophomore **Tanley Miller** tries to get the ball from her opponent. **Miller** played wing for her team. Senior **Courtney Kosch** fights aggressively to get the ball. **Kosch** will continue her career at College of Saint Mary. (far left) Sophomore **Kamryn Chohon** takes the ball up the field. This was **Chohon's** second year as a starter. Junior **Samantha Tonniges** goes to clear the ball. **Tonniges** has been a starting defender for Scotus since her freshman year.

Who was a big leader for you on and off the field?



"Zack was a big leader for us this year on and off the field. He ran the defense most games and helped other guys progress in their talent."

Connor Wiehn,
11



"Braden was a big leader because he was always working hard."

Tyler Vaught,
11



"Henry was a big leader, on the field he would help me and give me advice, and even off the field he would talk to me about what we could do better."

Adam Quinn,
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Shooting for the Best

"Our entire team played more as a whole." -Braden Labenz

Overcoming doubt and fear is a challenge that every team must overcome to be successful. The Scotus boys' soccer team turned around their season completely this year from last year with a record of 13-5 this season compared to their 5-12 season last year. They started their season off strong defeating teams with ease. Since they had returning starters, it was clearly noticeable on the field.

"We had more experience this year. Our seniors were able to play well together and with others filling in very well. Our entire team played more as a whole," senior forward **Braden Labenz** said.

The boys went on a six-game winning streak that ended when they played a tough Class A Omaha Bryan team. This season surprised not only the spectators but the team as well.

"I didn't think we would be this good after how last year went. I don't know what we did different, but it worked," senior defender **Carter Thorson** said.

They continued to win games against teams that they weren't supposed to beat. Also, they played four games that led into double overtime, and three of those games leading to shootouts. The Scotus boys beat CHS, the Class B state runner-up, in double overtime.

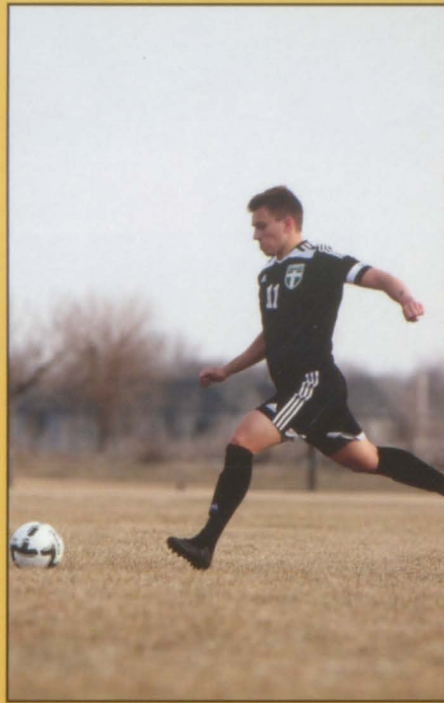
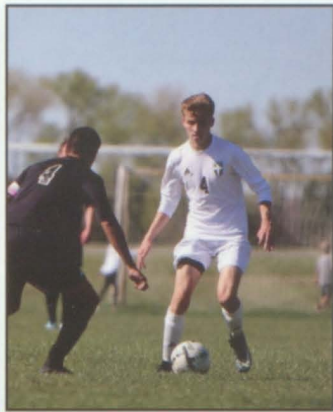
"I think a lot of us were mad with the season we had last year and all of us decided that change needed to happen," senior defender **Zack Beiermann** said.

With the large target on their back, due to them winning games against highly ranked teams, they had a difficult match to play at substate. The boys played a tough game but fell short to Omaha Roncalli 1-2.

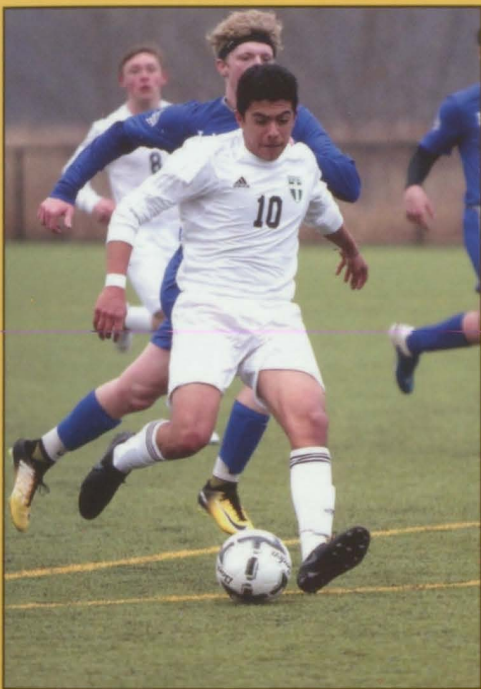
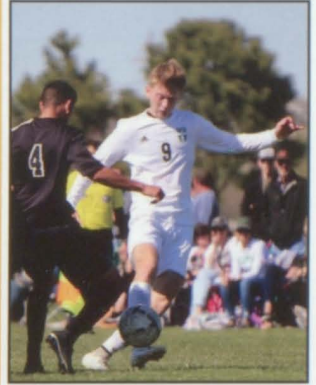
"We started strong and ended strong as a team; unfortunately, we couldn't make our dream of playing at Morriss come true. We are all happy on how the team played this year," junior midfielder **Henry Hernandez** concluded.



Senior **Inri Dimas** takes a free kick hoping to set up his teammate for a goal. The boys ended up competing in three shoot outs, winning two and losing one to Class A Millard South.



(far left) Freshman **Adam Quinn** dribbles the ball up the field. Sophomore **Ross Thorson** takes on an opponent one on one. The Scotus boys started their season strong beating Lakeview 8-0. (bottom left) Junior **Connor Wiehn** throws the ball up the field to another Scotus player. The boys played a tougher schedule this year by getting into Class A tournaments in Nebraska and Iowa. (left) Senior **Zack Beiermann** passes the ball up the field. (below) Junior **Tyler Vaught** steals the ball from an opponent. This year the boys only allowed 17 goals to be scored on them while last year they allowed over 50.



(top left) Junior **Henry Hernandez** takes a shot at goal. This season the boys went on a six game winning streak which led them to gaining the confidence they needed to compete with outstanding teams. Senior **Bailey Christensen** dribbles down the field heading toward the goal. Senior **Carter Thorson** takes the ball up the field searching for a teammate to pass to. They played Class A teams and ended up defeating a Class A team at the Creighton Prep Tournament. (above) Senior **Braden Labenz** gets into the goal box searching for a clear shot at goal. (far left) Senior **Luke Bettenhausen** carries the ball up the field. At the end of the season, the boys pulled an upset defeating CHS in double overtime 1-0. (left) Freshman **Chance Bailey** dribbles the ball up the field looking to set up a play for his teammates. The boys ended their season at substate against Omaha Roncalli losing 1-2.



What are you going to miss the most from this season?



"I am going to miss the people more than anything, and I'll miss the encouragement and support that I see my teammates give to one another every day."

Kelsey Faust, 12



"I'm 110% going to miss the seniors the most. They have been such great leaders and have become some of my best friends."

Liza Zaruba, 11



"I'm obviously going to miss the seniors, but I am also going to miss running with my group and listening to Regan Sucha's stories everyday."

Amber Buhman, 11



(top left) Junior middle distance runner **Amber Buhman** runs the first leg of the 3200 meter relay at the conference meet. This was **Buhman's** third year running this relay. Sophomore **Janae Rusher** throws the discus. **Rusher** scored at most meets. Junior distance runner **Liza Zaruba** runs the two mile at the conference meet. **Zaruba** qualified for state for the second year in a row in this event. (middle) Sophomore **Clarissa Kosch** long jumps at the KC Invite. **Kosch** competed in both triple and long jump. (above) Sophomore jumper **Anna Ehlers** flies over the bar. **Ehlers** added triple jump to her list of events this season. (right) Sophomore **Olivia Fehringer** strides out the last leg of the 4x100 meter relay. **Fehringer** qualified for state in both the mile and the 800 and won the 800 at districts.

Running in the Rain

"We always found a way to make it fun!" -Brea Lassek

In rain, snow, or shine the Scotus girls' track team can always be found out at Pawnee Park running, but this year, the Shamrocks were forced to work out indoors at the beginning of the season due to flooding out at the track. Having to be inside made it difficult for the team to get good workouts in.

"Indoor training was difficult for me because as a distance runner, pre-season miles are very important, and we were not able to get long distance workouts in until after the weather finally warmed up," senior state qualifier **Kelsey Faust** remarked.

Once the Shamrocks got outside, the coaches were ready to make up for lost time. No matter what the weather was like, the team would be outside.

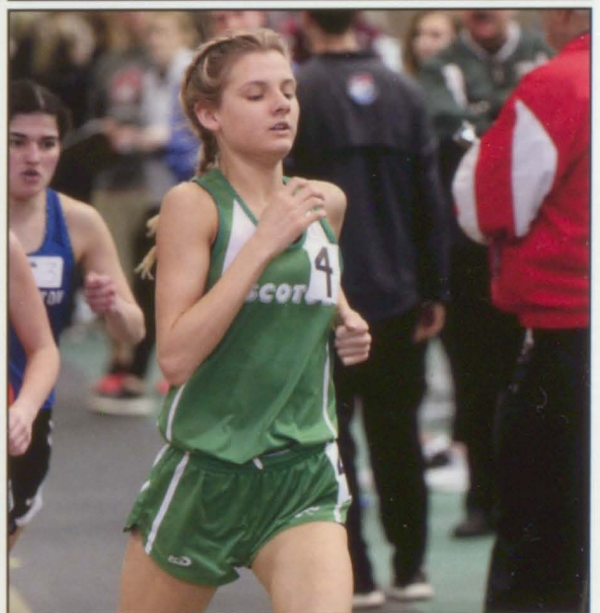
"On the Friday before prom, we did repeat 800s with sleet and snow pounding in our faces," junior **Brea Lassek** recalled. "I couldn't see for half of the loop, and Coach **Tooley** started recording us. Even though the weather was bad, we always found a way to make it fun!"

The repeat 800s proved to be helpful. **Faust** and Junior **Liza Zaruba** both competed well and placed at almost every meet in the two mile. Practices were not the only place that the Shamrocks had to deal with bad weather. The weather of course followed them to the meets, especially conference.

"Just when everyone thought it was warming up, we had conference and it was 34 degrees out," sophomore **Abaigeal Aydt** said. "Like Coach **Tooley** says though, that was why we had always trained outside to prepare us to compete in that type of weather."

The weather did not stop the Shamrocks at conference. Sophomore **Olivia Fehringer** placed 6th in the 400 and 2nd in the 800.

Freshman **Grace Mustard** placed 2nd in both hurdle races. At the district meet, the team placed 3rd and had four girls qualify for the state meet.



(top) Senior **Rylie Olson** throws the discus at the Scotus Relays. **Olson** was a good senior leader for the other throwers this season. Senior **Kendra Korgger** hits her mark perfectly while long jumping at the KC Invite. **Korgger** also competed in pole vault this season. Senior distance runner **Kelsey Faust** rounds curve one at Wesleyan. **Faust** qualified for state in the 3200 and led the distance team this season. (left) Freshman **Grace Mustard** goes over the first hurdle at the Scotus Relays. **Mustard** qualified for state in both the 100 hurdles and the 300 hurdles. She also placed second in both races at conference.

What was your favorite memory or event this season?



"My favorite event is the 3200 meter run. I love running the 3200. It's an incredibly dynamic race with changes in pace and strategy. The mental toughness that's required to run a fast pace for 8 laps is astounding."

Elliott Thomazin, 12



"The most memorable thing this season was when I broke my nose competing in high jump at districts."

Tim Sliva, 9



"I love throwing discus. It's something that I'm pretty good at. It's a time where everyone around you is quiet and you can just relax. It isn't necessarily an event where you're always going against everyone else, because most of the time, you're just trying to beat your best distance."

Cole Demuth, 11

Doing it All

"Being in multiple events shows you're willing to work hard." -Abe Perault

Track is a sport that allows athletes to participate in a variety of activities. Track members have the choice of throwing the disc, pole vaulting, running a mile, or much more. With only twenty-six boys out for track this year, the Scotus athletes had to learn how to do it all. No member was in just one event.

Junior thrower and high jumper **Cole Demuth** said, "Being in multiple events allows you to not only explore things that you may be good at, but also be a better all-around athlete."

Being involved in multiple events is not just beneficial to the athletes.

Senior thrower and 400 runner **Abe Perault** said, "It's all about teamwork too. If you can help score points in one event just by even getting 6th, you're doing your team a favor."

Training in multiple events paid off for two Shamrocks in the district meet. Senior thrower and hurdler **Grant Shanle** and sophomore hurdler **Justin Sliva** qualified for the state meet. Shanle qualified in disc and the 110 high hurdles, and Sliva qualified in the 300 intermediate hurdles.

Sliva said, "The feeling I had when I qualified for state my first time was truly indescribable and one of those moments you won't forget in life."

Both boys were able to bring their best performance at Burke. **Shanle** and **Sliva** both had a personal best time in their hurdle races but were unable to qualify for finals. However, Shanle was able to squeak into the disc finals. With a throw of 152'3, **Shanle** earned an eighth-place medal.

Shanle concluded, "It's always a great feeling to know you are one of the best competitors in the state. It's a one of a kind moment."



Sophomore **Ben Kamrath** runs a leg of the 3200 meter relay during the Scotus Relay.



Sophomore **Justin Sliva** and Senior **Grant Shanle** pose for a picture at the state track meet. **Sliva** qualified in the 300 intermediate hurdles and **Shanle** qualified in the 110 high hurdles and disc.

Senior Track Stars

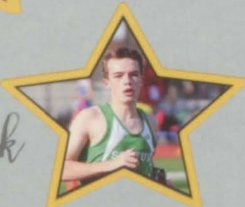
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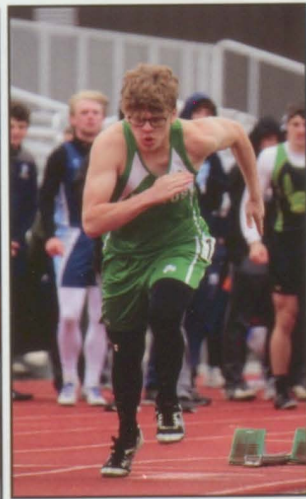
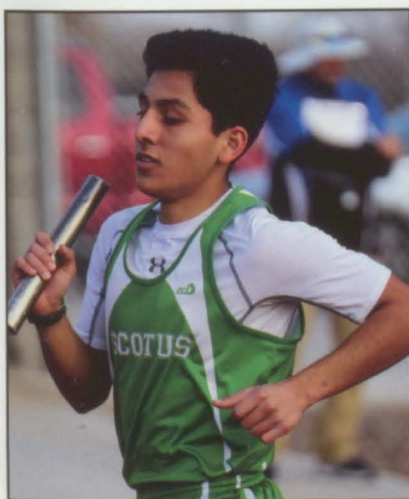
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Kosch



(left) Freshman **Tim Silva** attempts to clear the bar during high jump. (bottom left) Junior thrower **Cole Demuth** competes in the shot put. Sophomore **Luke Przymus** participates in long jump at a Scotus home meet. Senior thrower and hurdler **Grant Shanle** throws the disc.



(above left) Sophomore distance runner **Michael Gasper** prepares to run the last leg of a relay. (above) The three distance runners, senior **Elliott Thomazin**, sophomores **Ben Juarez Mendez**, and **Gasper**, compete in the mile. (far left) **Juarez Mendez** paces himself during the 3200 relay. Junior **Tim Ehlers** sprints away from the blocks in the 100 meter sprint. (top middle) Senior **Abe Perault** strides out the last 100 meters of a 400. Sophomore **Nicolas Schultz** competes in a relay. (bottom middle) Sophomores **Trenton Hamling** and **Sebastian Fritz** handoff the baton in the Weight Man's Relay. Sophomore **Brennan Frewing** sprints to finish a 400 meter race.

What is your favorite part of playing a sport for CHS?



"We get to play with different people who we normally wouldn't get to."

Shayden Lustrum, 9



"Getting to meet new people."

Jaelyn Podalak, 10



"Being able to compete against different teams who are not in Class C."

Dalton Borchers, 11

(right) Junior **Eric Mustard** gets ready to connect with a pitch. By the end of the season the boys were ranked 25th in Nebraska. Sophomore **Evan Bock** rounds 3rd base looking to score. The boys fell to Elkhorn South 5-8. (below) Senior **Colby Gilson** runs back into the dugout after an exciting half inning. **Gilson** was playing left field during the intense game between CHS and Grand Island. Senior **Caden Pelan** finishes his swing by following through. **Pelan** helped lead the team to the record of 11-11. Junior **Eric Mustard** gets to first base after hitting a grounder. **Mustard** helped secure the win over Lincoln High 20-9.



(above) Sophomores **Keira Feehan** and **Jaelyn Podalak** pose for a picture. Senior **Mira Liebig** jumps onto junior **MaKenzie Enderlin's** back on picture day. Junior **Allie Mielak** poses with three CHS tennis players. (right) Junior **Lauren Ostdiek** gets ready to serve the ball to her opponent. Junior **MaKenzie Enderlin** backhands the ball over the net. **Enderlin** mostly played doubles this season. Her ending record was 1-4.



Swings of the Spring

"I am grateful for the last four years." -Mira Liebig

Wrapping up the end of the year is the last two co-op sports with Columbus High School, baseball and girls' tennis.

Junior pitcher **Tyler Palmer** said, "I thought we performed well throughout most of the season, and even though we didn't reach our goal of making it to state, we still competed with everything we had and that's all you can ask of a team."

The boys had multiple close games that took all of their efforts. Their game against Seward went to nine innings, and the boys were able to pull off a win of 6-5.

Many athletes do not get the opportunity to be able to compete with athletes from a different school.

Senior left fielder **Caden Pelan** stated, "It's incredible to be around a different group of people and creating strong bonds with different kids from different schools."

The baseball team was able to finish right at .500 with a record of 11-11.

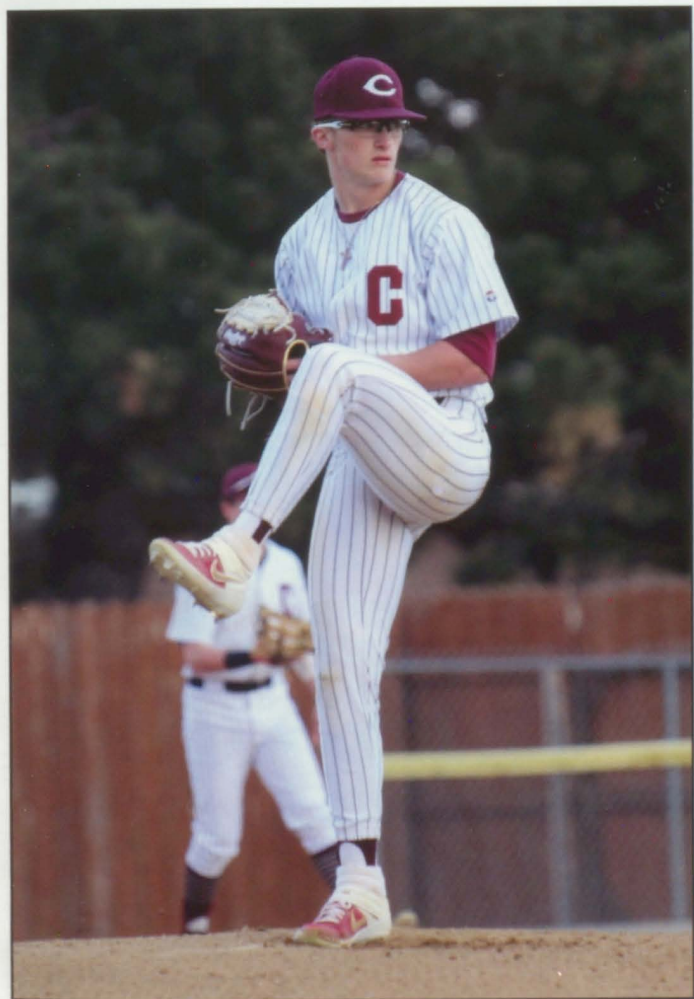
For any spring activity, the weather can control how the season begins and ends.

Junior tennis player **Lauren Ostdiek** added, "The hardest part about this season was the weather. We do not have indoor courts, so if it was wet or cold, we had to practice in the gym."

The tennis girls were able to make history by the end of their season. This year was the first year they have beaten Grand Island since 2012. They were also conference runner ups, which has not happened for fifteen years.

Spring sports always seem to fly by. The spring time is where the athletes become the busiest with finishing their schooling and ending their seasons.

Senior tennis player **Mira Liebig** concluded, "It was bittersweet because it was my last season, but I am so grateful for the last four years of tennis I've had."



(far left) Junior **Tyler Palmer** prepares to pitch to a batter. Junior **Emily Miksch** jumps to reach the tennis ball on her serve. **Miksch** finished her season with a 17-13 doubles record.

What is the best part about golf?



"The best part about golf is having a good time with friends and seeing all your hard work pay off."

Blake Sucha, 12



"The best part about golf for me is seeing how all the time I put in mixes with the talent that God has given me to help me perform well."

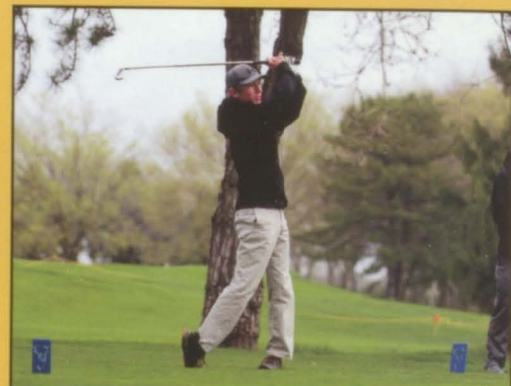
Bryce VunCannon, 12



"The best part about golf is beating Drew at the meets. I love rubbing it in his face and I hope that makes him strive to be better."

Seth VunCannon, 9

(right) Freshman **Nolan Flemming** finishes the swing of his drive while golfing at a varsity invitational. Junior **Drew VunCannon** drives the ball off the tee box at a varsity invitational at Elks Country Club. Senior **Sam Blaser** prepares to strike his golf ball during a meet at Elks Country Club.



(above) Junior **Jared Beaver** takes a practice swing. (top right) Junior **Adam Kamrath** drives through his swing at an invitational. Senior **Blake Sucha** strikes his ball while golfing at the Schuyler Invitational. Freshman **Seth VunCannon** prepares to take a swing.

Fighting Through the Flooding

"A lot of underclassmen have made big strides in their golf game." -Evan Hand

The boys' golf team began the season with goals and high hopes, but the team experienced some major setbacks within the first few weeks of the season. The season began with freezing temperatures, rain, and snow. The boys were unable to practice outside for weeks.

"Having to practice indoors until about a week before our first meet set us back a bit from where we could've been," junior **Drew VunCannon** said.

The boys were able to practice inside for the first few weeks of the season, but many of them felt as if indoor training did not have the same effect as outdoor training.

"Practicing indoors is alright, but hitting fake golf balls can only teach someone so much about their game," senior **Cameron Johnston** said.

Another problem that arose was the flooding due to rain and ice jams in the Loup River. The team's home course, Quail Run, experienced a large amount of damage from the flood. Part of the course was ruined and not playable, and over half of the holes were destroyed. A few holes were scrapped together using a practice green and nursery green, making 9 playable holes for the team.

Despite the struggles with the weather, the team still showed much success and improvement. They won the Lakeview Invite along with two duals, and they were runner-up as a team at multiple meets.

"We only placed at a couple major meets this year; however, a lot of underclassmen have made big strides in their golf game," junior **Evan Hand** said.

The team placed 4th at the conference meet and 5th at the district meet, just two places short of their goal to go to state as a team. Senior **Bryce VunCannon** shot a 72 placing 5th individually, which earned him a spot at the state meet. **VunCannon** was the only Shamrock to qualify for state.

"Unfortunately, our team didn't make it to state because of our tough district, but I was able to qualify by playing the best I had all year. It really felt like I broke through a plateau," **VunCannon** said.

Unfortunately, the first day of state golf was canceled due to cold and stormy weather conditions, but **VunCannon** played well on the second day finishing just three over and securing third place.



Senior **Bryce VunCannon** gets ready to swing and hit the ball off his tee box at the Schuyler Invitational. **VunCannon** was the only Shamrock golfer to qualify for the state meet. (far left) Junior **Drew VunCannon** brings his club back to putt a ball. Junior **Levi Robertson** focuses before swinging his club. Senior **Cameron Johnston** places his ball on the green at Elks Country Club.



We Believe *in each other.*

"Not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interest of others." -Philippians 2:4

At Scotus, the average class size is sixty students. While many people wouldn't know what to do in a school that size, the Scotus students wouldn't trade it for the world.

Senior **Hannah Allen** shared, "I think Scotus is a smaller school. I love being able to know everyone in the school even people who are not my classmates."

Scotus strives to put off the best environment possible for all students and teachers.

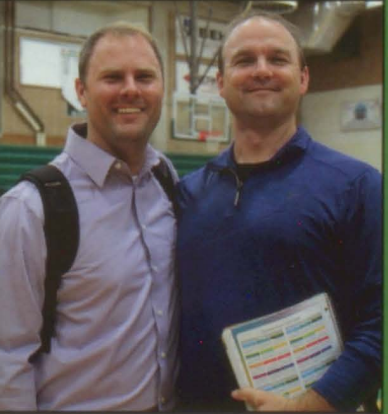
"[It is] just the fact that you can be having the worst day ever and then during passing period someone gives you a smile or starts talking to you and your day is made. I think just this type of support really does mean a lot," sophomore **Camille Pelan** said.

Throughout all the years students or teachers spend at Scotus, there is no doubt that they can always count on someone cheering on the team or just simply showing their support to the school.

Senior **Bailey Lehr** said, "During sports [I feel the support]. The school and community are very supportive. We also have a killer student section."

The students do not only feel the support of the community in the activities they participate in.

Senior **Julia Pichler** concluded, "I don't have a specific memory I can point out, honestly, but there isn't a day that I walk through these relaxed khaki painted halls feeling alone because everyone is here for each other."



Describe an awkward moment at Scotus.



"Once I accidentally called Mr. Swanson dad. Thankfully he didn't hear me."

Payton Schroeder,
9



"I went to the restroom during study hall in 7th grade and fell asleep. I didn't wake up till the bell rang, and when I walked back into study hall, everyone was laughing."

Henry Hernandez,
11



"The time my sister Mira Liebig couldn't pronounce the word czar in front of the whole school at the Catholic youth rally."

Iszaak Liebig,
8

Look Alikes



Kyanne Casperson,
9



Melanie Mimick,
English/Speech teacher



Trenton Cielocha,
8



Evan Bock,
10



Katelyn Bayer,
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Kenzie Brandenburg,
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Haden Brabec,
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Evan Sliva,
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Nolan Fleming,
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Will Poulter,
Actor in *Meet the Millers*



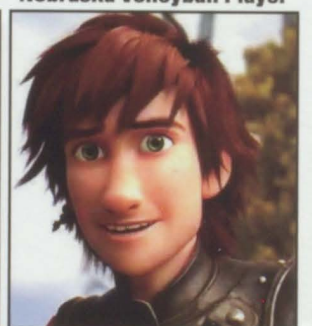
Kallie Korte,
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Lexi Sun,
Nebraska Volleyball Player



Blake Sucha,
12



Hiccup,
How to Train Your Dragon



Amber Buhman,
11



Callie Schwarzenbach,
Nebraska Volleyball Player

Nicknames

"Our own little thing." -Maddie Sueper



There are many different types of clubs and activities throughout Scotus, and they all have different ways of expressing themselves as a group. Many groups condition together to get in shape for the athletic season ahead while others bond through scavenger hunts and bowling nights. For the Shamrock Singers their way of bonding is by giving one another nicknames.

"It's a fun bond we share as a group," senior **Maddie Sueper** stated.

Shamrock Singers is directed by music teacher, **Laura Salyard**. She is known to her students as Señor Filipé. This year will be **Salyard's** fourth year teaching at Scotus. **Salyard** is also an alumnus of Scotus and was in the singing group herself.

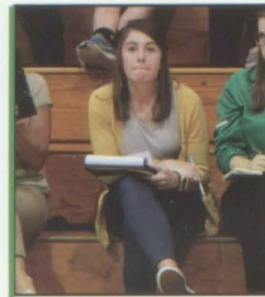
"The kids are having fun with it," **Salyard** stated. "It's a little weird, but funny."

The group contains students freshmen through senior, both boys and girls. A lot of them are also involved in many other activities throughout Scotus, but this group has a special bond that won't be broken. The nicknames range from Oswald and Philip to Simóne, Franklin, and Nicole, who is senior **Tommy Yu**.

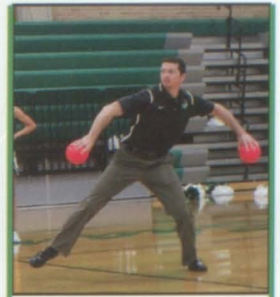
"**Maddie Sueper** gave me the nickname Leonard last year and hasn't called me by my real name since then," sophomore **Janae Rusher** stated. "Her name is Raúl."



Pat Brockhaus
aka: Storm



Bree Ackermann
aka: Boss



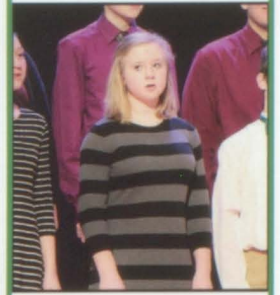
Wade Coulter
aka: Wade the "mack truck"
Coulter



Courtney Kosch, 12
aka: Quarter
I played maybe a total of one quarter of varsity basketball my sophomore year.



Abram Perault, 12
aka: Abe the Babe
By: Himself
I think one glance at me is a sufficient answer.



Elizabeth Brezenski, 8
aka: Libbie
By: My Mom
I guess she didn't like my dad's choice of name for me.



Collin Dreher, 11
aka: Billy Goat
By: Tyler Brandenburg (graduate)
I had a haircut, and he thought I looked like a goat.



Kaelyn Dierman, 8
aka: Carrot
By: Cameron Houfek
I am a ginger, and I wore green pants one time.



Kade Wiese, 10
aka: Wi Ting Town
It's my actual name from my biological parents.



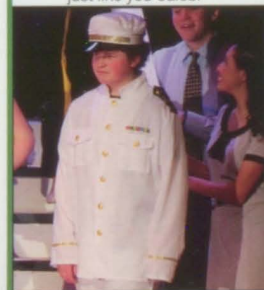
Caleb Kosch, 12
aka: Sid (Ice Age)
Courtney Kosch and I were watching *Ice Age* and she said, "Wow Sid is dumb, just like you Caleb."



Levi Robertson, 11
aka: Bert
My last name is Robertson so that must've been too hard to say, so Evan Silva has to say Bert.



Isabel Zaruba, 7
aka: Larry
I got it because Drew quit basketball so his nickname was passed down to me by Mr. Schoenfelder.



Dominic McPhillips, 9
aka: Greg
It was on my locker because that was my one act character's name.



Camille Pelan, 10
aka: Meals on wheels
My dad started to call me it and now Courtney Kosch calls me Meals.



Keira Feehan, 10
aka: ShaKeira
We were listening to "Hips Don't Lie."

What is one of your hidden talents?



"I can play the piano!"

Bree Ackermann



"I can juggle."

Zach McPhillips



"I make great brownies."

Gail Bomar

Beyond the Classroom

"The relationships made with students are so special." -Becki Zanardi

Obviously, the teachers at Scotus put lots of time into helping and teaching students, but most of the teachers take time out of their busy schedules and family lives to be involved in extracurricular activities. The activities range from sports, fine arts, health occupations, and student body involvement, to helping the community. Many teachers oversee or are involved in more than one activity.

"I am involved in directing one-act, assistant coach of junior high boys' basketball, art club, Thespians, and spring play," art teacher **Clyde Ericson** said. "It's a great opportunity to bring out the best of myself. As a school we are here to bring the best out of each other. I hope the extracurricular activities I am a part of are examples of that."

English teacher **Becki Zanardi** supervises book club and is the assistant speech coach.

"The relationships made with students are so special. In speech, we're asking students to really 'put themselves out there' and take risks in performances and presentations," **Zanardi** said.

Science teacher **Bridget McPhillips** coaches junior high volleyball, is an assistant soccer coach, and helps with the science bowl.

"The most challenging part of being involved with extracurricular activities is spending that time away from home. I enjoy the practice and game time with the team, but I sure do miss my family when I'm away!" **McPhillips** said.

Journalism teacher **Angie Rusher** oversees journalism and Teens for Life.

"I think the most important part of extracurriculars is allowing students to pursue their interests and talents. I really believe we have an activity for everyone! It is definitely not just about sports around here; you can explore about anything you want at our school, and if there isn't something you like, we add new activities all the time," **Rusher** said.

Bree Ackermann
Shelly Adams
Kris Andresen
Holli Bettenhausen
Julie Blaser
Gail Bomar
Pat Brockhaus

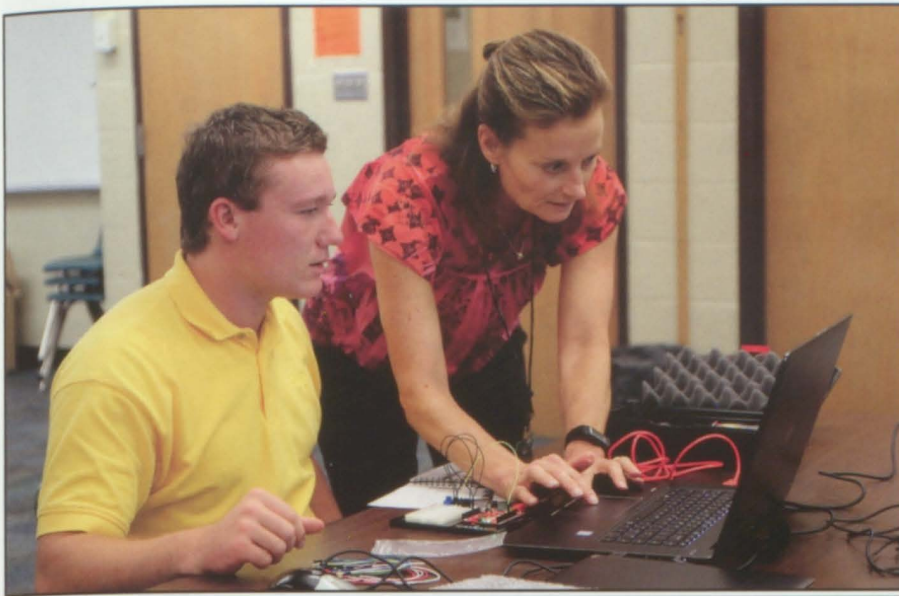


Kevin Jedlicka
Carmen Johnson
Kelly Koranda
Joan Lahm
Merlin Lahm
Sunny Lancaster
Tyler Linder



Betsy Rall
Jarrod Ridder
Janice Rosenquist
Angie Rusher
Laura Salyard
Patti Salyard
Tom Salyard



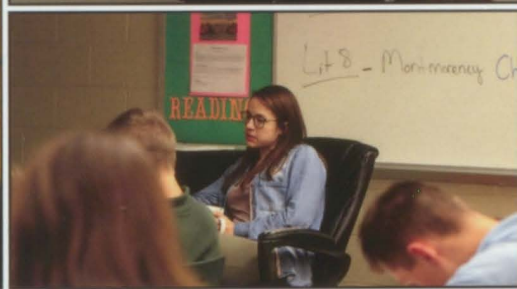
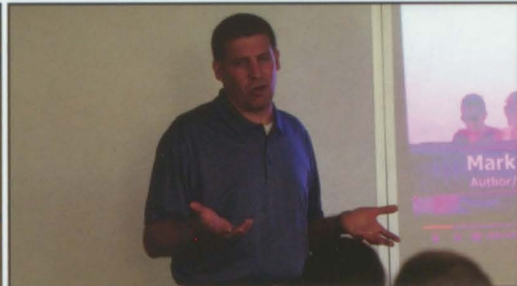


(left) STEAM coordinator **Betsy Rall** instructs senior **Braden Labenz** during STEAM class. This was the first year steam class has been available to juniors and seniors.

(middle) Band instructor **Kristen Cox** directs the band during a pep rally. Social science teacher **Pat Brockhaus** teaches during a Modern Government class.

English teacher **Melanie Mimick** listens to one of her students give a speech.

(bottom left) Art teacher **Clyde Ericson** demonstrates an art project. Math teacher **Alison Timoney** helps senior **Callan Fuchser** with a math problem during statistics class.



Mystery Man

Many students at Scotus take advantage of having a clean gym floor and bathrooms, yet nobody really knows who is behind the shiny, clean floors. The mystery man's name is **Kevin Jedlicka**.

Jedlicka has been working at Scotus for three years. He cleans the bathrooms, locker rooms, and the gym floors.

"The hardest part [of my job] is cleaning the restrooms and locker rooms during game nights. I prefer not to push a janitor cart during games," **Jedlicka** said.

Outside of cleaning the school, **Jedlicka** has many interests and hobbies.

"I enjoy driving Saturday nights after work. I also enjoy reading the Bible and would love someday to see the redwood trees in California," **Jedlicka** said.



Custodian **Kevin Jedlicka** cleans the gym floor with the scrubber. **Jedlicka** has been working at Scotus for three years. He enjoys cleaning the gym floor because it's quiet and relaxing.



Fr. Matthew Capadano
Wade Coulter
Kristen Cox
Rob Daniels
Jane Dusel-Misfeldt
Clyde Ericson
Annette Hash
Laurie Hergott

Oliver Loseke
Bridget McPhillips
Zach McPhillips
Melanie Mimick
Jo Moody
Deb Ohnoutka
Jeff Ohnoutka
Cathy Podliska

Joe Schoenfelder
John Schueth
Andrew Sheridan
Tyler Swanson
Alison Timoney
Janet Tooley
Pam Weir
Becki Zanardi

What teacher
are you most
scared of?



"Miss Timoney
because she makes
scary faces."

Serena Swiatek,
7



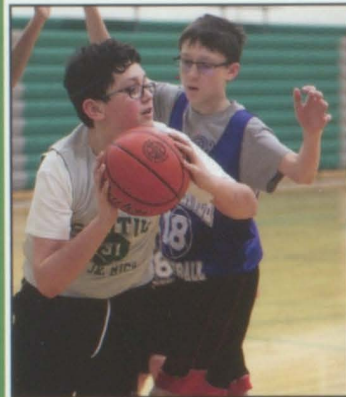
"Mrs. Blaser
because she is
really loud when
teaching."

Maria Aydt,
8



"Mrs. Lahm, she
pulls cards and gets
upset if you don't
know the answer."

Ashlee Leffers,
7



(from top to bottom) Seventh grader **Max Lancaster** looks for someone to pass to during a seventh grade basketball game. Eighth graders **Ted Fehringer, Katie Nelson, and Isaac Carstens** perform a song during a band concert. Eighth grader **Ally Wemhoff** serves a ball during a volleyball game. The junior high speech team poses for a picture after they all placed at their last speech meet.



Junior High Activities

Speech
FBLA
Quizbowl
Band
Volleyball
Football
Cross Country
Basketball
Wrestling
Track

(above) Seventh graders **Isabel Zaruba, Neve Pavlik, Ashlee Leffers, and Rylie Jarecki** celebrate at a volleyball game after scoring a point. Seventh grader **Kamren Kudron** shoots a ball over a defender during a home game.

Including the Newest Shamrocks

"They also get the opportunity to represent Scotus, and that is a big deal." -Jeff Ohnoutka

The transition from grade school to junior high is a large milestone in any student's life. They are introduced to new people, teachers, responsibilities, and activities. These activities can be stress relieving and can grow into lifelong passions. Whether it be music, football, speech, basketball, or cross country, there is always at least one activity a student can find enjoyable. Therefore, Scotus has been trying to introduce more activities to the junior high students.

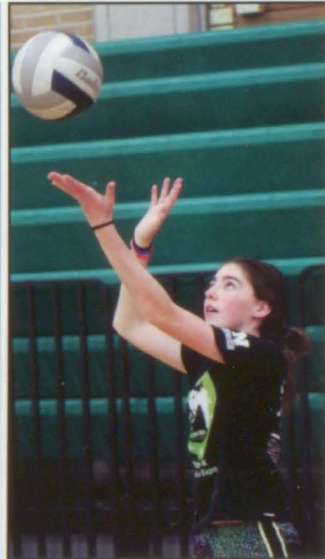
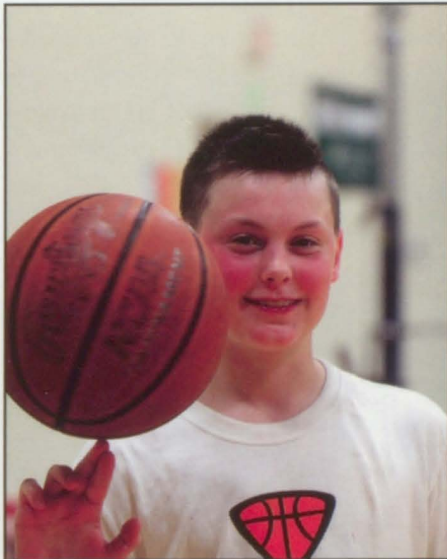
"I think it's very important for junior high students to get involved for a lot of reasons. They can develop new friendships, they can try some new things, also they learn to budget their time and stay organized. They also get the opportunity to represent Scotus and that is a big deal," president **Jeff Ohnoutka** said.

The junior high students have an opportunity to do a sport every season as well as the opportunity to participate in activities such as quiz bowl and speech, which was just opened to junior high students this year.

"As a pilot year, junior high speech was great. We competed in two meets, and we plan on doing it again next year. However, we will probably compete at three meets rather than two," junior high speech coach **Becki Zanardi** said.

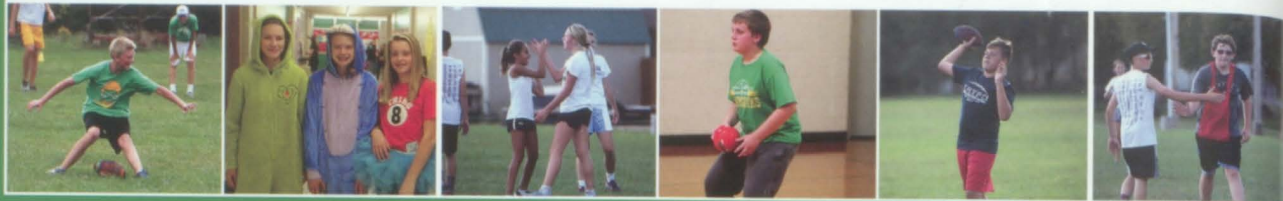
This year's junior high students have proven to be extremely involved in the variety of activities offered to them.

"I think we have two great classes in junior high this year. They have been easy to work with, and I think the teachers feel like they have learned to give a great effort in the classroom. They have been good to each other and represented their school well in activities," **Ohnoutka** said.



The annual junior high lock-in was held the night before Easter break. The lock-in was open to all seventh and eighth graders, and involved different activities such as many tournaments and a dance. (top left) Eighth graders **Neleigh Silva**, **Alyssa Hiemer**, and **Brooklyn Brandt** laugh in between games during the volleyball tournament. (top middle) Eighth grader **Mason Roberts** poses for a picture during his free time in the middle of the night. (above) Eighth grader **Whitney Klug** serves a volleyball against the opposing team during the lock-in. (far left) Eighth graders **Faith Weber** and **Brennan Jelinek** play a small game of basketball in between activities. (left) Seventh grader **Luke Chard** impresses the ladies with his flossing skills and keeps the dance floor alive.

Which upperclassmen scares you the most?



"Dalton Borchers because he's weird."

Kaden Backman, 7



"Cheydon Puntney although I have never seen him before."

Frank Fehringer, 7



"Jayden Heng because she is super annoying and very scary."

Jackson Heng, 7

Joining the Family

"I am part of the school and not left out." -Nicklaus Fleming

Being the youngest, smallest, and newest at a school can be terrifying. The seventh graders came into Scotus feeling scared, nervous, and lost.

"[The most terrifying thing about being a seventh grader is] having to figure out how to navigate around the school," seventh grader **Isabel Zaruba** said.

However, with the help of their classmates, teachers, upperclassmen, and the Shepherd Program, they became comfortable.

"My favorite thing about the Shepherd Program is that you aren't completely lost on the first day of school because of the high school student who helps you," seventh grader **Haden Brabec** said.

The seventh graders had the opportunity to be more involved with the senior high this year. With the Shepherd Program activities and getting to be part of homecoming week, everyone saw a more outgoing side of the seventh graders.

"My favorite [part of being involved in homecoming week] is feeling like I am part of the school and not left out," seventh grader **Nicklaus Fleming** said.

The seventh graders may have been intimidated coming into Scotus, but they soon figured out that they can be happy, safe, and surrounded with great people.

"I am with all of my friends, and I know that the teachers here will help me get a good education and help me follow in the footsteps of God," seventh grader **Savannah Muchmore** said.

Kaden Backman
Makenna Barels
Aidan Bettenhausen
Joshua Bixenmann
Haden Brabec
Ella Broberg
Rudy Brunkhorst



Mary Faltys
Frank Fehringer
Kaitlyn Fleming
Nicklaus Fleming
Gabe Gassen
Matthew Gokie
Mason Gonka



Max Lancaster
Abigail Laska
Ashlee Leffers
Anna Lovell
Jude Maguire
Alex Medina-Perez
Kensley Micek



Caleb Schumacher
MaKenzie Nielsen
Josie Silva
Amber Spawn
Alex Sucha
Kirsten Sucha



The Shepherd Program provides the seventh graders an opportunity to be more involved with their class and upperclassmen. (far top left) Seventh grader **Ashlee Leffers** throws a dodgeball during the dodgeball tournament. (middle top) Seventh grader **Eli Kreikemeier** prepares to throw a dodgeball while **Mason Puntney** looks for his next target. (far bottom) Seventh graders **Anna Lovell** and **Addison Schoenfelder** laugh as they wait to play dodgeball. (left) **David DeLeon** throws a football during the Shepherd Program's ultimate football game. (below) Seventh graders **Evan Kiene**, **Luke Thomazin**, and **Luke Chard** sprint to get dodgeballs during the annual Shepherd Program's dodgeball tournament.



This was the junior high's first year being able to participate in the homecoming week themes. (far left) Seventh grader **Isabel Zaruba** poses in her flashback outfit during homecoming week. (top middle) Seventh graders **Joanna Rusher**, **Max Lancaster**, **Mason Puntney**, and **Kirsten Sucha** show off their character day outfits. (bottom middle) Seventh graders **Mary Faltys**, **Neve Pavlik**, **Isabel Zaruba**, and **Kaitlyn Fleming** enjoy their lunches dressed as their favorite characters. Seventh grader **Ella Broberg** poses while wearing her character day outfit. (top left) Seventh graders **Neve Pavlik** and **Caitee Hutchinson** smile while wearing their character day costumes. (bottom left) **Rylie Jarecki** and **Kensy Micek** show off their flashback outfits during homecoming week.



Manuel Caballero
 Luke Chard
 Alexandra Chavez
 David DeLeon
 Tori Dush
 Olivia Ehlers
 Logan Erickson

Cooper Greisen
 Jackson Heng
 Caitee Hutchinson
 Rylie Jarecki
 Evan Kiene
 Eli Kreikemeier
 Kamren Kudron

Savanna Muchmore
 Neve Pavlik
 Nicole Peterson
 Mason Puntney
 Joanna Rusher
 Addison Schoenfelder
 Ben Schumacher

Serena Swiatek
 Kalee Ternus
 Luke Thomazin
 Karol Torres
 Spencer Wittwer
 Isabel Zaruba

What are some tricks to survive junior high?



"Always walk on the right side of the stairs unless you want to be yelled at by the upperclassmen."

Libbie Brezenski, 8



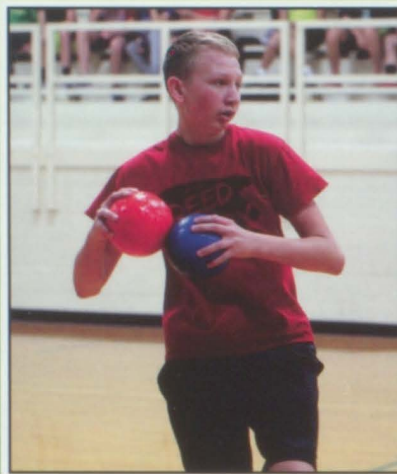
"ALWAYS remember your locker shove everything! Do not change anything into you bookbag for the whole day."

Ava Cremers, 8



"Don't talk back to the upperclassmen because they have been here longer and know more about the school."

Alex Zoucha, 8



Eighth grader **Brennen Jelinek** prepares to throw a ball during the dodgeball tournament for the Shepherd's Program. (middle) **Jack Faust** and **Cameron Houfek** throw dodgeballs at their competition during the tournament.



Ally Wemhoff and **Lily Dohmen** enjoy their snacks while listening to their adult leader at the confirmation retreat.



(far right) **Lindsay Ohnoutka** and **Kaelyn Dierman** cross the gym together during one of the activities at the retreat. The eighth graders were required to attend the Sunday retreat to prepare for confirmation.

María Aydt
Brianna Belzer
Shelby Brandenburg
Brooklyn Brandt
Libbie Brezenski
Isaac Carstens
Jase Christensen



Sebastian Duran
Jack Faust
Ted Fehring
Alex Ferguson
Carter Filipi
Bryce Follette
Jackson Hanson



Brennen Jelinek
Samantha Johnston
Whitney Klug
Kallie Korte
Maysa Kuhl
Jamison Kush
Trevor Laska



Ella Nahorny
Katie Nelsen
Jace Nelsen
Taylor Neville
Lindsay Ohnoutka
Evan Ostdiek
Claire Rickert



Shay Smith
Hailey Steffensmeier
Izic Stoffel Pillen
Alyssa Taylor
Colby Tworek
Mauricio Velasco
Faith Weber



Going to the Game

"I like playing because you get to do something that distracts you from stressful things." -Brennen Jelinek

As the world of technology grows, the want for the newest video game or game console increases. With games like *Fortnite* or *Black Ops*, it is an eighth grader's desire to play these games with their friends frequently.

Eighth grader **Alex Long** plays on his Xbox often when he has nothing to do at home. His favorite game is *Fortnite*.

"Sometimes I get distracted and start playing [video games] instead of doing homework," **Long** said.

Eighth grader **Bryce Follette**, enjoys playing *Black Ops 4* with his friends because of the social aspect of it.

"[I like playing] because it's really fun, and even though many people say it's anti-social, you get to interact with a lot of people while playing certain games," **Follette** said.

For eighth grader **Brennen Jelinek**, playing *Fortnite* or any video games does not distract him from school work.

"[I like playing] because you get to do something that distracts you from stressful things," **Jelinek** said.

Video games for eighth graders are a large part of their social lives for both boys and some girls. Whenever they can play a quick game or buy the newest console, they are on board.



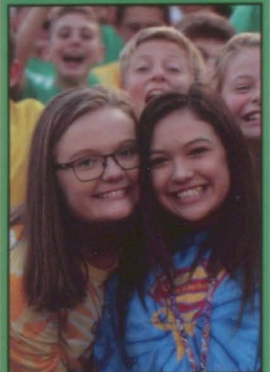
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Cameron Houfek
Lauren Houfek
Jasmine Jackson
Eli Jarecke
Bohdan Jedlicka

Brooke Lehr
Haley Leise
Isaak Liebig
Emma Lindhorst
Paul Littlefield
Alex Long
Samuel Meyer

Mason Roberts
Owen Rother
Zach Schultz
Alexander Settje
Emma Shotkoski
Conner Siemek
Neleigh Sliva

Ally Wemhoff
Blake Wemhoff
Emy Wielgus
Gabbi Young
Alex Zoucha
Nicholas Zoucha



The eighth graders were able to take part in the student section at football games this year, one being the "Gold Out" theme for Sammy Superheros against Aquinas. (top to bottom) Eighth grader **Maria Aydt** bursts out in laughter during a cheer at halftime. Eighth grader **Alex Ferguson** shows his spirit by cheering at the football game. Eighth grader **Jamison Kush** participates in a cheer during halftime. Eighth graders **Lauren Houfek** and **Kallie Korte** pose for a picture in the student section.

Which upperclassman do you look up to the most in your activities?



"I look up to my brother, Isaac McPhillips, because we are involved in most of the same activities, and he is very good at most of the things he does."

Dominic McPhillips, 9



"I look up to all the seniors in volleyball because they worked hard every day."

Makenna Svehla, 9



"I look up to Hannah Allen because we were on the golf team together, she was a great role model, was very serious when she needed to be, but also made being on the team a blast for everyone around her."

Alaina Dierman, 9

Freshmen **Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Shayden Lundstrom, and Devon Borchers** sit and listen to a talk given at the freshman retreat in Duncan.



Chris Adame-Hernandez
Liz Adamy
Callie Backman
Chance Bailey
Allie Baumert
Zane Beiermann
Roxanne Beshaler



Camille Cox
Carson Czarnick
Alaina Dierman
Avery Dierman
Jesse Dreifurst
Nicholas Ehlers
Riley Eickmeier



Jamison Kozak
Halle Langan
Lainee Leitschuck
Shayden Lundstrom
Kate Maguire
Ruby Martinez
Landyn Maschmeier



Ben Policky
Luke Przymus
Adam Quinn
Sierra Quinn
Sydney Quinn
Emiliano Rodriguez
Jack Ryan



Regan Sucha
Makenna Svehla
Seth VunCannon
Chloe Walker



Taking Time for High School

"It is definitely time consuming being in so many activities, but that's high school." -Grace Mustard

Even though junior high is in the same building as high school, there seems to be a big step when transitioning from eighth grade to ninth grade. With this comes many opportunities to be more involved. The freshmen found out just how full their schedules could become.

Freshman **Luke Przymus** was involved in football, basketball, track, Shamrock Singers, musical, and student council. These activities required a lot of time, but he thought being involved in these activities was rewarding.

"I love being involved in high school activities because of the friends you make, and it helps you find who you are and what you like to do," **Przymus** said.

Freshman **Grace Mustard** was a member of student council, Shamrock Singers, mock trial, and one act. She also played volleyball and basketball and enjoyed the variety of activities she participated in.

"With a small-town school, I think it is important for everyone to be involved as much as they can. Don't think that just because you are a star on the football field, you can't rock it with the band, too," **Mustard** said.

This was the first summer the freshmen were able to participate in open gyms and lifting in the weightroom to prepare themselves for their seasons.

"[Being involved in high school activities is different] because of all the extra things you have to do for that sport in the offseason and all year round," freshman **Lyndon Obal** said.

It may seem that all the involvement in high school is time consuming, but most of the students found the good that ascends from being involved.

"It is definitely time consuming being in so many activities, but that's high school. I want to be involved as much as I can," **Mustard** concluded.



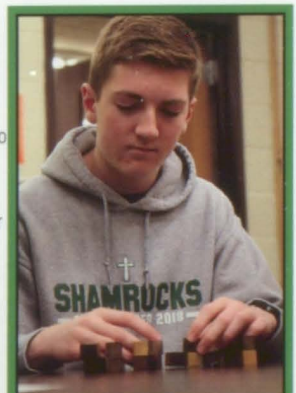
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Tyler Cline

Nathaniel Eisenmenger
Zoe Euteneuer
Nolan Fleming
Carson Hoefler
Stephanie Hoenk
Abee Hutchinson
Berlin Kluever

Dominic McPhillips
Grace Mustard
Garrett Oakley
Calder Obal
Lyndon Obal
Sophie Palmer
Hannah Pflum

Payton Schroeder
Trevor Schumacher
Tim Silva
Audrey Sprunk
Gwendolyn Stachura
Ashley Steiner
Tyler Stuart

Nate Wemhoff
Vijay Wemhoff
Ethan Wulf



Freshman **Gavin Brabec** (top) tries to construct blocks out of smaller cubes in STEAM class while **Eden Broberg** prepares to use a Cricut in the STEAM room. This was the first year for STEAM at Scotus.

What makes your class different from other classes at Scotus?



"We're a tad more annoying."

Laura Bettenhausen, 10



"We're not really unique... We're just kind of there...."

Katelyn Bayer, 10



"We have a vlogger in our class aka Kade Wiese."

Tanley Miller, 10



Sophomores **Madison Wittwer, Katelyn Bayer, and Noah Korth** scream to distract their opponents during the John Dun Scotus quarter game at their retreat. This game takes place each year in the form of a tournament at the freshmen and sophomore retreats.

Abaigeal Aydt	Katelyn Bayer	Laura Bettenhausen	Maddie Blaser	Evan Bock	Gillian Brandt	Shelby Bridger
Anna Ehlers	Josh Faust	Keira Feehan	Olivia Fehringer	Emily Ferguson	Bryce Foreman	Brennan Frewing
Jake Heesacker	Benjamin Juarez Mendez	Benjamin Kamrath	Nathan King	Olivia Klug	Noah Korth	Clarissa Kosch
Este Lesiak	McKenna Mausbach	Ben Merrill	Tanley Miller	Grant Neville	Alex Novicki	Christina Oakley
Janae Rusher	Evan Ruskamp	Nicolas Schultz	Joel Schumacher	Simon Schumacher	Jordon Skipton	Justin Sliva

Age Difference Envy

"Sometimes I'm envious of my older classmates who can drive right now." - Kade Wiese

Some sophomores roll into the parking lot on the first day, excited to show off their new (or ridiculously old) cars, while their younger classmates fall out of minivans relieved to be at school before the tardy bell. For this class in particular, most students had to ride to school with a parent or sibling for the majority of the year.

Out of the 57 students in the sophomore class, only 21 students were able to drive with a license before Christmas. Out of those 21, only 5 students were able to drive themselves on the first day of school on August 14.

Sophomore **Emily Ferguson's** birthday is in February.

"I am about right in the middle for age in our class. Honestly, I do not mind being one of the younger ones. I learn from the older people in my class, especially from their driving stories and experiences!" **Ferguson** said.

Only a month older than **Ferguson**, **Kade Wiese** has a birthday in January, and he has a different perspective.

"Sometimes I'm envious of my older classmates who can drive right now because it's more convenient for me to drive to my activities right away than to have to wait for my parents or sibling to take me. Plus, being able to drive is awesome," **Wiese** said.

While the younger students in the class awaited their turn on the roads, one of the experienced drivers expressed that the excitement doesn't last for long.

"It is cool because I was the first one to drive, but it's bad because I always have to give everybody rides," **Josh Faust** said.

Faust is the oldest student in the sophomore class. He is 14 months older than his youngest classmate **Kaira Dallman**. **Dallman** sees the downside to being the youngest, but she also takes the role with stride.

"I don't really like being the youngest because everyone else is able to drive when they are sophomores, and I have to wait until I'm a junior, but then at the same time I just have everyone else drive me so that evens it out a bit," **Dallman** said.

Dallman isn't the only one though, nine sophomores won't receive their licenses until after the end of the school year.



Kamryn Chohon
Kaira Dallman
Aili Demuth
Matthew Dolezal



Sebastien Fritz
Michael Gasper
Nathaniel Gokie
Trenton Hamling



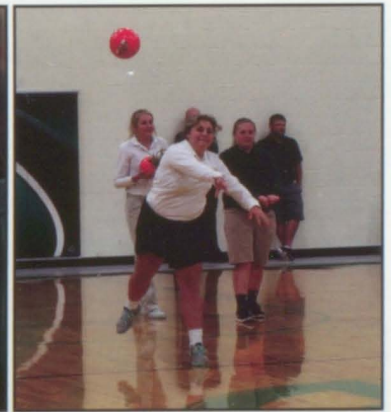
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Michaela Kresha
Ava Kuhl



Lizzie Parker
Camille Pelan
Simon Picher
Jaelyn Podolak
Ashtyn Preister



Josh Styskal
Ross Thorson
Kade Wiese
Madison Wittwer
Kaden Young



From cheering on their classmates to participating in the games, the sophomore class had more opportunities to get involved in the pep rallies this year. (top left) Sophomores **McKenna Mausbach** and **Kamryn Chohon** pose for the camera during a pep rally. Sophomore **Michaela Kresha** throws a dodgeball at her opponent during the fall pep rally. Each team included two staff members as well as two students from each grade 9-12. Sophomores **Nathan King**, **Janae Rusher**, and **Madison Wittwer** are pulled across the gym on their "sleigh" during a pep rally. The game they participated in was a Christmas-themed game.

In one sentence, how would you sum up junior year?



"Dear junior year, I won't miss you."

Liza Zaruba, 11



"Junior year is awesome. Love it, love it. I want it to be like this all the time. I love no sleep, and I love homework."

Connor Wiehn, 11



"Sorry Mrs. Dusel I didn't get the homework done last night."

Kate Smith, 11

Juniors **Connor Wiehn, Tyler Vaught, and Cole Demuth** show their class pride during a student section cheer at a football game.



Debanhi Adame-Hernandez
Jared Beaver
Sarah Bichlmeier
Dalton Borchers



Molly Carstens
Antonio Chavez Quiroga
Haylee Cielocha
Jacey Clarey



MaKenzie Enderlin
Evan Hand
Jayden Heng
Henry Hernandez
Kyle Hiemer



Allie Mielak
Emily Miksch
Eric Mustard
Prim Nuwong
Austin O'Kane



Katie Stachura
Nick Taylor
Jaycee Ternus
Samantha Tonniges
Tyler Vaught



(top) Juniors **Lauren Ostdiek, Haylee Cielocha, Brea Lassek, Liza Zaruba, Amber Buhman, and Chloe Odbert** pose for a picture in the mirror at The Humble Lily boutique in Omaha. Some junior girls visited the boutique as a part of their service related retreat this year.
(above) Junior **Drew VunCannon** introduces himself during the junior practice interviews.

Tiny but Mighty

"We're just a small class with a lot of personality." -Katie Stachura

The junior class of 46 members was the smallest at Scotus this past year.

Being a small class comes with some challenges, but there are also many positive aspects to having such limited numbers.

"There are not a lot of challenges that come from having a small class, but one is that it is difficult to be loud enough when the student section asks, 'Juniors, juniors how do you feel?,' junior **Lauren Ostdiek** said.

Not only are student section cheers challenging, but so are fundraisers.

The junior class is in charge of fundraising for prom every year. They do this by selling candy bars as sophomores.

"We tend not to have enough money for [fundraisers,]" junior **Tim Ehlers** said. "For example, for junior prom we had to sell more candy bars than normal classes last year in order to pay for [the expenses]."

Something positive about having smaller numbers is the number of students in each class period. Students of the junior class tend to like the smaller numbers in the classrooms for many different reasons.

"I think we have a better learning environment because we have less people in each of the classes," junior **Tyler Vaught** said.

Not only do students enjoy the environment in the classroom, another positive aspect is the closeness of everyone in the class.

"In classes with fewer students, you build trust and friendships that you wouldn't have if you were in a bigger class," junior **Katie Stachura** said. "You get to know everybody a lot better, and you really have a better connection with all of your classmates."



Kenzie Brandenburg
Ryan Brandenburg
Emmitt Broberg
Amber Buhman



Brock Clarke
Cole Demuth
Collin Dreher
Tim Ehlers



McKenna Hoefler
Adam Kamrath
Rachael Lam
Brea Lassek
Lin Jurarut



Chloe Odbert
Lauren Ostdiek
Tyler Palmer
Levi Robertson
Kate Smith



Drew VanCannon
Jacob Weyers
Connor Wiehn
Kaleb Wiese
Liza Zaruba



(top left) Junior **Eric Mustard** stretches before the dodgeball competition held by campus ministry. Juniors **Ryan Brandenburg** and **Brock Clarke** pose for a photo on their junior retreat outside of the Cathedral at Boys Town. Juniors **Sarah Bichmeier** and **Henry Hernandez** smile for a picture to show off their costumes on character day during homecoming week.

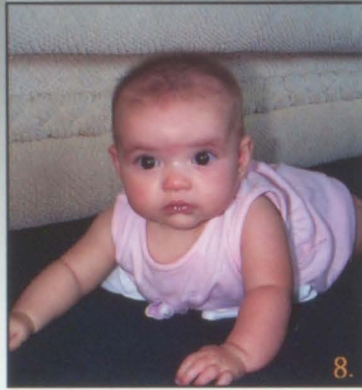
What emoji describes senior year best?



Hannah Allen



"The laughing crying emoji because I have laughed a lot, but I also cry every day."



Zackary Beiermann



"I feel that this emoji best describes my senior year because this year has come with many decisions that I hope will pay off in the end."



Sam Blaser



"This year has been full of fun times, so this emoji describes it pretty well."



Emma Brandt



"The sleeping face describes me because I am always tired and say I need a nap everyday."



Hanna Doan



"Because I'm tired everyday."





Logan
Bennett

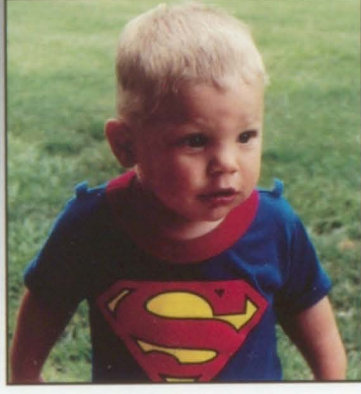


"Not sure, just love the emoji. It's the only one I use."

Luke
Bettenhausen



"Senior year has thrown some new challenges at me, and I never know what to expect."



Bailey
Christensen

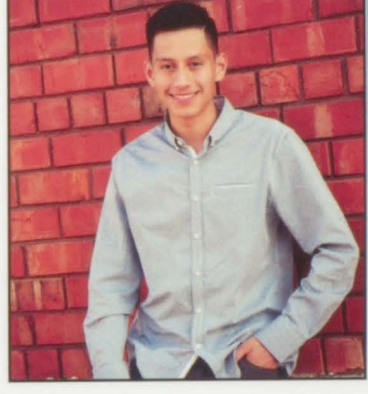
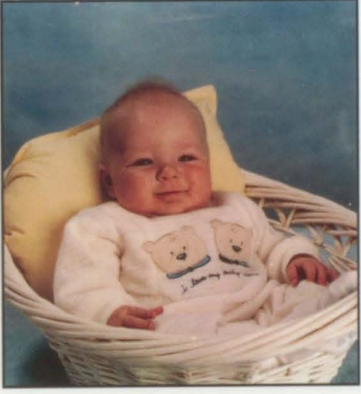


"This emoji describes my senior year because I'm celebrating leaving high school and moving forward."

Inri
Dimas



"Senior year has been my favorite year in high school. I have already made memories that I won't ever forget."



Blaney
Dreifurst



"This is how I felt during calculus class with Mr. Salyard the whole year. This is also how I answered any question I got asked about what I'm doing after this year."



When did senioritis set in?



Prestyn Engel

"Probably a little bit after the year started."



Kelsey Faust

"I think I've had senioritis since sophomore year."



Gary He

"The very moment the winter break was over, I wanna get out."



Patrick Herchenbach

"I don't think that senioritis really set in until this last semester; I can't wait for May."



Logan Johnson

"IDK after Christmas break."





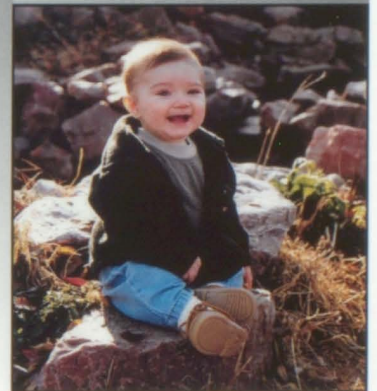
Callan
Fuchser

"Senior year day 1 when Colby and I stood at our lockers with sheer annoyance of everyone and everything."



Colby
Gilson

"Literally the first day of school."



Rebekah
Hergott

"Senioritis set in for me the first day I walked into this school. Needless to say, senior year was much awaited for."



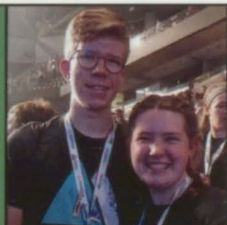
Jaden
Hollmann

"Senioritis set in right after Christmas break. The first semester of doing basically nothing was fun, but now I'm just ready to be done. Not that I don't like the electives I'm taking, it's just I'm ready for a new chapter already and more freedom."



Mattie
Johnson

"Freshmen year."

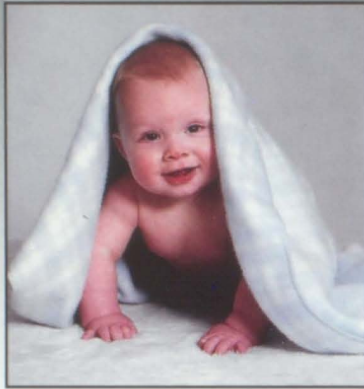


If you could start high school over, what activity would you participate in this time that you didn't before?



Cameron Johnston

"I would participate in wrestling because of the technical ability required and how it is more of a one on one sport instead of relying on teammates to win a match."



Tara Kamrath

"As I've grown older, I have also grown in my faith, much of it having to do with religion classes over the years. If I had been in Campus Ministry, I could only imagine where my faith would be, surely for the better."



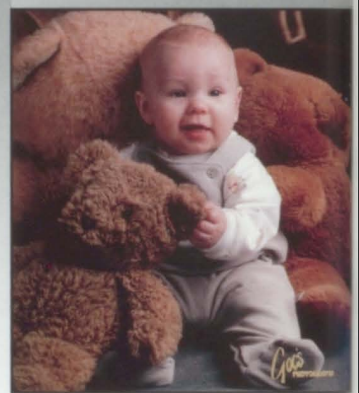
Courtney Kosch

"The musical because I always thought it would have been really fun to express myself in another way besides playing sports."



Konner Kudron

"I would run cross-country. I think that they have a lot of fun."



Mira Liebig

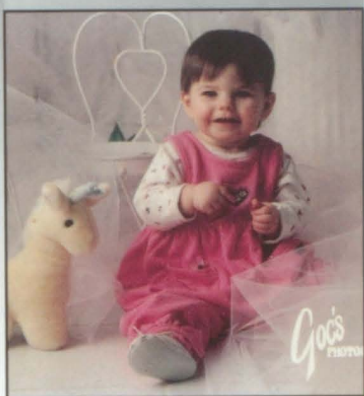
"I wish that I could have played volleyball and not had my four surgeries."





Kendra Korger

"If I could start high school over, I think I would do chess club just to broaden my horizons."



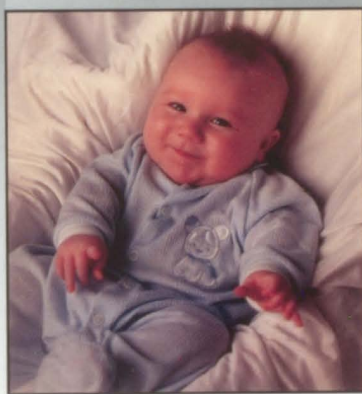
Caleb Kosch

"If I could start high school over, I would participate in soccer just so I could try something new and fun."



Braden Labenz

"I would participate in one act and basketball. I have heard one act is fun and I enjoy watching it every year. Basketball has always been fun for me, so I would like to play, but I am not that great. This time I would want to play for fun."



Bailey Lehr

"I would do tennis. It looks like a lot of fun and a lot less running compared to track."



Kaitly Lovell

"I would join one act freshman year because one year wasn't enough."



Where do you see yourself in 10 years?



Isaac
McPhillips

"I see myself as a social science teacher preferably in a Catholic school, and I hope to have a family by then."



Jackson
Neville

"In 10 years I see myself happily married with an enjoyable job that can support my family."



Hallie
Parker

"I see myself back in Columbus teaching at a public school in a K-4 special education classroom or at one of the Catholic schools teaching kindergarten or 1st grade. I'll spend the summer with my kids while my friends complain about having to go to work everyday."



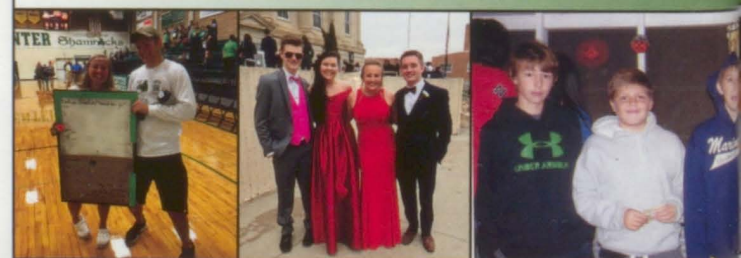
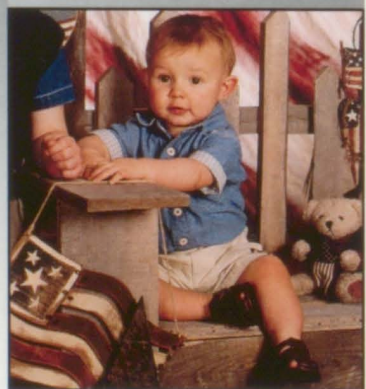
Caden
Pelan

"I hope to be married or almost married and want to be on my way to becoming a doctor."



Cheydon
Puntney

"In Texas."





Rylie Olson

"In 10 years I see myself living somewhere far from Nebraska, happily married with two mini-me's running around."



Isaac Ostlick

"If it is God's will, I see myself as a priest. I see myself with a parish. I have everything I need. I will get asked to weddings more than other people. I will be helping people in the way that I do best."



Abram Perault

"I couldn't tell you; I'm technically legally blind let alone seeing into my future. But for real, I see myself married with seven kids. Otherwise, I'll probably be a priest."



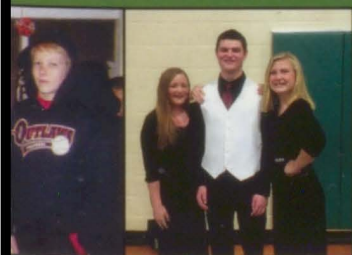
Julia Pichler

"Completing my goal of eating Subway in all 50 states."



Julia Salerno

"I would hope to be getting out of med school and starting a family soon."



Describe your senior year with a 5 word story.



Lucas Schaecher

"That was long, but fun."



Nathan Schumacher

"Going fast, but it's great!"



Abigail Stuart

"Very fast and extremely fun."



Emily Stutzman

"As long as I graduate."



Elliott Thomazin

"The end of the beginning."





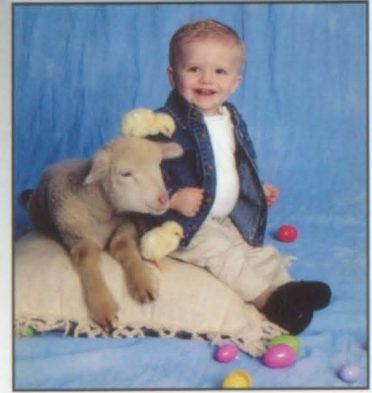
Grant
Shanle

"I could use a nap."



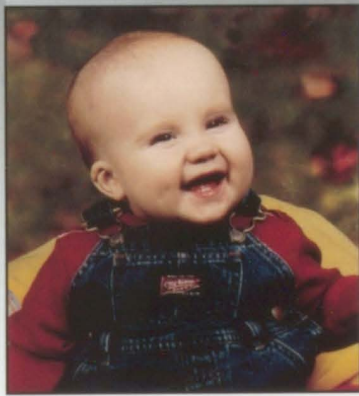
Evan
Sliva

"I just want to leave."



Blake
Sucha

"It was pretty dang cool."



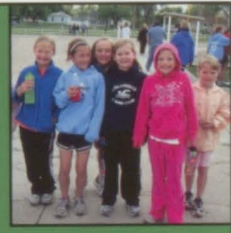
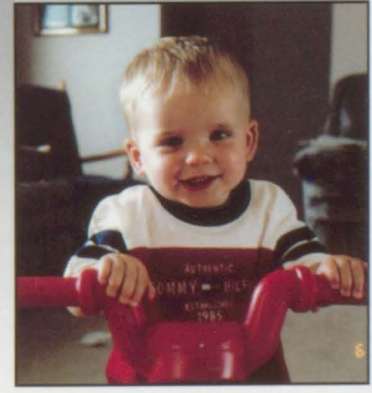
Madeline
Sueper

"I'm already accepted into college."



Carter
Thorson

"I want to go home."



If you could change one rule at Scotus, what would it be?



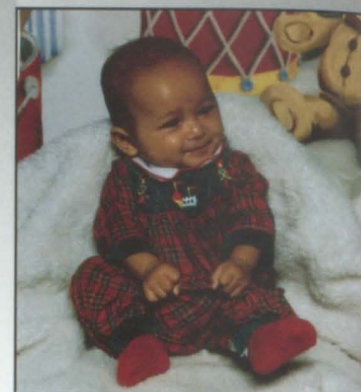
Eduardo Torres

"If I could change one rule, it would be being able to dye your hair other than natural colors."



Daniel Tworek

"I would change the dress code because I wear the same uniform 5 days a week."



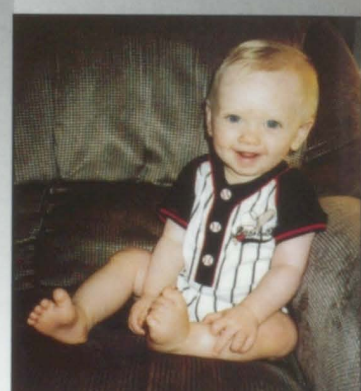
Bryce VanCannon

"I would change the sock rule. I feel like there is little opportunity to express yourself in your dress at Scotus, so this change would make it more fun to dress for school."



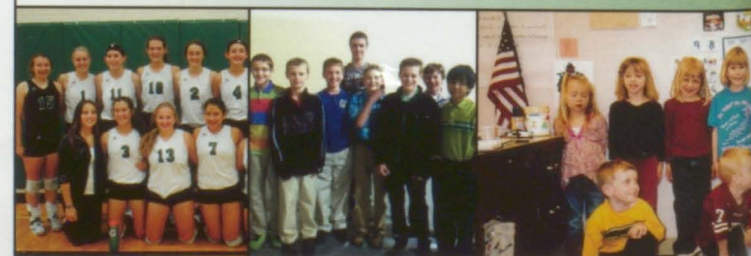
Tyler Wurtz

"Guys having to shave their facial hair. Facial hair adds character to a person, and, lets remember, Jesus had some facial hair."



Abbie Loucha

"I would make it possible to eat in any class because food helps me when I'm stressed."





Daniela
Valdez Ortiz

"If I could change one rule, I would change the socks rule because I want to wear socks that have different colors."



Mariana
Valdez Ortiz

"If I could change one rule at Scotus, I would change the dress code. I would at least add more dress down days to the school calendar."



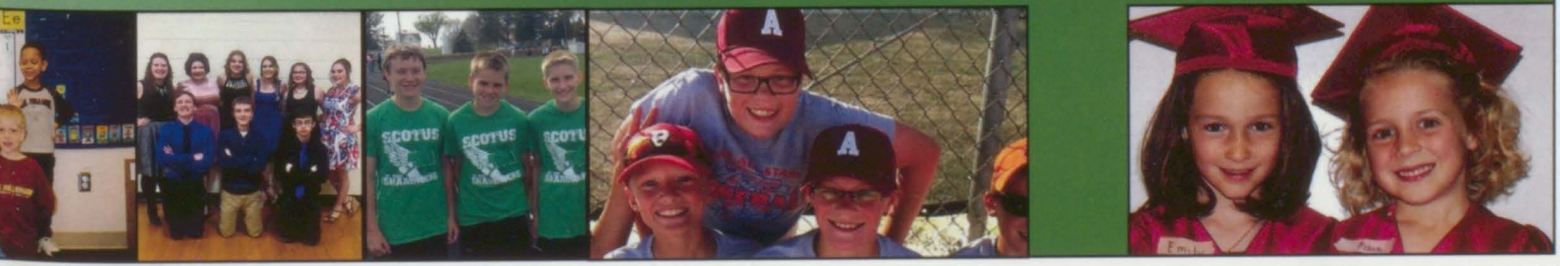
Tommy
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"It would be if you aren't Catholic, you don't need to take a religion class."



Drew
Zaruba

"Scotus is perfect. Honestly, it's not for everyone."



What are you going to miss most about Scotus?



"I will miss all of the friends that I have made at Scotus: with the ones I grew up with and the ones whom I recently got closer with. Some people drive me crazy quite often, but I know that this class wouldn't be the same without them."

Hallie Parker, 12



"I'm really going to miss the amazing people at Scotus. Transferring in isn't easy, but my classmates made me feel at home. I've only been at Scotus for two years, but I loved my time here."

Patrick Herchenbach, 12



"Knowing people and saying hi as I go through my day."

Isaac Ostdiek, 12



The crowd applauds after senior **Caleb Kosch** receives the Spirit of Scotus Award. Other nominees were seniors **Nathan Schumacher, Abe Perault, Elliott Thomazin, and Bryce VunCannon.**



Senior **Callan Fuchser** walks across the stage and shakes hands before receiving her diploma.

Leaving A Big Mark

"I am lucky I get to teach and/or coach a large group of the seniors from 7th through 12th grade so I feel like I get to know most of them very well. I will miss the happy and friendly attitude that the Class of 2019 brought to the Scotus hallways. This is a group that worked hard and had fun at the same time!"

-Mrs. Tooley

"I admire the support they have for one another. I think we have learned a lot from each other. When we share thoughts, experiences and stories within a group of people over the course of a school career there is a connection. The seniors are going to graduate and move on, but I hope that doesn't mean an end to that connection."

-Mr. Ericson

"For the most part this senior class is self-motivated, they want to do well in all aspects, not just academically. They definitely have been a fun bunch, high-spirited, willing to share their various opinions. I truly believe that they are very supportive of each other and are there for one another when the going gets tough, and there have been some tough times to get through. I will miss their smiles and positive attitudes, and God has truly blessed them with many talents!"

-Mr. Brockhaus

Closing the Yearbook

"But family sticks together." - Nathan Schumacher

The class of 2019 came together one last time for their graduation ceremony that took place on May 12th in the Dowd Activity Center. The same place where many of them competed in sporting events such as volleyball or basketball; however, the class of 2019 excelled in many other activities and qualities along with sports.

"Throughout the course of this year, their leadership has been outstanding. They have been excellent examples to the younger students, and I thank them," president **Jeff Ohnoutka** said in the May issue of Shamrock Lines.

Not only did the class of 2019 show leadership skills, they also excelled in the classroom. Many students in the class received high ACT scores, as well as maintaining a high GPA while balancing their extracurricular activities. **Elliott Thomazin** was named to the Omaha World Herald's All West-Central Academic Team -2nd Team,

"Academics have always been a top priority for our class. Athletics and the fine arts teach valuable lessons, but the reason that we go to school is to receive our education. Whether it be a long night spent studying for a Chemistry test, or an early morning spent polishing homework that is due next period, we did whatever it took to get great grades," **Thomazin** said.

Lastly, besides leadership qualities and academic skills, the 59 students upheld strong comradery throughout their years at Scotus. They made it a priority to support one another in various activities and made it known that they wanted the best for one another.

Senior president **Nathan Schumacher** opened the ceremony on May 12th with a speech and talked about the togetherness of the class for his closing statement.

"All fifty-nine of us have taken one journey together throughout high school, but today we all begin fifty-nine separate journeys, but family sticks together, and we hope that some of our journeys may cross some time down the road," **Schumacher** said.



(from top to bottom)
Senior **Logan Johnson** gives his mom a hug after he presents her a rose for Mothers Day.
Senior **Daniela Valdez Ortiz** smiles while returning to her chair after receiving her diploma. Senior **Bailey Christensen** shakes hands with guidance counselor **Pam Weir** during the ceremony.
(left)
The seniors stand and look at their parents after moving their tassels from right to left after receiving their diplomas.

ACTIVITY



Class of 2019



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Girls' Cross Country



First Row: Liz Adamy, Emily Ferguson, Brea Lassek, Liza Zaruba, Jayden Heng, Haylee Cielocha, Kelsey Faust
Second Row: Kendra Korger, Samantha Tonniges, Olivia Fehringer, Mattie Johnson, Abaigeal Ayd, Jacey Clarey

Boys' Cross Country



First Row: Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Carson Hoefer, Benjamin Juarez Mendez, Isaac Ostdiek, Carter Thorson, Lucas Schaecher, Josh Styskal, Tommy Yu
Second Row: Tyler Vaught, Michael Gasper, Elliott Thomazin, Cole Demuth, Nathan Schumacher, Caleb Kosch

Junior High Cross Country



First Row: Gabriel Gassen, Josie Silva, Jackson Hanson, Zach Schultz, Taylor Neville
Second Row: Maria Ayd, Jasmine Jackson, Alyssa Hiemer, Evan Ostdiek, Whitney Klug
Third Row: Kaitlyn Fleming, Caleb Schumacher, Luke Thomazin, Kamren Kudron, Alex Medina-Perez

Softball



First Row: Katie Stachura, Sydney Martinsen, Abriella Robak, Rylie Olson, Joselyn Olson
Second Row: Alyssa Turner, Kate Smith, Savannah Nelson, Tayler Braun, Melanie Jones, Abigail Gerber
Third Row: Paige Jeffryes, Katelynn Darling, Larisa Rother, Macee Trotta, Rebecca Hazlett

Powerlifting



First Row: Coach Brooke Taylor, Alaina Dierman, Alli Demuth, Este Lesiak, Rylie Olson
Second Row: Emmitt Broberg, Kyanne Casperson, Madison Wittwer, Emma Brandt, Tommy Yu
Third Row: Katelyn Bayer, Gillian Brandt, Brennan Frewing, Kate Smith, Kade Wiese, Adam Kamrath
Fourth Row: Coach Ron Preister, Nicholas Ehlers, Simon Pichler, Sam Blaser, Abram Perault, Levi Robertson, Tim Ehlers, coach Tom Woodward

Mock Trial



First Row: Emily Miksch, Kate Smith, Lauren Ostdiek, Brea Lassek, Rachael Lam, Liza Zaruba, Chloe Odbert, Amber Buhman
Second Row: Cassie Kouma, Ava Kuhl, Shelby Bridger, Kamryn Chohan, Maddie Blaser, Simon Pichler, Noah Korth, Ashtyn Preister, Olivia Fehringer
Third Row: Gwendolyn Stachura, Matthew Dolezal, Ben Merrill, Josh Styskal, Camille Pelan, Abaigeal Ayd, Laine Leitschuck, Joel Schumacher, coach Kelly Koranda
Fourth Row: Camille Cox, Grace Mustard, Ashley Steiner, Avery Dierman, Gavin Brabec, Alaina Dierman, Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Kyanne Casperson

Musical



First Row: Jayden Heng, Lizzie Parker, Elliott Thomazin, Mattie Johnson, Patrick Herchenbach, Janae Blaser, Maddie Sueper, Isaac Ostdiek, Liza Zaruba, Isaac McPhillips, Maddie Blaser, Camille Cox, Kyrissa Kosch
Second Row: Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Emma Brandt, Julia Pichler, Christina Oakley, Emily Ferguson, Cassie Kouma, Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Eden Broberg, Berlin Kluever, Kyanne Casperson, Ruby Martinez, Kendra Korger, Abee Hutchinson, Zoe Euteneuer, Keira Feehan
Third Row: Kade Wiese, Jesse Dreifurst, Eduardo Torres, Abe Perault, Luke Przymus, Ben Policky, Tom Ehlers, Nathaniel Eisenmenger, Noah Korth, Dominic McPhillips, Tommy Yu

One Act



First Row: Nathaniel Eisenmenger, Sam Blaser, Bailey Christensen, Lucas Schaecher, Eduardo Torres, Mariana Valdez Ortiz, Daniela Valdez Ortiz, Luke Bettenhausen
Second Row: Madeline Sueper, Elliott Thomazin, Julia Pichler, Mattie Johnson, Logan Bennett, Kendra Korger, Patrick Herchenbach, Isaac Ostdiek, Isaac McPhillips
Third Row: Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Kyanne Casperson, Vijay Wemhoff, Christina Oakley, Abee Hutchinson, Maddie Blaser, Jayden Heng, Clarissa Kosch, Kate Smith, Brea Lassek, Josh Styskal
Fourth Row: Dominic McPhillips, Grace Mustard, Zoe Euteneuer, Gavin Brabec, Levi Robertson, Evan Hand, Keira Feehan, Ashley Steiner, Simon Pichler, Liza Zaruba, Noah Korth, Dalton Borchers, Tyler Palmer

National Honor Society



First Row: Advisor Jane Dusel-Misfeldt, Isaac McPhillips, Blake Sucha, Emma Brandt, Patrick Herchenbach, Mira Liebig, Isaac Ostdiek, Lauren Ostdiek, Elliott Thomazin, Kelsey Faust, Nathan Schumacher, Lucas Schaecher, Abram Perault, Braden Labenz
Second Row: Caden Pelan, Grant Shantle, Blaney Dreifurst, Daniela Valdez Ortiz, Mariana Valdez Ortiz, Julia Salerno, Hannah Allen, Bryce VunCannon, Abbie Zoucha, Drew Zaruba, Madeline Sueper, Kendra Korger, Sam Blaser
Third Row: McKenna Hoefer, Brea Lassek, Rachael Lam, MaKenzie Enderlin, Kyle Hiemer, Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Kate Smith, Liza Zaruba, Jacey Clarey, Eric Mustard, Emily Miksch, Emmitt Broberg, Amber Buhman
Fourth Row: Benjamin Kamrath, Camille Pelan, Olivia Klug, Keira Feehan, Madison Wittwer, Katelyn Bayer, Abaigeal Aydt, Alli Demuth, Gillian Brandt, Shelby Bridger, Maddie Blaser, Janae Rusher
Fifth Row: Este Lesiak, Kade Wiese, Josh Faust, Benjamin Juarez Mendez, Noah Korth, Anna Ehlers, Michaela Kresha, Emily Ferguson, Cassie Kouma, Josh Styskal, Olivia Fehringer

HOSA



First Row: Emily Stutzman, Bailey Lehr, Julia Salerno, Carter Thorson, Drew Zaruba, Caden Pelan, Mira Liebig, Logan Bennett, Madeline Sueper, Kelsey Faust, Kendra Korger, Jaden Hollmann, Emma Brandt, Zackary Beiermann
Second Row: Dalton Borchers, Rylie Olson, Kate Smith, Jayden Heng, Jacey Clarey, Samantha Tonniges, Drew VunCannon, Connor Wiehn, Rachael Lam, Liza Zaruba, Bryce VunCannon
Third Row: Advisor Joan Lahm, Benjamin Juarez Mendez, Cole Demuth, Jared Beaver, Tim Ehlers, Sarah Bichlmeier, MaKenzie Enderlin, Jaycee Ternus, Haylee Cielocha, Blaney Dreifurst, Abbie Zoucha
Fourth Row: Michaela Kresha, Alli Demuth, Gillian Brandt, Olivia Fehringer, Kamryn Chohon, Camille Pelan, Maddie Blaser, Shelby Bridger, Jaelyn Podolak, Kaira Dallman
Fifth Row: Ashtyn Preister, Madison Wittwer, Avery Dierman, Ashley Steiner, Allie Baumert, Liz Adamy, Stephanie Hoenk, Alaina Dierman, Gavin Brabec

Boys' Tennis



First Row: Alex Larson, Adam Kamrath, Anibal Grejada
Second Row: Zack Medinger, Colin Flyr, Andrew Beck, Drew VunCannon, Coden Prokopec, Austin Pick
Third Row: Coach Scott Bethune, Dawson Dreifurst, Landen Hastreiter, Connor Wiehn, Cole Wilcox, Mariano Azurduy, coach Tom Beck

Girls' Golf



First Row: Jaelyn Podolak, Abee Hutchinson, Jaycee Ternus, Michaela Kresha
Second Row: Alaina Dierman, Hannah Allen, coach Tanya Niedbalski, MaKenzie Enderlin, Avery Dierman

7th Grade Volleyball



First Row: Coach Bridget McPhillips, Serena Swiatek, Caitee Hutchinson, Alexandra Chavez, MaKenzie Nielsen, Kirsten Sucha, Amber Spawn, coach Jane Dusel-Misfeldt
Second Row: Savannah Muchmore, Ella Broberg, Tori Dush, Neve Pavlik, Joanna Rusher, Isabel Zaruba, Kalee Ternus
Third Row: Olivia Ehlers, Anna Lovell, Addison Schoenfelder, Kensey Micek, Rylie Jarecki

8th Grade Volleyball



First Row: Ava Cremers, Brianna Belzer, Lily Dohmen, Alyssa Taylor, Lindsay Ohnoutka, Maysa Kuhl, Claire Rickert, Ally Wernhoff
Second Row: Emma Shotkoski, Hailey Steffensmeier, Ashley Hoffman, Gabbi Young, Emma Lindhorst, Neleigh Silva, Ella Nahorny, Jace Nelson
Third Row: Brooke Lehr, Lauren Houfek, Kallie Korte, Samantha Johnston, Shelby Brandenburg, Faith Weber, Kaelyn Dierman, Katie Nelson

Freshmen Volleyball



First Row: Vijay Wernhoff, Regan Sucha, Makenna Svehla, Sophie Palmer, Stephanie Hoenk, Kyanne Casperson
Second Row: Coach Julie Blaser, Callie Backman, Kate Maguire, Grace Mustard, Berlin Kluever, Chloe Walker, Audrey Sprunk, Halle Langan

Junior Varsity Volleyball



First Row: Este Lesiak, Tanley Miller, Olivia Klug, Shelby Bridger, Clarissa Kosch
Second Row: Coach Bree Ackermann, Camille Pelan, Kaira Dallman, Anna Ehlers, Janae Rusher, Gillian Brandt, Kamryn Chohn, coach Melanie Mimick

7th Grade Football



First Row: Jude Maguire, Mason Gonka, Kaden Backman, Jackson Heng, Eli Kreikemeier
Second Row: Rudy Brunkhorst, David DeLeon, Joshua Bixenmann, Caleb Schumacher, Evan Kiene
Third Row: Logan Erickson, Spencer Wittwer, Frank Fehringer, Cooper Greisen, Luke Chard, Haden Brabec

8th Grade Football



First Row: Nicholas Zoucha, Bryce Follette, Ted Fehringer, Alex Ferguson, Mason Roberts, Alex Zoucha, Sebastian Duran
Second Row: Samuel Meyer, Jamison Kush, Eli Jarecke, Blake Wernhoff, Isaac Carstens, Trenton Cielocha, Alex Long
Third Row: Brennen Jelinek, Bohden Jedlicka, Izic Pillen, Carter Filipi, Jack Faust, Cameron Houfek

Varsity Volleyball



First Row: Mira Liebig, Camille Pelan, Emma Brandt
Second Row: Kamryn Chohon, Blaney Dreifurst, Emily Stutzman, Rachael Lam, Julia Salerno, Chloe Odbert, Gillian Brandt
Third Row: Head coach Janet Tooley, Courtney Kosch, Anna Ehlers, Janae Rusher, Abbie Zoucha, Amber Buhman, Bailey Lehr, Lauren Ostdiek, assistant coaches Bree Ackermann, Melanie Mimick

Cheerleading



First Row: Allie Baumert, Haylee Cielocha, Alli Demuth, Makenna Sveha, Jaelyn Podolak, Eden Broberg
Second Row: Brea Lassek, Rebekah Hergott, Shelby Bridger, Jayden Heng, Kendra Korger, Kelsey Faust, Liza Zaruba
Third Row: Kaira Dallman, Ashley Steiner, Julia Salerno, Camille Cox, Mattie Johnson, Kate Smith, Tanley Miller

Varsity Football



First Row: Tyler Wurtz, Zack Beiermann, Caden Pelan, Grant Shanle, Abram Perault, Evan Silva, Braden Labenz
Second Row: Ball boy Mason Gonka, Emmitt Broberg, Brock Clarke, Josh Faust, Brennan Frewing, Zane Beiermann, Kade Wiese, Grant Neville, Jake Heesacker, Nick Taylor, Landyn Maschmeier, Chance Bailey, ball boy Michael Krienke
Third Row: Ball boy Cohen Pelan, Nolan Fleming, Matthew Dolezal, Devon Borchers, Eric Mustard, Tim Ehlers, Trenton Hamling, Evan Hand, Seth VunCannon, Nicholas Ehlers, Luke Przymus, Tyler Cline, ball boy Nick Fleming
Forth Row: Bryce Foreman, Rylie Eickmeier, Sebastien Fritz, Shayden Lundstrom, Benjamin Kamrath, Justin Sliva, Tim Sliva, Carson Czarnick, Alex Novicki, Simon Schumacher
Fifth Row: Jordan Skipton, Kaleb Wiese, Levi Robertson, Ryan Brandenburg, Garrett Oakley, Nicolas Schultz, Dalton Borchers, Austin O'Kane, Tyler Palmer
Sixth Row: Head coach Tyler Linder, assistant coaches Cameron Jakub, Randy Jakubowski, Zach McPhillips, Roger Krienke, Tanner Johnson, Jay Pelan, Jim Rawhouser, Chad Gonka

7th Grade Girls' Basketball



First Row: Alexandra Chavez, Kirsten Sucha, Josie Sliva, Neve Pavlik, Kensey Micek, Caitee Hutchinson, Ella Broberg
Second Row: Coach Pam Perault, Addison Schoenfelder, Isabel Zaruba, Ashlee Leffers, Tori Dush, Rylie Jarecki, Joanna Rusher, Nicole Peterson, coach Brett Rusher

7th Grade Boys' Basketball



First Row: Mason Puntney, Nicklaus Fleming, Mason Gonka, Kaden Backman, Jackson Heng, Rudy Brunkhorst, Jude Maguire
Second Row: Luke Chard, Eli Kreikemeier, Max Lancaster, Manuel Caballero, Luke Thomazin, Evan Kiene, Kamren Kudron, coach Zach McPhillips

8th Grade Girls' Basketball



First Row: Maria Aydt, Ashley Hoffman, Lindsay Ohnoutka, Shelby Brandenburg, Whitney Klug, Faith Weber, Kaelyn Dierman, Maysa Kuhl
Second Row: Coach Joe Schoenfelder, Libbie Brezenski, Claire Rickert, Alyssa Hiemer, Ella Nahorny, Hailey Steffensmeier, Emma Lindhorst, Brooke Lehr, Katie Nelsen, Samantha Johnston, Gabbi Young, coach Rusty Kuhl

8th Grade Boys' Basketball



First Row: Bohden Jedlicka, Jack Faust, Blake Wemhoff, Mason Roberts, Alex Zoucha, Nicholas Zoucha, Cameron Houfek
Second Row: Coach Denny Sliva, Izic Pillen, Owen Rother, Brennen Jelinek, Carter Filipi, Trenton Cielocha, Alex Ferguson, coach Joe Schoenfelder

Freshmen Girls' Basketball



First Row: Liz Adamy, Lin Jurarut, Regan Sucha, Makenna Svehla
Second Row: Kate Maguire, Grace Mustard, Chloe Walker

Freshmen Boys' Basketball



First Row: Chance Bailey
Second Row: Calder Obal, Luke Przymus, Zane Beiermann, Nolan Fleming
Third Row: Devon Borchers, Carson Czarnick, Garrett Oakley, Shayden Lundstrom, Seth VunCannon

JV Girls' Basketball



First Row: Clarissa Kosch, Ava Kuhl, Makenna Svehia
Second Row: Kate Maguire, Grace Mustard, Janae Rusher, Abaigeal Aydt, Chloe Walker

JV Boys' Basketball



First Row: Shayden Lundstrom, Matthew Dolezal
Second Row: Evan Bock, Antonio Chavez, Alex Novicki, Ross Thorson, Josh Faust, Seth VunCannon, Carson Czarnick
Third Row: Dalton Borchers, Nicolas Schultz, Garrett Oakley, Jared Beaver, Connor Wiehn, Kaden Young

Varsity Girls' Basketball



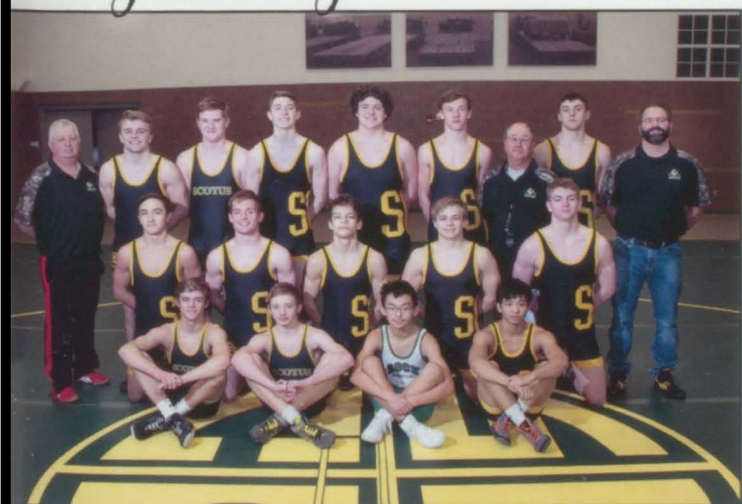
First Row: Manager Blaney Dreifurst, Ava Kuhl, Camille Pelan, Abaigeal Aydt, Kamryn Chohon, Clarissa Kosch, manager Prim Nuwong
Second Row: Head coach Jarrod Ridder, Courtney Kosch, Grace Mustard, Bailey Lehr, Amber Luhman, Janae Rusher, Chloe Odber, Abbie Zoucha, assistant coach Wade Coulter

Varsity Boys' Basketball



First Row: Josh Faust, Evan Bock, Ross Thorson
Second Row: Eric Mustard, Tyler Palmer, Caden Pelan, Kaden Young, Tyler Wurtz
Third Row: Dalton Borchers, Bryce VunCannon, Garrett Oakley, Jared Beaver, Grant Shanle, Connor Wiehn

Varsity Wrestling



First Row: Jake Heesacker, Nate Wemhoff, Tyler Cline, Daniel Tworek
Second Row: Nick Taylor, Jackson Neville, Landyn Maschmeier, Brock Clark, Evan Hand
Third Row: Coach Rex Robertson, Evan Sliva, Sebastien Fritz, Colby Gilson, Ryan Brandenburg, Riley Eickmeier, Ben Kamrath, coach DJ Brandenburg

Girls' Soccer



First Row: Managers Neleigh Sliva, Rebecca Kosch, Brooklyn Brandt
Second Row: Liz Adamy, Ava Kuhl, Halle Langan, Samantha Tonniges, Kenzie Brandenburg, Camille Pelan, Tanley Miller, Callie Backman, Stephanie Hoenk
Third Row: Head coach Kristie Brezenski, assistant coach Emily Kosch, Makryn Chohan, Courtney Kosch, Julia Salerno, Emma Brandt, Emily Stutzman, Abbie Zoucha, Kate Maguire, assistant coaches Cindy Kosch, Bridget McPhillips

Swim



First Row: Madeline Hudnall, Alex Freshour, Alexis Haynes, McKenna Mausbach, Abee Hutchinson, Jaily Jaeger
Second Row: Eliana Newbanks, Jaden Miller, Maegan Ludena, Mavzuna Rozikov
Third Row: Hley Wagoner, Maddisen Schultz, Kaira Dallman, Morgan Johansen, Emily Miksch, Liz Svatora, Ben Jacobs, Julia Davidchik
Fourth Row: Jayven Krepel, Josh Nelson, Caleb Kirkpatrick, Macy Blaser, Ethan Yang
Fifth Row: Coach Kari Wiehl, Julia Salerno, Harper Marshall, Fernando Ortiz, Roberto Castellano, Jayden Boesch, Kristy Proctor, Caitlin Hottovy, Stef Padilla
Sixth Row: Faith Willets, Konner Kudron, Gabe Moseman, Mariano Azurduey, Paige Miller

Boys' Golf



First Row: Calder Obal, Tyler Stuart, Noah Bierman, Jamison Kozak, Benjamin Kamrath
Second Row: Blake Sucha, Drew VunCannon, Nolan Fleming, Seth VunCannon, Evan Ruskamp
Third Row: Nicholas Ehlers, Cameron Johnston, Sam Blaser, Jared Beaver, Bryce VunCannon, Levi Robertson

Boys' Soccer



First Row: Tommy Yu, Tony Chavez, Adam Quinn, Ethan Wulf, Zane Beiermann, Prestyn Engel, Kade Wiese, Braden Labenz
Second Row: Chance Bailey, Devon Borchers, Carter Thorston, Henry Hernandez, Luke Bettenhausen, Inri Dimas, Tyler Vaughn, Ross Thorson, Christopher Adame-Hernandez
Third Row: Coach Clint Torczon, coach Matt Hoenk, Matthew Dolezal, Bailey Christensen, Connor Wiehn, Kaleb Wiese, Carson Czarnick, Zackary Beiermann, head coach PJ Miller

Baseball



First Row: Kolby Pelc, Aedon Eckart, Connor Dush, Cade Fullner, Eric Mustard, Sam Nelson, Evan Bock, Trey Kobza, Seth Bloomquist
Second Row: Coach Cody Schilling, coach Jordan Haas, Tyler Wessel, Derek Smejkal, Colby Gilson, Caden Pelan, Kaden Young, Brent Beard, coach Tyler Richters
Third Row: Jimmy Johnson, Cole Wilcox, Tadan Bell, Landon Thompson, CJ Fleeman, Tyler Palmer, coach John Riedmiller

Girls' Tennis



First Row: Sussan De Leon, Leslie Hernandez, Joslyn Pensick, Anna Ragonese, Brooke Benck, Alli Demuth, Jaelyn Podolak, Brooke Haynes
Second Row: Allie Baumert, Kenzie Kallweit, Macy Szatko, Keira Feehan, Sarah Massman, Melanie Jones, Allie Gotschall, Abby Loeffelholz, Gillian Brandt, Allie Mielak, Vijay Wernhoff
Third Row: Mira Liebig, Lydia Johnson, Emily Miksch, Lauren Ostdiek, Logan Kapels, Aspen Luebke, Miranda Swanson, MaKenzie Enderlin, Becca Hazlett, Jessica Reiff, Addi Duranski, Lauren Benck, coach Dave Licari

7th Grade Track



First Row: Savanna Muchmore, Ella Broberg, Serena Swiatek, Ashlee Leffers, Addison Schoenfelder, Josie Silva, Neve Pavlik, Kirsten Sucha
Second Row: Kaitlyn Fleming, Tori Dush, Kensey Micek, Rylie Jarecki, Mary Faltys, Olivia Ehlers, Joanna Rusher, Caitee Hutchinson
Third Row: Eli Kreikemeier, Nicklaus Fleming, Frank Fehringer, Jackson Heng, Mason Gonka, Kaden Backman, Haden Brabec, Alex Sucha, Jude Maguire, Caleb Schumacher
Forth Row: Kamren Kudron, Evan Kiene, Ben Schumacher, David DeLeon, Max Lancaster, Alex Medina-Perez, Mason Puntney, Gabe Gassen, Luke Thomazin, Spencer Wittwer

8th Grade Track



First Row: Shelby Brandenburg, Taylor Neville, Lily Dohmen, Brooke Lehr, Hailey Steffensmeier, Maysa Kuhl, Claire Rickert, Jasmine Jackson, Jace Nelson, Aly Wemhoff
Second Row: Ashley Hoffman, Alyssa Hiemer, Whitney Klug, Kaelyn Dierman, Lindsay Ohnoutka, Emma Lindhorst, Lauren Houfek, Libbie Brezenski, Katie Nelsen, Faith Weber, Maria Ayd
Third Row: Bryce Follette, Trenton Cielocha, Carter Filipi, Jack Faust, Eli Jarecke, Izic Pillen, Brennen Jelinek, Zach Schultz, Mason Roberts
Forth Row: Owen Rother, Mauricio Velasco, Ted Fehringer, Alex Ferguson, Sebastian Duran, Cameron Houfek, Blake Wemhoff, Mark Buhman, Bohden Jedlicka

Girls' Track



First Row: Regan Sucha, Rylie Olson, Avery Dierman, Haylee Cielocha, Kendra Korger, Makenna Svehla, Eden Broberg, Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Emily Ferguson
Second Row: Kelsey Faust, Jacey Clarey, Jayden Heng, Laine Leitschuck, Audrey Sprunk, Shelby Bridger, Clarissa Kosch, Liza Zaruba, Adriana Cielocha-Carreto, Michaela Kresha
Third Row: Coach Janet Tooley, Grace Mustard, coach Danielle Bender, Mattie Johnson, coach Roger Krienke, Abaigeal Ayd, Berlin Kluever, Anna Ehlers, Amber Buhman, Janae Rusher, Bailey Lehr, Chloe Odbert, Kate Smith, coach Josh Spenner, Olivia Fehringer, coach Joe Schoenfelder, coach Betsy Rall

Boys' Track



First Row: Benjamin Juarez Mendez, Jake Heesacker, Brennan Frewing, Ben Merrill, Isaac Ostdiek, Luke Przymus, Joel Schumacher, Lyndon Obal
Second Row: Emmitt Broberg, Tim Ehlers, Simon Schumacher, Konner Kudron, Nathan Schumacher, Elliott Thomazin, Trenton Hamling, Michael Gasper, Tyler Stuart
Third Row: Coach Danielle Bender, coach Janet Tooley, coach Roger Krienke, Caleb Kosch, Tim Silva, Cole Demuth, Grant Shanle, Abe Perault, Nicolas Schultz, Justin Silva, Benjamin Kamrath, coach Josh Spenner, Sebastien Fritz, coach Joe Schoenfelder, coach Betsy Rall

Yearbook



First Row: Hallie Parker, Kelsey Faust, Blaney Dreifurst, Rylie Olson, Haylee Cielocha, Courtney Kosch
Second Row: Abbie Zoucha, Emily Stutzman, Emma Brandt, Kendra Korger, Amber Buhman

Campus Ministry



First Row: Bryce VunCannon, Isaac Ostdiek, Hannah Allen, Julia Pichler, Hallie Parker, Mattie Johnson, Elliott Thomazin, Abram Perault
Second Row: Advisor Kelly Koranda, Patrick Herchenbach, Lauren Ostdiek, Brea Lassek, Chloe Odbert, Dalton Borchers, Emmitt Brobler, Janae Rusher
Third Row: Emily Ferguson, Simon Pichler, Janae Rusher, Clarissa Kosch, Abaigeal Aydt

Newspaper



First Row: Chloe Odbert, Brea Lassek, Kate Smith, Jaycee Ternus, Liza Zaruba
Second Row: Mariana Valdez Ortiz, Callan Fuchser, Cameron Johnston, Abram Perault, Elliott Thomazin, Julia Salerno, Tara Kamrath

Student Council



First Row: Drew Zaruba, Caden Pelan, Mira Liebig, Hallie Parker, Julia Pichler, Nathan Schumacher, Elliott Thomazin
Second Row: Advisor Joan Lahm, Kyle Hiemer, Lauren Ostdiek, Drew VunCannon, Connor Wiehn, Rachael Lam, Brea Lassek, Liza Zaruba
Third Row: Clarissa Kosch, Janae Rusher, Camille Pelan, Maddie Blaser, Shelby Bridger, Josh Faust, Kade Wiese
Fourth Row: Grace Mustard, Ruby Martinez, Eden Broberg, Alaina Dierman, Gavin Brabec, Luke Przymus, Christopher Adame-Hernandez

Flags



First Row: Cassie Kouma, Gwendolyn Stachura
Second Row: Molly Carstens
Third Row: McKenna Hoefer, Keira Feehan, Laine Leitschuck, Jaycee Ternus
Fourth Row: Madison Wittwer, Berlin Kluever, MaKenzie Enderlin, Anna Ehlers, Hannah Allen

FBLA



First Row: Advisor Patti Salyard, Camille Pelan, Cassie Kouma, Gavin Brabec, Mira Liebig, Hallie Parker, Patrick Herchenbach, Tyler Wurtz, Lizzie Parker, Emily Ferguson, advisor Alison Timoney
Second Row: Gillian Brandt, McKenna Mausbach, Josh Styskal, Debanhi Adame-Hernandez, Christina Oakley, Christopher Adame-Hernandez, Julia Pichler, Maddie Blaser, Kyanne Casperson, Abee Hutchinson, Hannah Pflum
Third Row: Cole Demuth, Abaigeal Aydt, Abigail Stuart, Alaina Dierman, Emiliano Rodriguez, Dominic McPhillips, Simon Pichler, Jesse Dreifurst, Payton Schroeder, Tyler Stuart
Fourth Row: Allie Baumert, Avery Dierman, Caitee Hutchinson, Kaitlyn Fleming, Bryce Follette, Kamren Kudron, Haden Brabec, Eli Kreikemeier, Evan Kiene, Benjamin Schumacher, Noah Bierman

Spring Play



First Row: Advisor Clyde Ericson, Nathan King, Maddie Blaser, Isaac Ostdiek, Roxanne Beshaler, Gavin Brabec, Elliott Thomazin, Clarissa Kosch, Keira Feehan, Josh Kratochvil
Second Row: Director Julia Pichler, director Patrick Herchenbach, Hannah Allen, Mattie Johnson, Levi Robertson, Abee Hutchinson, Kyanne Casperson, Regan Sucha, Simon Pichler, Camille Cox

Speech



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Fifth Row: Josh Styskal, Brennan Frewing, Tyler Wurtz, Anna Ehlers, Michael Gasper, Nathan King, Jack Ryan, Henry Hernandez, Blake Sucha, Isaac Ostdiek
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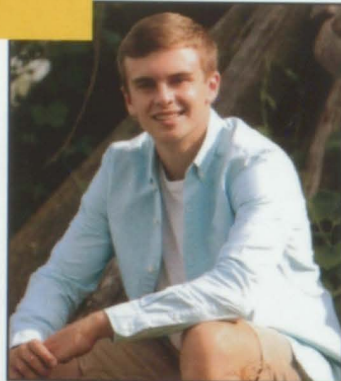


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Third Row: Owen Rother, Luke Chard, Katie Nelsen, Luke Thomazin, Ted Fehring, Benjamin Schumacher, Mason Gonka, Maysa Kuhl, Hailey Steffensmeier, Lindsay Ohnoutka, Isaac Carstens, Erick Dimas
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Grant,

The memories from our sweet little boy to a strong, funny, caring, smart young man. Your journey will have its ups and downs and we are blessed God chose us to be apart of it. The things you have accomplished have brought us great joy. We are so proud of you!

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Emily,

We are so proud of the strong, confident, young lady you have become. We wish you the best on the next chapter of your life.

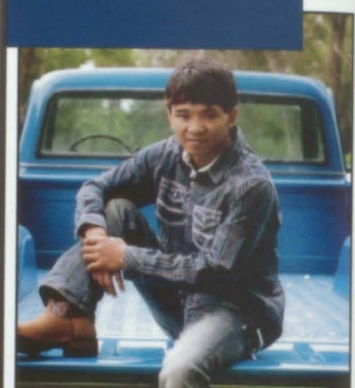
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Daniel,

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Keep reaching for your dreams and God will show you the way. We love you.

Love Mom, Dad, Nathan, and Noah



Bailey,

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments! You are so sweet and special, and you can achieve anything you want in life! Keep working hard for it and carry Jesus and your awesome smile with you wherever you go.

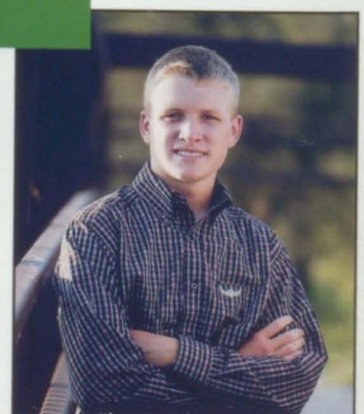
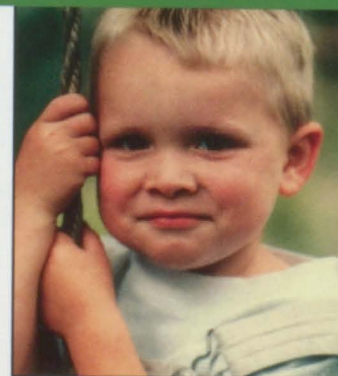
We *Love* you, Mom, Dad, Walker, Calvin, and Brooke



Cameron,

We are so proud of the mature and responsible person you have become. We are excited to see what the future holds for you. Thank you for the joy you have brought to our lives.

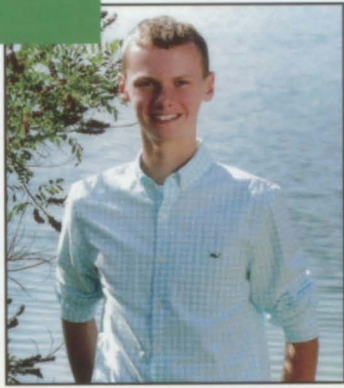
Love Mom, Dad, Brandon and Samantha



Nathan,

We have watched as you have grown into the person you are today, and we're watching with great anticipation to see what you will become. With your talent and determination and with God's help, the sky is the limit. We are very proud of you.
May God bless you.

We *Love* you, Mom, Dad, and Sarah



Hannah,

We are so proud of you. You are beautiful inside and out! Love you more than you will ever know.

Love Mom and Dad



Braden,

You have grown into a fine young man and we are truly blessed to call you our son. As you begin your next chapter in life, remember to keep your faith in God and always believe in yourself. We are proud of you, we love you, and wish you much success and happiness!

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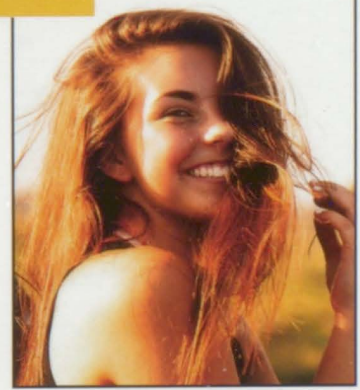
****Don't let the world change your smile,
let your smile change the world!****



Kendra,

It is hard to believe that in a few short months you will be graduating and on your way to college. We are so proud of the amazing young woman you have become. You are beautiful inside and out, and you are one of the biggest blessings in our lives. We love you more than you can know, Kenny!

Love Mom, Dad, and Chase



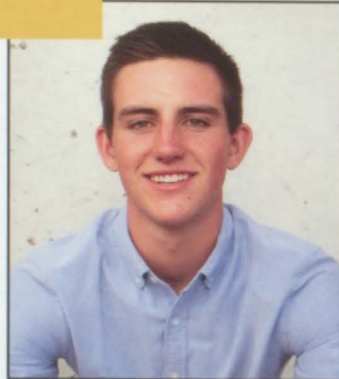
Caden,

You have just completed a very important and successful chapter in your life. Now you will start your next important journey that will be even more fun, exciting, and challenging than the previous.

Continue to work hard, stay motivated, and keep your eye on all the success that is waiting for you when you are done. Congratulations on all you have accomplished. You have a bright future ahead!

We are so proud!

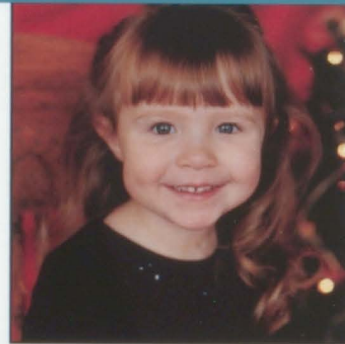
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Blaney,

Congratulations Blaney! We are proud of your strength, determination, and accomplishments. Enjoy every minute of the next chapter. Love you Binx!

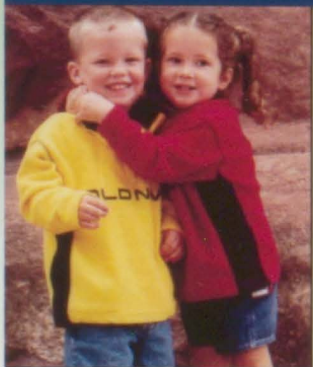
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Courtney and Caleb,

Your faith in God will lead you in the right path.
Your love for life will be never ending and your smiles will brighten everyday.
Love you forever and always.

Love Mom, Emily, Anthony,
Rebecca, and Dad in Heaven



Mattie,

We knew you were a character since you were little!!
Thanks for being you! You will always be the Queen to us!

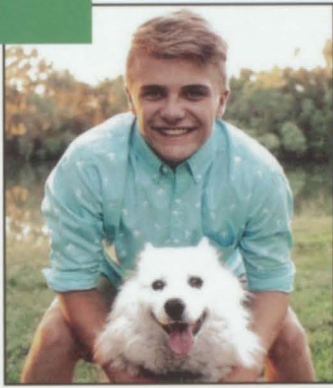
Love Dad, Mom, and the Gang!



Evan,

We are excited for your next journey in life and know with hard work and determination you will be successful. You will always hold a special place in our hearts. We love you more than life! Remember to always keep the faith!

Love Mom, Dad, and Neleigh



Jaden,

We are so proud of the determined, beautiful, strong young woman you have become. We are so excited to share the next chapter in your life and always know the sky is the limit on what you can do and what you will do!

Love Mom and Kelly



Jules,

God truly blessed us when he chose us to be your parents, and we are forever thankful. We are incredibly proud of the young woman you are becoming and are beyond excited to see where your future takes you. Your passion for life and strong faith continue to amaze us. Remember to always take God with you wherever you go and always Stand True. Copper Boom!

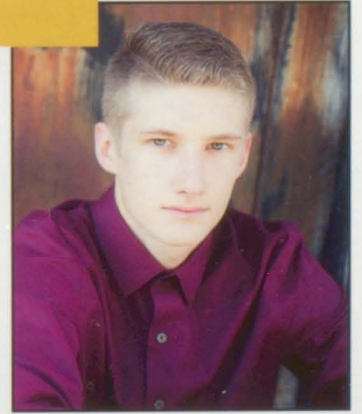
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Sam,

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and the young man you have become! You are kind, thoughtful, and good-hearted, and now the rest of the world gets to see what we have come to love. We know that your strong faith and love of Christ will guide you as you begin your next journey. Enjoy every moment!

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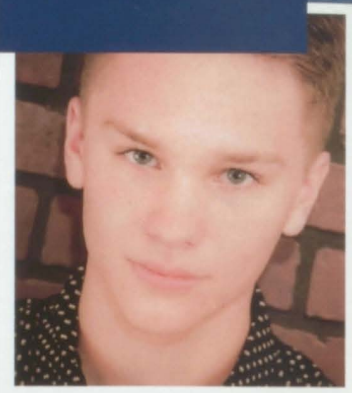
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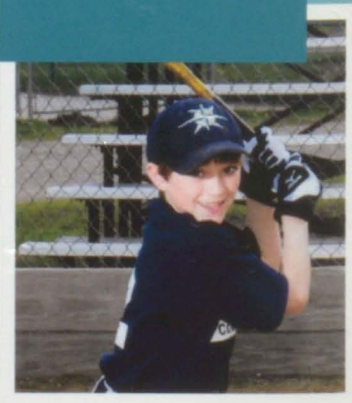
Love Mom, Dad, Keaton, and Kamren



Colby,

From the little boy always with a smile, to the wonderful young man you have become, you are such a blessing in our lives. We are so excited to see what the future holds for you. May God continue to guide you along your journey!

Love Mom, Dad, Morgan Jake, and Riley



Kelsey,

We are so proud of the amazing young woman you have become. Thanks for all the joy you bring to our lives! May God continue to bless you and lead the way through your bright future. We love you, Special K!

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Love Mom, Dad, Jenna,
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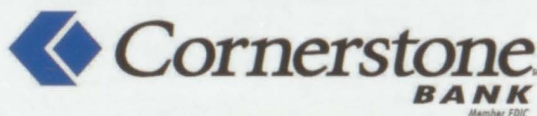
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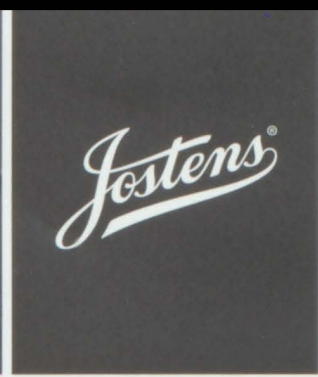
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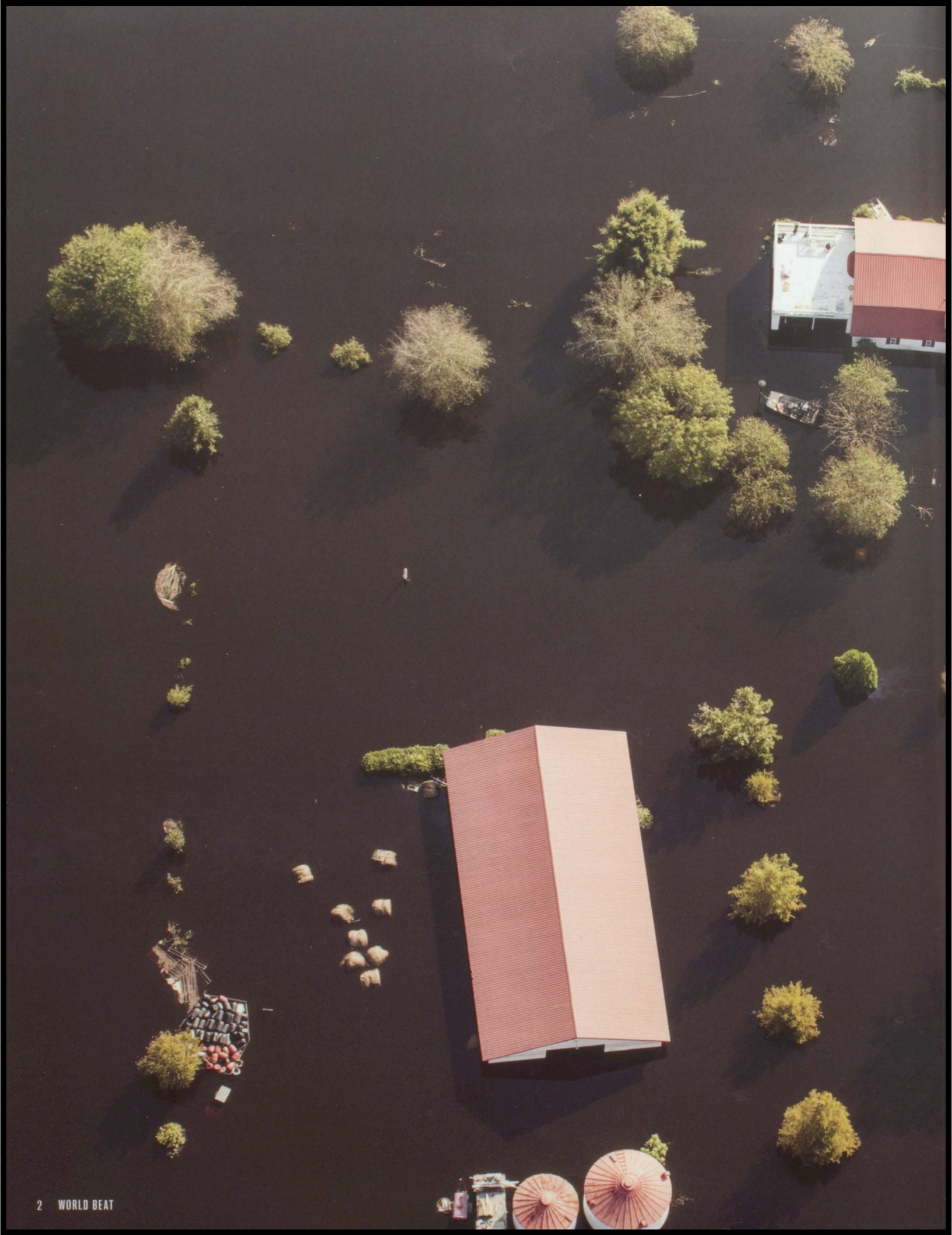


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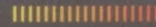


THIS YEAR'S TOP HEADLINES IN SPORTS, TECHNOLOGY, MUSIC, MOVIES AND POP TRENDS



An aerial photograph showing a large area of dark water, likely a flooded field or coastal area. In the upper left, a large red building with a white roof is partially submerged. Scattered throughout the water are numerous trees of various sizes and colors, some appearing green and others brown or yellow, suggesting damage or different species. The overall scene conveys a sense of environmental impact and flooding.

WEATHER TO REMEMBER



This year's weather was nothing short of extreme as major earthquakes and Kilauea volcano eruptions shake Hawaii, colossal hurricanes Florence and Michael hit the Southeastern coast and massive wildfires span over 1.9 million acres in the West.



ROYAL MILESTONES



Following their marriage in May 2018, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex (Prince Harry and Ms. Meghan Markle) announce that the Duchess of Sussex is expecting their first child in Spring 2019.



SOCIAL CLIMBER

A small female raccoon, nicknamed the "MPR Raccoon" by the first news outlet to report on the story (Minnesota Public Radio), scales all 25 stories of the UBS Plaza building in downtown St. Paul, MN. The #mpraccoon becomes an instant internet celebrity with photos from viewers tracking the raccoon's journey posted all over social media. The daredevil raccoon is safely captured and released.



END OF ESSAYS

All 8 U.S. Ivy League colleges and universities drop their ACT/SAT essay requirements in an effort to break down barriers in the application process for low-income students. There are now just 21 schools that still require the essay portion of the ACT or SAT.





SAY GOODBYE TO PLASTIC STRAWS

Starbucks, the largest coffee chain in the world, will eliminate plastic straws globally by 2020. Straws will be replaced by recyclable strawless lids and alternative-material straw options, eliminating over 1 billion plastic straws per year from Starbucks stores alone.

SHOWCASED ART SHRED

England-based artist Banksy's painting titled *Girl with Balloon* shreds itself after \$1.4 million sale at the Sotheby art gallery auction in London on October 13th, 2018. A shredding mechanism housed inside the artwork frame activates after the sale, stunning onlookers.

The highest bidder still proceeds with the purchase of the artwork, now titled *Love is in the Bin*.





↑ BYE-BYE BEETLE

Volkswagen will stop global production of their iconic Beetle car in July 2019. "The Bug," with its instantly recognizable body shape, is a symbol of the 1960s counterculture movement and is featured in numerous movies and artworks worldwide.

↓ LATEST LAUNCH

NASA names 9 astronauts who will fly the first crewed launch to the International Space Station from U.S. soil since the shuttle program ended in 2011. Astronauts will be aboard Boeing's CST-100 Starliner and SpaceX's Crew Dragon for test flights at the end of 2018 to early spring of 2019, with missions beginning in summer 2019.

A WHOLE NEW WATER WORLD

The world's first virtual reality water slide, The Space Glider, opens at Galaxy Erding water park in South Germany. The 35-second, 520-foot water ride has each rider wear a water-friendly headset to experience virtual roller coaster rides in environments such as space, sky or snow.





RECORD BREAKING BROOKS

Brooks Koepka takes home the trophy and sets a PGA Championship record with his 72-hole total of 264 at the 100th PGA Championship held at Bellerive Country Club in Town and Country, Michigan.



↑ FAST TRACK TO FIRST

Desiree "Desi" Linden becomes the first American woman in 33 years to win the Boston Marathon.

↓ RECORD SETTING SUPERBOWL

The New England Patriots achieve a sixth Super Bowl title, defeating the Los Angeles Rams 13-3 in the lowest-scoring Super Bowl on record. This is the Patriots' eleventh Super Bowl appearance, with quarterback Tom Brady breaking several records including most Super Bowls played (9) and most Super Bowls won (6).



↑ WORLD SERIES

The Boston Red Sox defeat the LA Dodgers 5-1 in game 5 to become the 2018 World Series Champions.



↑ ALL-AROUND ATHLETE

Gymnast Simone Biles wins her fifth all-around title at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships in August 2018. She is the first woman to win five all-around U.S. National championships, claiming every title from 2013-16.



↑ MATCH MADNESS

Naomi Osaka, 20, defeats Serena Williams, 36, in her first Grand Slam title. Serena is also fined by the referee for receiving coaching during the match as well as for arguing about the referee call.

WORLD CUP WIN

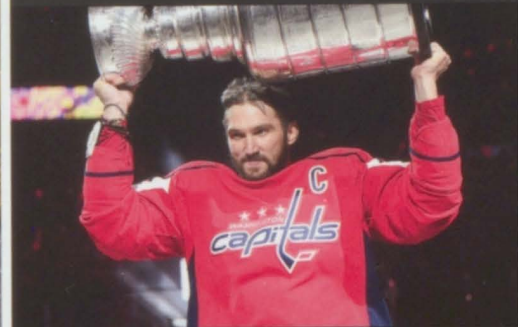
France defeats Croatia 4-2 in the final match of the 2018 FIFA World Cup. This is France's second World Cup title, won exactly 20 years after their first victory in 1998.



FAN FAVORITES



2018 ESPY BEST FEMALE ATHLETE
Snowboarder Chloe Kim, gold medalist in the 2018 Olympic Winter Games.



2018 ESPY BEST MALE ATHLETE
Alex Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals, 2018 Stanley Cup Champions.



TIGER TRIUMPH
The Clemson Tigers defeat the #1 ranked Alabama Crimson Tide 44-16 in the NCAA College Football Championships.



UNITED IN VICTORY
Atlanta United defeats the Portland Timbers 2-0 in the 2018 MLS Cup.

AWESOME APPLE



Apple® is the first publicly-traded company to be valued at \$1 trillion. The latest Apple iPhone® debuts include the iPhone Xr, Xs and the Xs Max, which are the most expensive models yet.



TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION

Major cities introduce highly successful motorized scooters that bring competition to existing ride-sharing transportation methods such as Lyft and Uber.



PLASTIC PROJECT

A massive net deploys in the Pacific Ocean to gather plastic in an Ocean Cleanup effort. The creators of the project estimate the system can remove 90 percent of the plastic in its designated area by 2040.



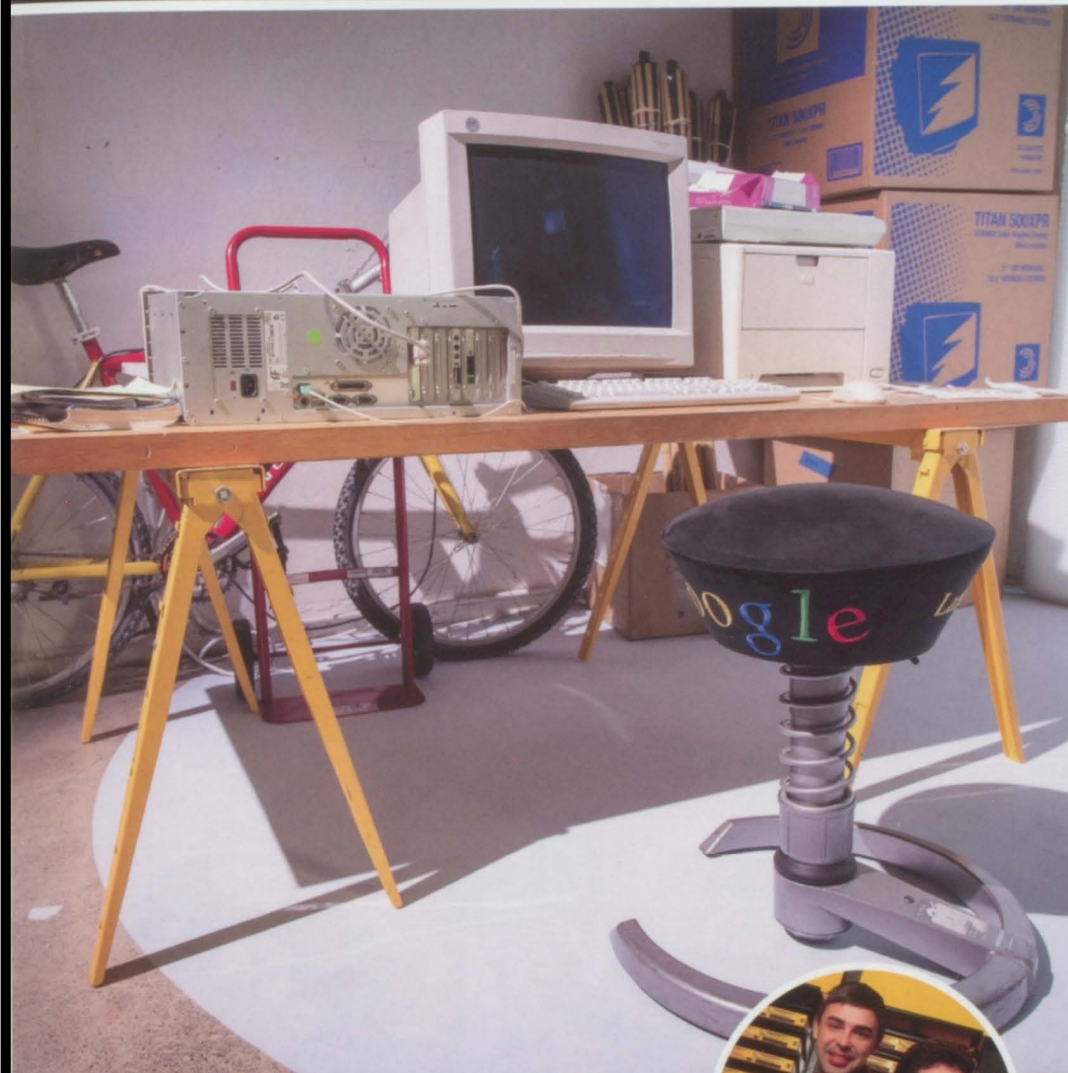
SPEED IN SPACE

Retired Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt tests his speed in a simulated zero-gravity airplane, defeating two astronauts in a space race.



DRAMATIC DISCOVERIES

Scientists James Allison and Tasuku Honjo receive the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine, recognizing their advancements in harnessing and manipulating the immune system to fight cancer.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GOOGLE

The search engine Google celebrates 20 years with a doodle recreation of the first Google office (in collaborator Susan Wojcicki's Menlo Park garage), popular search topics from the past and other various commemorations.



↓ MARVEL COMICS VISIONARY

Stan Lee, the Marvel Comics leader who helped create a new era of superhero storytelling, passes away at age 95. Lee influenced the creation of humanized superheroes with their own unique personalities. Spider-Man, X-Men, the Avengers, The Fantastic Four and Black Panther are just some of the many leading hero characters he brought to life.

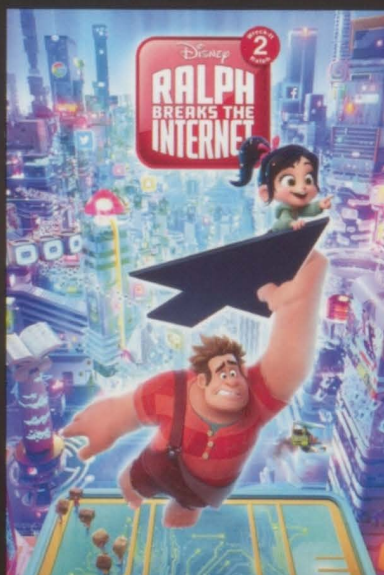


↑ FILM FANATICS REJOICE

The dreams of film buffs come true with the rapid rise of movie ticket subscription services like Movie Pass, Sinemia and Stubs A-List from AMC.

HEROES OF THE BIG SCREEN

- Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
- Ralph Breaks the Internet
- Incredibles 2





BIG BANG ENDS

The 12th season will be the last for the sitcom *Big Bang Theory*. The last episode of the series airs May 2019.

TOP RADIO SONG OF 2018:

"Perfect" by Ed Sheeran



↑ QUEEN OF SOUL

Aretha Franklin, known worldwide as the "Queen of Soul," dies at age 76 from pancreatic cancer. Artists such as Ariana Grande, Jennifer Hudson and Chaka Khan perform tributes during her eight-hour funeral service.

→ RICH OPENING

Romantic comedy *Crazy Rich Asians* is the first major U.S. studio release with an all-Asian cast since 1993's *The Joy Luck Club*. Opening U.S. weekend box office totals reach \$26.5 million, marking the best debut for a U.S. romantic comedy since *Trainwreck* in 2015.



CLASS OF 2018



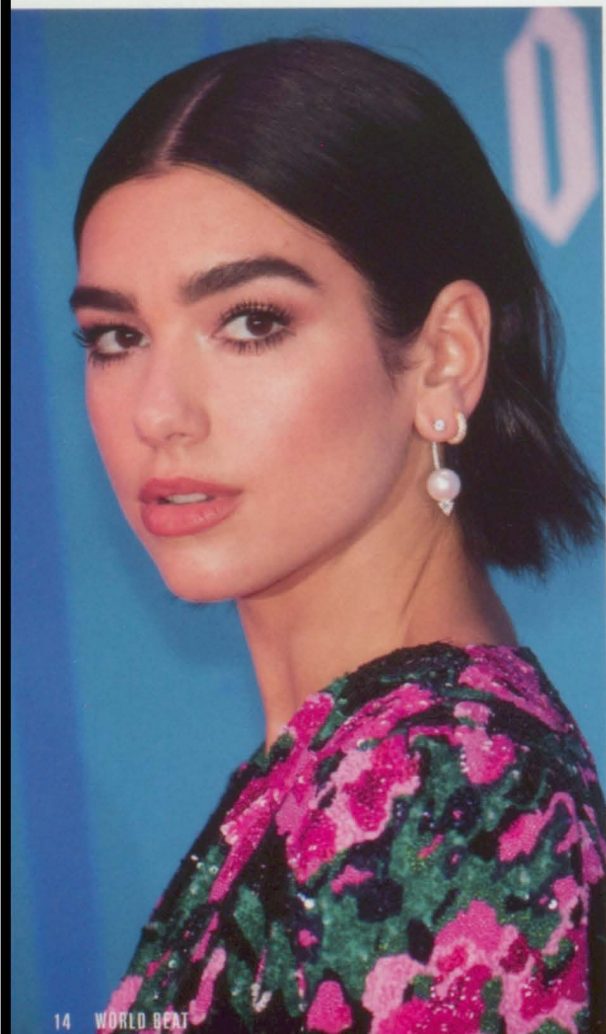
COUNTRY CROSSOVER

Country singer Maren Morris has a successful 2018 with her song collaboration with Zedd and Grey, "The Middle," helps earn her first Top 10 hit on the Billboard Hot 100. Morris also receives five Grammy nominations, three alone for "The Middle" including Song of the Year, Record of the Year, and Best Pop Duo/Group Performance.



NEW RULES NUMBER 1

Dua Lipa has a record breaking year with her No. 1 hit "New Rules." The track hits one billion views on YouTube and on the Billboard Pop Songs chart. Dua Lipa wins 5 BRIT awards and breaks the record for most BRIT award nominations. "New Rules" is also Warner Brothers' first No. 1 pop song by a female artist since Madonna's "Take a Bow" 23 years ago.



AWARD WINNING LEGEND

John Legend wins an Emmy for Best Variety Special, becoming one of the youngest EGOT winners in history. EGOT stands for the four largest awards in the entertainment industry: Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony. Legend is also the first African American man to achieve the EGOT title.

TEEN CHOICE AWARDS



TEEN CHOICE FEMALE ARTIST

Former Fifth Harmony member Camila Cabello, won Choice Song by a Female Artist, for "Havana."



TEEN CHOICE MALE ARTIST

Former One Direction member and solo artist Louis Tomlinson.



TEEN CHOICE BREAKOUT TV STAR

Vanessa Morgan for her role in the teen drama television series *Riverdale*.



TEEN CHOICE BREAKOUT TV SHOW

The Netflix teen comedy series *On My Block*.



BIGGEST BREAKOUT

Letitia Wright becomes one of the biggest breakout stars of 2018 through her role as Shuri in Marvel's *Black Panther*. Wright is also nominated for a supporting actress Emmy for her performance in the *Black Mirror* Netflix series episode, "Black Museum."



↑ HARVARD GRAD HIT

Brynn Elliott, a Harvard graduate who wants to share her experiences and studies through pop music, releases her first extended play record. Her song, "Might Not Like Me" becomes an instant radio hit.



↑ LEADING LAUV

Lauv spends 10 weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Emerging Artists chart. His song, "I Like Me Better" holds the longest run in history to reach the Top 10 on Billboard's Pop Songs radio airplay chart at 35 weeks.



FORTNITE FRENZY

Fortnite: Battle Royale, Epic Game's free-to-play video game, dominates the game streaming market, making \$1 billion through optional in-app purchases and avatar customizations.



COOKIE CRAVINGS

Unique Oreo cookie flavors continue to debut and fly off of store shelves. New flavors such as chocolate peanut butter pie, strawberry shortcake, pistachio, carrot cake and extra stuffed filling are just a few of the new fun flavors.



FLOSSING IS COOL

Move over Dabbing, the Floss is the new popular dance move! Flossing gains fame with performances by The Backpack Kid on *Saturday Night Live* and in Katy Perry's *Swish Swish* music video.

SLOW YOUR ROLL

Rolled Ice Cream, which first gains popularity in Thailand, becomes a top treat in the US.



ROCKIN RETRO

Retro is in and the 90s are back! Classic sneakers, plaid flannels and concert tees are seen trending as so cool for school.



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