









TRAVELING THROUGH MIGH SCHOOL



Freshmen start to learn the rules of driving in Safety Ed class.

All Sophomores have to take English 10 and read All Quiet on the Western Front.



Freshmen enjoy their first year in the high school. They show their freshmen pride by wearing red during Homecoming Week.



Students sit by the "Sophomore Wall".



Seniors are the oldest in the school and get to wear all black.

Each grade has its own unique privileges and characteristics. Students have required classes that they have to take each year. Traveling through each grade is a very exciting journey.

Junior girls get to participate in powderpuff.





Seniors Brant Douville and Paula Hilgers look for many scholarships to help pay for college next year.





Junior Adam Erickson studies for the ACT test.

TRAVELING IN STYLE

In a school of over 600 people, there are 600 different fashion statements. Clothing and accessories allow people to show off their unique style and individuality.



Above: Courtney Dammann relaxes at school in her comfortable atire.

Below: Estelle Denbrook, Jake Bongard, Jake Condon, Joe Morimoto,' Nate Waldvogel, and Katelyn Waletich wear buttoned up shirts.







Above: Anna Overson, Jackie Jensen, Megan Fredericksen, Misti Hecksel Read, Kate Stuewe, and Jennifer Bostic have very long hair. Above Middle: Amanda Gaddo wears a bohemian necklace.



Left: Tim Storms, Chelsea Rice, and Logan Weiland wear their favorite band t-shirts.

Below: Chin Ratsabouth, Kyle Wickenhauser, and Mike Clemensen wear hooded sweatshirts.





Above: Megan Bybee and Landon Rochat-Boeser show off their punk rock style. Middle Right: Katie Hedstrom, Sofie Crosby, and Megan Sipper love small handbags.

Right: Pat Deering, Dan Held, and Jordan Peters have long curly hair.



Mow WE TRAVEL

The high school parking lot is filled with many different tyes of transportation. Different types of vehicles flood into the parking lot, bicycles are locked up by the entrance of the school, the sound of school buses dropping off kids is overpowering in the morning. Whether it is riding on the bus, walking, or driving a car, everyone travels to school to get a great education.

Below: Sara Kelzer sits in her family's semi truck.





Right: Jacob Rajewsky rides his bike to school.

Middle Right: Zachary Gatheridge waits for one of his parents to pick him up after school.

Above: Katie Braun rides a tractor on her farm.









Left: Cody Krause drives his motorcycle to school.





Middle Left: Mr. Bettcher regulates Travis Melchert driving techniques in behind the wheel. Left: Many students ride the bus after school. Above: Mackenzie Collins rides on a motorized scooter in her neighborhood. Below: Joe Morimoto and Mallory Hanson dress as their favorite *Chicago* characters on Hollywood Day. **Right:** Christina Forsythe, Samantha Foust, Kellie Hoen, and Toni Mochinski are ready for a nap on Pajama Day.





Below: Claudia Tristan colors her hair purple and gold for Spirit Day.





Above: Evan Butteris, Craig Boll, Joe Timm, Sam Cousin, Danny Kelzer, Kevin Ebert, and Michael Hennen wear their favorite college gear. Middle Right: Amber Storms, Darby Steiner, and Katie Morimoto show off their spirit wear. Right: Several girls wear red to show their freshmen pride.



Below: Juniors wear all white on Class Color Day.

WILDCAT SPIRIT SHINES

For one week in the year, high school students get to participate in Spirit Week festivities. This is when students can dress up crazy, soak the teachers in a dunk tank, and show school spirit.

The different dress up days were a success. Monday was Class Color Day. The seniors wore black, juniors wore white, sophomores wore blue, and freshmen wore red. That night, the seniors dominated the juniors in the powderpuff game (but they actually tied). After the game, was the newly named activities night, Fiesta Night. At Fiesta Night, students had the

opportunity to soak their teachers in a dunk tank. Tuesday was Celebrity Day. Students were allowed to dress like their favorite movie star or character. Wednesday was Pajama Day. Everyone got to get straight out of bed and go to school. On Thursday, students wore college clothing where they got to show off their favorite college. To end the week, students wore their purple and gold to show off their wildcat pride.

Although the festivities only lasted a week, it was filled with excitement and spirit the whole way through.







Bottom Right: Senior girls are ready to beat the juniors at the powderpuff game.



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A VICTORIOUS MOMECOMING

Homecoming 2003 was a great success. The week kicked off with the pep fest. There was a Jell-O eating contest and musical chairs played by all the sport team captains.

The week was ended with coronation. This year the musical entertainment was performed by: Toni Mochinski, Anna Overson, Jenn Bostic, Ben Timm, Reid Larsen, Simon Gustafson, Justin Rosckes and Brady Gibbs. After the votes were in and counted, Matt Polding and Jenna Ely became the king and queen.

The football game topped the great week. Dassel Cokato tried to damper our school spirit but the Wildcats played hard, and demolished the Dragons by a score of 42-14.





Below: Johnny Johnson cheers on the team by painting himself purple and gold and waving the school flag.



Right: The parents of the football team go onto the field before the Homecoming game. Above: The crowd cheers after a touchdown.





Right: Matt Polding and Jenna Ely become the king and queen of Homecoming 2003.

Below: Amanda Randt and Katie Morimoto cheer for the football team at the game.



HOMECOMING COURT:

Back- Nick Hentges, Eli Pieper, Patrick Timmers, Ben Smothers, Dan Sandberg, Justin Reitsma, Scott Plocher, Jerad Spike. Middle-Shayanne Roth, Matt Polding, Jenna Ely, Jackie Jensen, Christine Kim. Front- Suze Harvat, Jenn Bostic, Cortney Bongard, Kaylee Rasmussen. Above Right: The junior class won the jello eating contest at the pep fest.





Commanders

Alex Krukowski Sonja Ellingson Mallory Hanson Megan Fredericksen

AM Squad

Camille Moore Kaley Peters John Bakke Amanda Pederson Anna Ayers Looby Matt Schilling Colin Faust Amanda Corson Joe Timm Jessica Krautbauer Kelsey Goergen

Colorguard

Tatjana Becker Jamie Asp Katie Clinch Amanda Dingwall Kristina Domjahn Chelsea Engstrom Bethany Wall Tasha Lindeman Scott Connor Janell Anderson Kayla DeBoer Melissa Ruscher Tara Niebeling Anna Hedstrom Jackie Salden Britany Perkins Andrea lones Amanda Mortensen Sarah Boughton

Lindsey Samuelson

Flute Stephanie Bruesehoff Samantha Foust Amanda Hecksel-Read Carly Moore Julie Neborak Anna Overson Cherie Seaman Jenna Taylor Courtney Wallace Laura Grangaard Lauren Hackbarth Claire Selveson Chrissi Nelson Rianna Segener

Clarinet

Christine Anderson Kathryn Hilliard Samantha Konrardy Kari Luce Jessica Mathwig Kate Munson Mallory O'Neil Katelyn Larkin Lindsay Fishbach Ali Klason Ashlee Hackbarth Ashley Hagman Amanda Bammert Mistique Hecksel-Read

Bass Clarinet Nicole Klaustermeier

Alto Saxophone Laura Christensen Mary Deweese Justine Gilbertson Lauren Krukowski Ayla Stangret Amber Storms Anna Philp Lindsey Lano Kathryn Gunter Jenny Nelson Janelle Zimmerman

Tenor Saxophone

Matt Neubauer Kevin Deering Michael Bly Josh Peterson David Deering Jennifer Olson

Baritone Saxophone

Joey Hiben Brady Gibbs

Trumpet Ashley Berndt Desiree Dantona David Flemig Daniel Gjertson Kelly Hulke Jackie Jensen Maggie Klason Kathryn Laulainen Brian Lenzen Bridget Ayers Looby Megan Masurka Ted Moore Alison Stole Aaron Wagner Nate Laulainen Michael Anderson Laura Anderson Stephanie Capaul Jim Dammann John Bly Derek Eiden Jenna Ely Brant Douville Hannah Hjelsand Amanda Janzen Anna Jonas

Horn Carrie Bly Heather Bradt Katherine Jonas Katie Hedstrom

Trombone

Abby Corson Adam Fisel Darby Steiner Tess Surat Nick Anderson David Hobbs Mathias Weinzierl Alex Quiring

Baritone Jake Condon Jordan Peters Evan Butteris Ben Timm

Tuba Eric Butteris Chirs Faulk Tony Schilling Brian Falk Erik Smestad Aaron Templin

Drumline

Krista Anderson Pat Deering Matt Eiden Justin Ely Martha Lemke Louise Klingelhutz Ben Rickel Simon Gustafson Dan Held Sam Holtberg Maggie Hilliard Allison Johnson Daniel Klingelhutz Michael Krahulec Natalie Maiser Jordan Meyer Toni Mochinski Dan Philp Amanda Scheff Becky Solheim Katelyn Waletich Dan Wallace Kaaren Warnes Sam Cousin Micheal Hennan Sara Klezer Dylan Brown Charlie Korteum Andrew Overson lens Larsen Kirsten Indrelie

MARKING TIME

The 2003 Marching Band performance of Confrontation and Finale started with an extreme show of the wind section, which then was built up to an intense sword fight that lead into a brutal death chord. The band, colorguard, and drumline all worked together to create an excellent representation of gruesome pirates who were the most feared people of their time.

The year started with band camp in River Falls, WI, where they practiced eleven hour days and some days in torrential down pour.

The highlight of the year was the tour of the east coast, marched in one of the oldest and most celebrated parades in the country. Other activities included visits to the Statue of Liberty, Rhode Island, Boston, and Niagara Falls. The trip was a perfect way to complete their extremely successful season.

The best accomplishment was at the Vikingland Band Festival in Alexandria, when they took home first place over all in their class, which hasn't happened since the summer of 1991. Center Left: Maggie and Ali Klason pose for a picture. Center: The band condenses after a parade. Below: The snare line marches down the street. Center Right: Tara Niebeling shows her pride.













Left: Abby Corson and Katelyn Waletich show their excitement in New York.

Above: The AM Squad marches on.

STUDENT DIVISION







Top Left : Christine Anderson, Evan Gundlach, and Adam Frank hang outside of the school.

Above: Michelle Giesinger, Melissa Snider, Jennifer Glashon, Jackie Anderson, Mitchell Boll, and Grady Albright look at a funny video on a video camera. Right: Jason Brandenburg and Jacob Lesher pose for a picture in between class. Top Right: Jaci Hennen, Cortney Bongard, Bethany Slice, and Katie Hedstrom are getting ready to watch a football game.





CLASS POLL

Best Actor/ Actress Matthew Parris Miriam Schwochow Best Musicians Justin Rosckes Louise Klingelhutz

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Best Sense of Humor Kyle Beilby Mandie Dirks

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CONTA

Most Artistic Jared May Sami Hoff

Best Singers Reid Larsen Jennifer Bostic

Most Unpredictable Johnny Johnson Katie Stairs



Daniel Allen Jacklyn Anderson Nickolas Anderson

Jamie Asp Megan Bailey Brittany Bammert

Kyle Beilby James Berg Andrew Bongard











Cortney Bongard Jennifer Bostic Jennifer Brandenburg













Jeremy Brandenburg Katherine Braun Brady Brink











Courtney Buesgens Christopher Bullis Susan Bush



Danielle Chinander Jeffrey Chrest Amanda Clemensen

William Cradick Andrea Dalen Cortney Dammann



James Dammann Reka Dandliker David Deering

Katerina Delon Amanda Dirks Brant Douville

Brittney Ebert Ethan Ebert Matthew Eiden



Jenna Ely Corey Erickson Matthew Ernst





























Brian Falk Chenelle Felt Lindsay Fischbach





Philip Franklin Amanda Gaddo Amanda Gelhaye





Adam Gentz Jennifer Glashan Emily Goede

Lauren Hackbarth Mallory Hanson Suzanne Harvat

Andrew Hathaway Craig Hatlestad Chelsea Haugen

Ryan Hayes Marissa Held Melissa Henderson

Jaclynn Hennen Nicholas Hentges Ryan Hilfers

Paula Hilgers Ryan Hill Samantha Hoff

























McKinzie Hubbard-Rossberg Amanda Janzen Johnny Johnson







Adam Jones Lacey Jorgensen Sara Kelzer







Kyle Kilmer Alisha Klason Louise Klingelhutz





Sara Koch John Kratzke Cody Krause





Kevin Krautbauer Crystal Kroells Mitchel Lahr

Sasha Landskov Reid Larsen Damon Laukala

Johanna Lee Jacob Lesher Tasha Lindemann

Tegan Lingbeck Christopher Lopez Joshua Mason























Jared May Andrew Meeks Sarah Menth







Carly Moore Amber Morgan Jon Mott







Rachel Mowry Andrew Neborak Chase Noethe







Lydia Ombati Erin Ostlund Karl Palm

Matthew Parris Joseph Perreault Lauren Petersen

Joshua Peterson Eli Pieper Joseph Pogatchnik

Matthew Polding Jonathan Priess Brian Rademacher

Amanda Randt Kaylee Rasmussen Wesley Rasmussen























Justin Reich Justin Reitsma Birgitte Rifley











Nathan Ring Nadine Ristow Jeremy Robb

Justin Rosckes Patrick Ross Shayanne Roth







Dustin Salden Aaron Salo Claire Salveson

Heather Schendel Anthony Schilling Ryan Schmakel

Reilly Schoo Miriam Schwochow Charlie Skogstad

Dillon Sletten Theresa Sletto **Benjamin Smothers**

Katherine Stairs Akayla Stevens Hannah Strahota

























Katherine Stuewe Dayna Sudheimer Mallory Tevis







Amanda Thaemert Ryder Thompson Patrick Timmers







Curtis Tschakert Nathaniel Turner Megan VanEyll







Benjamin Wagner Joshua Wagner Daniel Wallace

Cara Weinzierl Mathias Weinzierl Ross Weinzierl





Amanda Wenning Luke Wilhelm Anna Willems

Casandra Williams Valene Zakashefski Brian Ziesmer













High School Memory Homecoming Week

Hangout Frost and Steam



David Ziesmer Ashley Beck

Radio Station B96

Restaurant Applebees

Sports Star Kevin Garnett

Actor

32 Seniors

Band

TV Show The Simpsons

Movie Öld School

> Store Target



AGAZ
Right: Jordan Meyer, Cody Edlund, Brady Gibbs and Sean Stein hang out by their lockers during morning break. **Middle Left:** Junior girls take a break from the powder puff game for a quick photo.

a quick photo. **Middle Right:** Some Juniors make a pyramid during morning break. **Bottom:** David Schmitt, Aaron Cook and Shane Syverson hang out in between classes.







JUNIORS





Above: Jordan Meyer, Jacob Condon, David Schmitt, Ali Lenzen, Stacy Nystrom, Isabel Restrepo, Katelyn Waletich, and Abby Corson take a break in the hall.



Above: Ariane LePort, Bethany Slice, Justine Gilbertson, Natalie Maiser, and Julie Neborak take time from lunch to pose for the camera.



Kristina Domjahn Cody Edlund Brandon Engelen Adam Erickson Adam Fisel David Flemig

Christina Forsythe Samantha Foust Megan Fredericksen Jacquelin Geffre Michelle Gesinger

Brady Gibbs Justine Gilbertson Daniel Gjertson Christine Goergen Stefanie Gray Katie Groschen

Dora Guerrero Simon Gustafson Ashlee Hackbarth Jacob Hafften Carrie Hagman Jared Hammer

Cody Harris Jeffrey Hayes Amanda Hecksel-Read Misti Hecksel-Read Eric Hedin Daniel Held



Above: Megan Fredericksen gets ready to bump the ball over the net.



Above: Brady Gibbs gets advice from coach Pat Foley.

Steven Helgerson Joyce Her Joseph Hiben Denisse Hidalgo Kathryn Hilliard Ryan Hirsch

Kellie Hoen Jennifer Hunter Joanna Jaworski Jackie Jensen Allison Johnson Brianna Johnson

Maggie Klason Nicole Klaustermeier Daniel Klingelhutz Samantha Konrardy Michael Krahulec Stacy LaRose

> Martha Lemke Ali Lenzen Brian Lenzen Ariane LePort Jamie Leslie Benjamin Lester

Melanie Linehan Michael Litfin Cristal Lopez Kari Luce Elina Lukyanova Isai Luna





Above: Landon Rochat-Boeser, Allison Schmitt and Joseph Niesen catch a quick break in the art room.



Above: Laura Christensen and Carolyn Bly show us their smiles during morning break.



Anthony Lussier Natalie Maiser Nicholas Marxen Jeremiah Mason Jessica Mathwig Kristina Mehus

Tina Melchert Kevin Melson Scott Meuwissen Jordan Meyer Brandon Meyers Alex Mikhalash

Toni Mochinski Theodore Moore Joseph Morimoto Jacob Morse Kate Munson Julie Neborak

Heather Nelson Jacob Newman Joseph Niesen Kathryn Nord Stacy Nystrom Mallory O'Neil

Tara Ostlie Anna Overson Nicholas Parris Kelsey Paulson Jenna Pemberton Jordan Peters



Above: Courtney Dixon, Stefanie Gray, and Jacob Morse get ready for class at their lockers.



Above: Isai Luna, Daniel Sandberg, Steven Helgerson, Meagan Smith, Scott Meuwissen, Brandon Meyers, and Kate Munson are all building projects in a woodworking class.



Above: Jenna Dibble, Tina Domjahn, Estelle Denbrook, Jackie Geffre and Nicole Klaustermeier relax during morning break.

WRESTLIN

Above: David Schmitt, Gregory Sandeen, and Shane Syverson pause for a picture by their lockers.



Ayla Stangret Sean Stein Tiffany Steinborn Darby Steiner Amber Storms Tess Surat

Jared Swift Shane Syverson Edward Szczepanski William Szczepanski James Thorne Benjamin Timm

Jeff Vanderlinde Nathan Waldvogel Katelyn Waletich Bethany Wall Kari Wickenhauser Blake Willborg





Ashley Wuksinich Amanda Wurst Cal Zupan



Above: Maggie Klason, Jackie Jensen, and Bridget Ayers Looby battle for control on the soccer field.



Above: Lindsay Schneewind and Kristina Mehus pose at their lockers.



Dating back to the era of Led Zeppelin, bell-bottom pants, and button down shirts was the Forman family. The show was set in the Forman's basement, the usual hangout for Eric Forman (Topher Grace) and friends. This season found the crew maturing as their senior year of high school came to a wrap."That '70s show" was a must see.

We jumped ahead in time and we found ourselves set in Orange County, California. Orange County is a surreal paradise. Everyone there was wealthy, and everyone appeared to be living perfect normal lives. Although underneath the surface were secrets, lies, and different identities. "The O.C." was heading full speed for success!

Challenging "The O.C." for publicity was the WB's newest hit series "One Tree Hill." This show was slowly but surely rising to the surface as Chad Michael Murray shocked us all with an amazing performance. The shows plot revolved around basketball, and of course the traumas of the teenage life. While the teens struggled to get along, the adults were finally being forced to face decisions that they made years ago.

You definitely would not want to miss out on these three amazing hit shows!



REFERENDUM

To tax or not to tax, that was the question voters asked themselves when they voted November 12th at Clearwater Middle School.

The referendum had been lurking in the shadows of development for years and occasionally stepped into the light.

This time it was rejected

Do You know your Hockey?

Think you're a hockey buff? Test your knowledge with this quick challenge. Match a word on the right to its definition on the left.

TERM 1) Board Checking

Doard Checking

2) Butt-ending

3) Deke or Dekeing

4) Drop Pass

5) Hat Trick 4

6) Poke Check 7) Ragging

8) Scramble

9) Washout

10) Zamboni

DEFINITION

- A) When a player leaves the puck behind for another teammate following to pick up:
- B) Retaining the puck by clever stick handling used by a team to kill time.
- C) Several players from both sides close together battling for possession of the puck.
- D) A minor penalty where a player uses a method of body checking, elbowing, or tripping to throw the opponent violently.
- E) A quick jab or thrust to the puck or opponents stick to knock the puck away.
- F) Machine used to clean the ice.
- G) A major penalty which occurs when a player jabs the opponent with the shaft of the hockey stick.
- H) Three or more goals score by a player in a game.
- A faking motion by the puck carrier, making a defensive player think you're going to pass or move one way when you're not.
- J) A goal that is rated invalid by the or waving off of an infraction by the linesman.

Answers: 1) D 2) G 3) 1 4) A 2) H 6) E 7) B 8) C 9) 10) F

once again. There were 1,314 "yes" votes and 1,546 "no" votes.

A mere few hundred votes halted the ideas of taxing more. Which would in reality have created bigger and better classrooms.

Overall, the people who didn't want to be bothered with higher taxes and bill burdens were the winners. The school will not receive new rooms or new equipment for the rooms, and will in turn keep scrimping and scrounging for student space.

WHY PARKING PERMITJ?

Several factors lead to the necessity of parking permits. They were a source of revenue so teaching positions do not have to be cut and it was a way of managing parking space. Mr. Fredericksen said, "We don't really like doing it, it's not education related." The price was set at \$25 per quarter or \$75 per year. The prices were decided by becoming aware of prices of other schools in the area.

MOT FICKET





"They all want to be appreciated for who they are and they want to be respected by teachers and parents." This is what <u>Mrs. Peck</u> has learned so far from students. Mrs. Peck attended Moorhead State University. She has been teaching for 35 years.

Mr. Klein's favorite part of being a teacher is "[his] red pen...when it writes an 'A' on the top of a test." <u>Mr.</u> <u>Klein</u> attended the University of St. Thomas and the U of M. This is Mr. Klein's first year teaching in a public school.

Mr. Henn's biggest pet peeve is "Door herding." <u>Mr. Henn</u> has a Bachelor of Science in social science and has also taught at CSEC.

"Every day is different. Even

when you teach something you have taught before, there is always a chance to try something new." That is Ms. Lund's favorite part of being a teacher. <u>Ms. Lund</u> attended Bethel College.

"Watching a student no one thought would graduate, walk up and get his diploma," is Mrs. Lyons' favorite memory from teaching in the past. <u>Mrs. Lyons</u> went to Mankato State University and has been teaching for eight years.

Far left: Ms. Lund, Mr. Klein, Mr. Henn, Mrs. Lyons, and Mrs. Peck

sports

This year some of the school sports moved up in sections as well as class too. The ones that changed in sections were, wrestling, which moved from 4 to 5, baseball and softball went from 4 to 2, girls' and boys' basketball moved from 4 to 5, football from 4 to 6, and girls' soccer from 4 to 6.

The sports that moved in class are baseball, softball and boys' and girls' basketball. All of them were in AA and went up to AAA. The high school didn't have a say in this. The Minnesota State High School League decided where our sports teams moved.

The way they decided this was by the school enrollment and by where the school is located. These changes brought new opponents and fun new challenges to all these sports and individuals involved.



There was a disagreement about what temperature is comfortable in school. By finding the warm and cold spots, the problem was uncovered. The temperatures were taken twice daily during a week in November. Dress warm on Wednesdays because it was found to be the coldest day of the week.



constellation identification and the history of Astronomy was gained by taking this Astronomy class.

Even though the observing classes were required later at night of early in the morning, students were excited to learn more. This class was taken by students who were curious about the

- universe and all the things in it.
- Students who wanted to learn about Astronomy, not just wanting to know where constellations are, were perfect for the class.
- For the st. Cloud State

University Planetarium. The best part about it was that it was free, and of course, they were able to miss school!

Left: Mrs. Kuersshner and her Astronomy, students take time out of their morning to go star gazing.

WAR IN IRAC

What did students at WHS think about President Bush's decision to continue fighting in Iraq? During a recent survey, we found that students had a wide range of opinions. Sophomore Shirley Vue said, "If we don't fight, terrorism will keep coming back and the terrorists will bring more destruction on America."

Freshman Katie Brown disagreed. She said, "Look at what it is doing to our economy. The school doesn't even have enough money." Amanda Brown, also a freshman, said that she agreed with President Bush because he was trying to protect the American citizens the best way he can.

Junior Joyce Her said that she disagreed because she felt that war was not the way to solve problems.



Right: Katherine Jonas and Kimberly Rademacher are showing their great smiles for the camera.

Left Middle: Paige Vigil and Tara Niebeling are working hard to put up the locker posters for the football team.

Right Middle: Alex Kalausich and Zach Gatheridge are horse playing around during lunch. Bottom: Jason Brandenburg and Adam Frank are looking cool but

Adam Frank are looking cool but chilling out all at once during morning break.

SOPHOMORES









Christine Anderson

Christine Beckmann Joshua Beckmann

Jason Brandenburg

Amanda Dingwall Matthew Douville

Chelsea Engstrom Christopher Falk Dennis Fiebelkorn Elizabeth Fischbach

Zachary Gatheridge

Bonnie Hanson Jesse Hayes Katherine Hedstrom Ashley Henderson Joshua Henninger Cindy Hilgers

Bo Hill David Hobbs Kyle Hoen Ryan Hoffman Samuel Holtberg Chelsea Honebrink

> Geoffrey Hulitt Kelly Hulke Ashley lacona Kyle Jackels Steven Jacobson Reed Johnson

Katherine Jonas Andria Jones Alexander Kalausich Yelena Kaurov Elisa Kelsey Tracy Kelzer

Justin Klingelhutz Thomas Tj Koehler Jessica Kroells Lauren Krukowski Steven Lado Merideth Lamberger





Above: A group of sophomores enjoy wearing pajamas during Homecoming.



Above: Kevin Bullis, Olivia Boll, Zach Gatheridge, and Christine Anderson use morning break as a time to complete their homework.



Nicholas Lano Matthew Larkin Kathryn Laulainen Timothy Lee KeliAnn Leivermann

Brian Leonard Ambrosia Leuthardt Tyler Ludwigson Megan Masurka Nicholas Matheson

Kari McManigal Elizabeth Melcher Kimberly Melchert Travis Melchert

Kienyn Miller James Milne Leah Moore Kathleen Morimoto Melissa Mowry

Jennifer Nelson Ryan Nelson Matthew Neubauer Tara Niebeling Devin Noeldner Joseph Nord



Above: Joel Swift, Chelsea Rice, and Colby Young pose for a picture after school while waiting for their rides.



Above: Chelsea Engstrom, Nanette Ristow, Sheena Sievers, and Claudia Tristan hang out in between classes.

Peter Novellino Patricia Olson Douglas Ombati Carla Pawelk Brittany Perkins Jory Pestorious

Anna Philp Scott Plocher Caleb Poehler Bradley Rademacher Kimberly Rademacher Matthew Rademacher

> Jacob Rajewsky Angela Rasmussen Kari Redinger Andrew Reich Chelsea Rice Nanette Ristow

Megan Robb Benjamin Ross Colin Rosten Aaron Rothfusz Melissa Ruscher Samuel Schelitzche

Braedon Schmidt Alexander Schnedler Danielle Schneewind Mark Schrupp Stacie Seaman Renee Seib

Thomas Selvey Sheena Sievers Megan Sipper Caitlin Smith Rebecca Solheim Jonathon Spagenske

> Jaren Stangret Jacob Stanton Kyle Stender Kenneth Sterner Samuel Sterner Anthony Stockert

Alison Stole Timothy Storms Eric Sullivan Luke Sullivan Joel Swift Matthew Tegels





Kevin Zimmermann



Left: Matt Wessale, Kevin Deering, and Alex Kaulisch enjoy lunch together.



Left: A group of freshmen hang our in the hallway on school spirit day.

Middle Left: Freshman Andrew Armit at a Cross Country Meet.

Middle Right: Danielle Petersen, Danielle Miller, and Jessica Krautbauer at pep band.

Bottom: Joseph Timm and Kevin Worm hanging out in the hallway.

RESHMEN









Tyler Abrahamson Ashley Ament Janell Anderson Michelle Anderson Nichole Anderson Andrew Armit

Joshua Artmann Michael Ashman Jennifer Bakke Amanda Bammert Katie Becker Garret Beilby

Amanda Berge Anna Billings Kirsten Blegen John Bly Michael Bly Craig Boll

Sarah Boughten Stephanie Brazil Kati Bren Amy Brennan Amanda Brown Catherine Brown

Dylan Brown Mark Bruner Chelsey Buesgens Kari Buesgens Evan Butteris Andres Carranza

Jamie Carsten Matthew Clemensen Michael Clemensen Michael Clemmer Mitchell Collins Samuel Cousin

Amy Culver Sheryl Cummines Michele Delon Mary Deweese Antonio Dondlinger Joseph Drapcho

Theodore Drees Meghan Durkin David Earls Emily Ebert Kevin Ebert Darwin Ehrreich





Apryl Lamberger Katelyn Larkin Joseph Larsen Kevin Lenzen Marie Linehan Brian Loscheider

Timothy Lund Sarah Lundberg Gabrielle Malek Autumn Mangels Chanice Martin Daniel Mason

Patrick Mathwig Catherine McAvoy Molly McDonald Kyle McKeever Molly Meeks Taylor Melius

Cody Menth Michael Mikhalash Miroslav Mikityuk Danielle Miller Jeffrey Morgan Brett Munson

Richard Murray Jacob Newby Rachel Nystrom Kelly Olson Meagan Olson Shawn Osterkamp

Holly Ostlie Andrew Overson Rebecca Parkinson Kathleen Parris Kaley Peters Danielle Petersen

Brittany Peterson Elizabeth Peterson Ryan Peterson Chineda Phommachanh Taija Pietz Krista Polding

Andrew Porter Lewis Precht Alexander Quiring Joshua Ramm Chin Ratsabouth Mitchell Read



lan Redshaw Jami Reinke Brian Remer Graydon Rentz Madeline Rifley

Sharon Ritchie Cassandra Row Jacquelin Salden Nickolas Samuelson

Jacob Schmidt Leika Schmidt Lindsay Schmidt Tabitha Schmidt Brittany Schoer

Brittney Schroeder Kayla Schuman Kristin Schwab Emily Jo Schwarze Rianna Segner Nicole Shewchuk

> Anthony Sinnen Nicole Sletto **Robert Smothers** Garret Sohns

Benjamin Stahlke Keagan Stangret Nicholas Sterner Nicholas Sudheimer Brianna Swanson

Cody Tessmer Brittany Thorne Joseph Timm Benjamin Timmers

Colan VanEyll Jenna Venske David Wabbe Andrew Walter



Kaaren Warnes Matthew Weiland Justin Weinzierl Wesley Weinzierl Connor Wickenhauser Kyle Wickenhauser

Sean Wilson Lani Wohlforth Zachary Wold Chad Wolf Ashlei Wood Christopher Wood

Allison Woods Morgan Woosley Kevin Worm Brennen Wothe Kayla Wurst Samantha Zipf

> **Left:** Molly Meeks, Marie Linehan, Chanice Martin, and Brian Krahulec hang out after school.



ACADEMICS DIVISION







Top Left: Ryan Hayes and Curtis Tschakert study in the library. Upper Right: Mr. Dunton is conducting his music theory class. Lower Left: Colin Foust works on his calculator in math class. Lower Middle: Joshua Breyer and Matthew Polding dress up for a presentation in AP World History.





Squirrelin' Around

What do ducks, squirrels, hides, and Mr. Grack have in common? Waconia High School's new class, Fish and Wildlife Biology, of course.

This class focused on the variety of wildlife that inhabit Minnesota areas. Jeff Vanderlinde said that he enjoyed the class because he liked learning about the environment and the critters that live there.

One particular class activity that really stands out was skinning squirrels.

"It's something great to see a group of girls skin squirrels, that's why I teach this class," jokes teacher Mr. Grack.

This dass was very hands on and required a real interest in the outdoors.

Assistant Mrs. Minnick said, "I really enjoyed the outdoors and I wanted to learn more about animals and their habitats; it was also interesting to see what taxidermists have to go through in the whole animal skinning process."

After their squirrel skinning experience the students knew firsthand what to do when encountering a certain squirrel situation.









Top: Edward Szczepanski, Ryder Thompson, Kyle Beilby,Cortney Bongard, and Brian Rademacher show off their squirrel hides. **Middle:** Luke Billings, Mr. Grack, and Kyle Beilby goof around with their squirrels.

Above: The girls of Fish and Wildlife Biology: Cara Weinzierl, Cortney Bongard, Brittney Ebert, and Amanda Wenning.







Top: Kyle Kilmer, Jeff Vanderlinde, and Jacob Buetow are checking out their squirrel hides. Left: Zak Precht happily displays his project.

Above: Jacob Morse and David Ziesmer hold up their final product.

ART AT ITS BEST

For students interested in challenging themselves in the art area, Advance Placement Art was a perfect opportunity for the aspiring artist at Waconia High School. AP Art has helped students become more aware of what art really means.

Througout the year the students had different types of tasks to complete for Mrs. Fischer. Some assignments and tasks were more of a challenge than others. The student had the whole quarter to get their tasks done.

Mrs. Fischer said, "I have to be able to trust the students in the class and are willing to push themselves to work hard."

During their time in the class, the students had to accomplish a portfolio of their art work. This included answers to about ten sketches each week, and Mrs. Fischer's questions such as, "What does fragile mean to you?"

"I plan on going to an art school, so AP Art is helping me put together my portfolio and I would rather be in the art room than any other place in this school," said Erin Ostlund.

Erin was serious about getting the job done and had the idea of what art really meant. Mrs. Fischer wanted that kind of dedication from her students.

Students interested in having art as a part of their life should take this class or give it

Top: Akayla Stevens is putting together a great fashion design for her concentration assignment.

Right: Jared May is pressing ink down on his drawing for one of his projects he has due. some thought.

Mrs.Fischer said, "I require the students to have taken most of the art classes, have goals on going into the art world, have a high ability of art level, and be at least a junior or senior to be in the class."

The numbers have grown over the years. The class used to have one student, and this past year had about six who had a interest in the class.

Art can be a way for students to share their true feelings on life in a more expressive and creative way. They are also allowed to do something they truly love.









Left: AP Art student Susan Bush is creating a painting from her imagination for her portfolio.

Bottom Left: Curtis Tschakert is working hard on his drawings for the class.

Below: Erin Ostlund is working on a drawing that represents her thoughts on what the word fragile means.





Starting out Young

Of the classes that Waconia high school offers, several students decided to help with younger students and mentor. These students spent ninety minutes a day at Clearwater Middle School mentoring students in grades 5-8. In addition to helping kids, they also aided teachers when they were needed. Mentors worked with kids on class work, homework, and they helped students stay on the right track. When several students who mentor were asked, "What does

mentoring mean to you," they replied: "It means helping younger kids understand how to do their work," said Christopher Lopez;

"Helping little kids out in gym class," said Wesley Rasmussen; "Helping teachers teach," replied Jeffrey Chrest.

These students spent ninety minutes of their school time mentoring, and they were awarded with the satisfaction of knowing they helped someone else.





Left : Matthew Polding is posing with Mrs. Thorson's Language Arts class while mentoring.

Top Right : Louise Klingelhutz is correcting papers for her mentoring job.

Middle Right : Katherine Braun is helping out Clearwater students with their class work while mentoring. Bottom Right : Christopher Lopez is posing with Clearwater learning lab students while mentoring.













Top Left : Jeffrey Chrest is reading the back cover of a book to Clearwater students during the book fair.

Bottom Left : Christopher Lopez is helping younger students with their homework.

Top Right : Wesley Rasmussen takes a break from mentoring to hang out with Clearwater students. Bottom Right : James Thorne is helping out younger students with their class work

Administration



James Bettcher Guidance Services



Mark Fredericksen Principal



Jerry Kjergaard Superintendent

School Board



SCHOOL BOARD: Front Row- John Weinand, Beth Salo, Kathy O'Neil; Back Row- Bryan Pawela, Scott Moats, David Falk; Not Pictured: Bob Hiben.

An inside look at Officer Karnes

Officer Ben Karnes is a prominent figure in the Waconia High School hallways these days, and for good reason. Officer Karnes has been a part of the WHS administration for the past four years and has done a great job making sure the



facility is safe and secure, while still keeping a smile on his face.

Officer Karnes graduated from Ely Memorial High School. After, he attended a two year law enforcment program. His care for people motivated him to become a police officer.

His favorite part of being a school officer is, "Making a huge impact on people's lives," and, "getting thank you notes."

Even after working in various locations Officer Karnes has decided that Waconia High School is the place for him. And we are all very thankful for that.

Left: Officer Karnes smiles for the camera.

DISTRICT 110 STAFF



Ben Karnes Community Llaison Officer



Mary Klehr District Nurse



Kathy Oliphant Curriculum Coordinator



Arlyce Rieck Unique Learner Coordinator



Lydia Thometz Technology Coordinator











Dianne Anderson Tracy Braun Susan Halverson Deb Heuer Kathy Hoese











Lori Ittel Marilyn Knuth Tom Maiser Shirley Minnick Yoko Miyamoto











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Mary Ellen Timmers Monica Vierling



TEACHER'S PET



Do pets really resemble their owners? Guess which pet belongs to which teacher.



Teacher's Pet 65

I. Mr. Machtemes , 2. Mr. Lindemann, 3. Ms. Grossman, 4. Mrs. Lesher

9. Mrs. Kuerschner, 10. Mrs. Kappel, 11. Mrs. Engswick 5. Mr. Grundhofer, 6. Mrs. Kurtz, 7. Mrs. Degener, 8. Mr. Benson,













Mrs. Lesher, Mrs. Kappel, Mr. Grundhofer, Mr. Benson, Mr. Lindemann, Ms. Manuel, Mr. Machtemes, Mrs. Degener, Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Grossman, Ms. Engswick, Mrs. Kurtz, Mrs. Kuerschner

TEACHERS

Joan Ball Kim Benson Melvin Berg Kristi Berlin Heidi Degener











Corinne Dulgar Mark Dunton Jill Engeswick Marie Erickson Thomas Erickson











Amy Fischer Patrick Foley David Grack Megan Grossman Mark Grundhofer











Sue Hartwig Patrick Hayes Paul Henn Eric Herrmann Steve Hullander





















Stephanie Kappel Todd Klein Roxanne Kuerschner Kathy Kurtz Jim Lee









Lauren Lesher Bob Lindemann Susan Lund Rachael Lyons Clark Machtemes











Connie Manuel Pam Melchert Jason Moe Darla Neubarth Aaron Olson











Susan Peck Heather Prondzinski Mark Torborg Melissa Weinand Mike Zaske

Left: The faculty takes a break to show their wildcat pride.



CTIVITIES DIVISION







Top Left: Nickolas Anderson helps out Steven Lado with his locker combination. Above: Pep band cheers on the football team before a big game. Top Right: Students show their school spirit during Spirit Week. Right: Reid Larsen and Matthew Parris put on a great performance during the fall musical.




NHS SENIORS: Front Row- Jennifer Bostic, Andrew Bongard, Christopher Bullis, Dillon Sletten, Justin Reitsma, Danielle Chinander, Jeremy Robb; Row 2- Alisha Klason, Mallory Hanson, Anthony Schilling, Kevin Krautbauer, Casandra Williams, Andrea Dalen, Courtney Buesgens, Kaylee Rasmussen; Row 3- Cortney Bongard, Louise Klingelhutz, Brian Falk, Joseph Pogatchnik, Nickolas Anderson, Amanda Janzen, Lindsay Fischbach, Jenna Ely; **Back Row**- Johanna Lee, Katherine Stuewe, Dayna Sudheimer, Megan Bailey, Sara Koch, David Deering, Jacob Lesher, Carly Moore.

NOTICEABLY MICH STRUTTING The Pride of Excellence

National Honor Society is alive and growing. Members put in thousands of hours of service and were involved in many of activities.

The juniors have doubled their rank with 58 members compared to the average 30-35 members last year. This was the largest group ever to be in one grade of NHS.

"All of the members did a great and are headed towards success." said Mrs. Thometz, NHS advisor.



NHS JUNIORS: Front Row- Stephanie Bruesehoff, Carolyn Bly, Rachel Boughton, Kelly Hoen, Katie Groshen, Samantha Foust, Jackie Jensen, Christine Goergen; Row 2- Misti Hecksel-Read, Laura Christensen, Michelle Blegen, Krista Anderson, Ashlee Hackbarth, Kathryn Hilliard, Megan Fredericksen, Bridget Ayers Looby, Justine Gilbertson; **Back Row-** Patrick Deering, David Flemig, Eric Butteris, Josepl Hiben, Brady Gibbs, Joshua Breyer, Jacob Bongard, David Carrier.



NHS JUNIORS: Front Row- Daniel Klingelhutz, Martha Lemke, Anna Overson, Kari Luce, Maggie Klason, Cherie Seaman; Row 2- Katelyn Waletich, Jessica Mathwig, Ayla Stangret, Amanda Scheff, Allison Johnson, Kate Solheim, Lindsey Rague, Kelsey Paulson; Row 3- Mark Schulz, Theodore Moore, Bethany Slice, Blake Willborg, Tiffany Steinborn, Kate Munson; Row 4- Amber Storms, Darby Steiner, Samantha Konrardy, Tess Surat, Nicole Klaustermeier, Julie Neborak.







Top Right: Danielle Chinander stands with confidence while giving her speech at the NHS Banquet.

Middle Right: Johanna Lee gracefully lights her candle during the NHS ceremony.

Bottom Right: Jenny Vankirk, Chelsea Honebrink, Olivia Boll, and Anna Philp recite the NHS pledge as part of the ceremony.



NHS SOPHOMORES: Front Row- Tracy Kelzer, Katherine Hedstrom, Kimberly Rademacher, Lauren Krukowski, Christine Anderson, Rebecca Solheim, Jennifer Nelson, Sophia Crosby; Row 2- Olivia Boll, Ryan Hoffman, Tara Niebeling, Olivia Younkin, Alison Stole, Kelly Hulke, Courtney Wallace, Laura Grangaard, Caitlin Smith; Row 3- Scott Plocher, Matthew Larkin, Kevin Bullis, Megan Masurka, Mackenzie Collins, Chelsea Honebrink, Elizabeth Fishbach, Jenny Van Kirk, Anna Philp; Back Row- Kyle Hoen, Luke Sullivan, Matthew Neubauer, Matthew Wessale, David Hobbs, Alexander Schnedler, essica Davis, Desiree Dantona.



CREATING UNITY THROUGH STUDENT COUNCIL





Above: Kimberly Melchert smiles for a picture with their hot cocoa.

Right: Amanda Janzen, Mallory Hanson, Jenna Ely and Nickolas Anderson make a toast to Cocoa Loco.

STUDENT COUNCIL: Front Row- Chelsea Honebrink, Amanda Janzen, Laura Grangaard, Jenny VanKirk; Second Row- Beck Solheim, Megan Fredericksen, Julie Neborak, Kate Solheim, Patrick Deering, Mallory Hanson, David Carrier; Third Row-Tess Surat, Brittney Schroeder, Kimberly Melchert, Jessica Davis, Scott Plocher, Nick Anderson; Back Row-Mary Deweese, Amy Culver. The Student Council Committee was off to a great start this year with several activities for the students to engage in. Whether it was pepping up the students for Homecoming Week, the CAPS Project, or Cocoa Loco, it has been a fun way to create educational student involvement.

Although they tend to use several of the same activities each year, Homecoming Week and Winterfest seemed to get everyone involved. Many students enjoyed the Homecoming festivities along with Coronation, the Pepfest, and many more activities.

Everyone enjoyed the unity spread throughout the school.

Mrs. Melchert says: "Not only does it improve the school setting, but it"also creates unity among the students." Each year, Mrs. Melchert looks forward to a new mix o kids and the same core group that always come back. "We are always trying to teach organizational and responsibility skills."



A B C... READING IS KEY

Once again, America Reads came to the rescue by giving help to students who needed a little assistance after school. Tutors traveled to Clearwater, Southview, Bayview, and St. Joes each week to help and encourage students to do their best.

Former president Bill Clinton created the America Reads program in order to help children read strongly and independently by the time they finish third grade.

Mrs. Kuerschner and Mrs. Lesher helped set up times when high school students could tutor. America Reads Tutors created bonds with the younger children and helped them become confident readers.





Above: James Thorne helps a elementary student practice on her flash cards. Top:

AMERICA READS TUTORS:

Front Row- Chelsie Vogel, Olivia Younkin, Christine Anderson; Middle Row- David Carrier, Shirley Vue, Megan Robb, Jessica Kroells, Kelly Hulke, Laura Grangaard; Back Row-Elizabeth Fischbach, Johanna Lee, Lindsay Fischbach, Jennifer Nelson, Kim Rademacher, Chelsea Honebrink, Mallory Hanson.

LENDING A MAND TO YOUR PEERS

This outstanding studentoriented crew worked with their peers since the start of the 2003-2004 school year. Senior Jenn Bostic said, "The group aimed to help the new students, but [helping] the entire student body was our goal." They helped the new students by doing activities with them to get them more comfortable with their new environment. "We had game parties and tried to get the entire student body involved in activities assisting the

community."

Senior David Deering said, "Peer Helpers is a group that helps students with people skills in the future."

The group was a wonderful addition to the school and made their fellow classmates feel welcomed in the school year.





Do all the things you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. -John Wesley

Above: Peer Helper Crew judges the Door Decorating Contest.

Top Far Right: Mrs. Degner's door was decorated as a tiki hut during the door decorating contest. The class took third place.

Right: Akayla Stevens and Lindsay Fischbach check over the new student profiles while holding down the "Welcome Table."

Bottom Left: Juniors Christina Forsythe, Lindsey Rague, and Darby Steiner do a good deed and fill out Kindness Cards.

Far Right: Santa and his reindeer post up outside Mrs. Fischer's door to show their creativity for the Door Decorating Contest. Mrs. Fischer's class took second place.









Above Peer Helpers: Front Row - Kaylee Rasmussen, Louise Klingelhutz, Akayla Stevens; Back Row - Lindsay Fischbach, Matthew Parris, Jenny Van Kirk, David Deering, Nickolas Anderson.

STUDENTS SHOW TALENT WHILE WRITING FOR TRACKS

The future journalists of WHS were the writers for *Tracks*, the school newspaper. It was the students' job to come up with story ideas, conduct interviews, write the stories, and do layouts that were within a deadline, which was set by the adviser, Mrs. Grossman.

For those who are not sure how to write a good newspaper story, a journalism class was offered during third quarter. In the class, students were taught the history of journalism as well as good journalistic techniques, while actually producing an issue of *Tracks*.

Tracks newspaper was great for those who wanted to pursue journalism as a career, or for those who just wanted to have fun while working with others. Bottom Left: Kristin Schwab is working on the suggestion box, which is placed in the Media Center for students to write their comments or suggestions on how to make the newspaper better.

Below: Mrs. Grossman is helping Katie Becker on proper layout techniques.







NEWSPAPER STAFF: Crystal Reese, Kristin Schwab, Laura Jensen, Katie Becker, and Amy Culver.

Above: Amy Culver and the other newspaper staff members are working extra hard in order to get the layout done by the deadline.

YEARBOOK PRESERVES MEMORIES FOREVER

The job of the yearbook staff was to capture memories through the use of pictures and words so high school experiences could be remembered forever.

This year, for the first time, there was an Intro to Yearbook Class which allowed a larger variety of students to help with the production of the yearbook. During the class, students were able to learn basic yearbook techniques, and then they were able to put their newly learned skills to the test while producing the yearbook. After they have



Above: Rebecca Parkinson and Ambrosia Leuthardt are proofing their spreads.

Top Right: The yearbook staff takes time to celebrate their deadline through a potluck and movie.

Right: Joyce Her proofreads Stacy LaRose's layout.

Far Right: Amanda Janzen, Suzanne Harvat and Akayla Stevens are deciding which pictures to use for the yearbook. completed the class, students continued to work on the yearbook after school. A lot of hard work went into producing the yearbook, including taking pictures, conducting interviews, writing body copy, doing layout, and proofreading. However, all the hard work paid off when the yearbook was finally finished.









Below: Katie Morimoto, Suzanne Harvat, and Kari Redinger are sorting through all the pictures before deciding which ones to use.







Top Left: Kristina Domjahn makes sure everything is okay with the spreads. Above: Claudia Tristan and Paige Vigil work steadily on their page in order to get it done by the deadline.

YEARBOOK STAFF: Back Row- Rebecca Parkinson, Joanna Jaworski, Heather Bradt, Crystal Reese, Katie Morimoto, Amanda Clemersen, Joyce Her, Ambrosia Leuthardt, Stacy LaRose, Hannah Strahota; Middle Row- Kristina Domjahn, Sara Gee, Cristal Lopez, Cherie Seaman, Paige Vigil, Kari Redinger, Claudia Tristan; Front Row- Suzanne Harvat, Samantha Foust, Akayla Stevens, Amanda Janzen, Amber Storms.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! FALL MUSICAL

The 2003 musical comedy performed by WHS students, known as Once Upon a Mattress, was about a prince, played by Reid Larsen, in search of a princess, played by Jennifer Bostic. Other lead roles included; King Sextimus (Matthew Parris), Lady Larkin (Jenna Ely), Jester (Joshua Wagner), Minstrel (David Deering), Queen (Katie Hedstrom), Wizard (Joseph Pogatchnik) and Sir Harry (Joseph Morimoto).

The controlling Queen made this mission seem almost impossible by forming unfair tests with the Wizard; the King could only help his son to a certain extent because he was put under a mute curse long ago. The well-respected knight, Sir Harry finds his girlfriend Lady Larkin is a "Lady in Waiting." To keep safe, he asked for permission to leave the castle to search for a princess, and he returned with Princess Winnifred.

It didn't take long for everyone to fall in love with Princess Winnifred including the Prince. The Queen created a test of sensitivity with the help of the Wizard, they stacked 20 mattresses very high and placed one pea under the bottom of the last mattress.

The people from the village did not want to watch the Princess fail the test, so the King, Jester, and the Minstrel investigated to find out what the test was.

They stuffed the mattress with much more than one pea, reassuring the Princess would pass. The Princess said that she did not sleep and the Prince told her that she passed. The Queen tried to convince the Prince that Princess Winnfred was not a true princess, but the Prince did not believe the Queen. The Prince stood up to the Queen breaking the King's mute curse. Now the Queen was stuck with the mute curse unable to talk and everyone lived happily ever after.

What did you think of the performances?

"The performances were so much fun! The audience found the show extremely entertaining. Things ran smoothly for the most part, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I will definitely miss it next year!" ~Jennifer Bostic

> "Good enough for Broadway!" ~Joseph Morimoto







Above left: The towns people with their hands held high singing unison "I am Shy".

Above right: Reid Larsen and Matthew Parris are singing a duet.



Top Middle: Pit orchestra practicing for the big show.

Middle Bottom: David Carrier, Zachary Gatheridge, Matthew Parris, Jennifer Bostic, Reid Larsen, David Deering sing in unison.











Top right: The Queen, Katherine Hedstrom, looks over the Princess, Jennifer Bostic, persuading her to drink a magic potion to make her become sleepy. The maids Kathryn Laulainen and Ashley Ament stand by waiting for the results on the potion.

Left: Jennifer Bostic sings her solo. Above: Princess Fred, Jennifer Bostic, threatens the Prince, Reid Larsen, as Lady Larkin, Jenna Ely, waits on.

FCCLA: STRIVING TO REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL

"The coolest thing in the world, except for dancing monkeys," This was how Reid Larsen, the president of Future Community and Career Leaders of America, or FC CLA, described the dub.

The mission of FCCLA was to build leadership skills and help the communities. Every week, the officers met to brainstorm plans for upcoming events. Once

FCCLA OFFICERS: Front-

Kathryn Hilliard, Allison Johnson, Abby Corson; **Back**- Reid Larsen, Carly Moore. **FCCLA MEMBERS: Below- Front-** Natalie Maiser, Reid Larsen, Brady Gibbs, Allison Johnson, Kevin Deering, Kathryn Laulainen; **Back-** Julie Neborak, Scott Plocher, Matthew Larkin, Samuel Holtberg, Abby Corson, Matthew Neubauer, Katelyn Waletich. a month, the whole group came together to talk about future plans. This year, a few large events the group organized included: Chemical Health Week and Jam for Jam.

Chemical Health Week was a week that brought awareness to the students of Waconia High School. Parts of Chemical Health Week included: Wear Red Day, Seat Belt Check, Ghost Out, Red Ribbon Day, and Healthy Choice Day.

Jam for Jam was a fundraising project to help Waconia's Food Shelf. The Waconia Jazz Band, Stoleaway, Faded Through and The Rainy Day Benefit were the features. The cover charge was \$2.00 for students and \$4.00 for adults. A total of about \$350 was made and 50 pounds of food was donated to the food shelf.

Overall, the events offered in FCCLA brought great success not only for the group, but they also prepared the members for the future. FCCLA is the starting point for excellent future leaders. Reid hopes that members of FCCLA will be able to build leadership skills, and develop a sense of responsibility for their future.







FCCLA MEMBERS: Top Right: Front- Mallory O'Neil, Jackie Jensen, Amber Storms, Eric Butteris, Megan Masurka, Olivia Younkin; Third Row-Ayla Stangret, Joshua Wagner, Jared Swift, Merideth Lamberger, Andria Jones, Megan Robb, Jessica Kroells; Second Row- Kyle Durkin, Jake Rajewsky, Matt Tegels; Back- Kelsey Goergen, Brittney Schroeder, Katie Larkin, Mary Deweese, Meghan Durkin Kirsten Indrelie, Morgan Woosley; Above Left: Front- Bridget Ayers Looby, Lauren Krukowski, Olivia Boll, Christine Anderson, Carly Moore; Second Row- Matthew Polding, Ryan Hayes, Becky Solheim, Katie Hedstrom Allison Schmitt, Tiffany Steinborn, Tar Ostlie; Back- Justine Gilbertson, Theodore Moore, Sophia Crosby, Kathryn Hilliard, Chelsea Honebrink, Chelsie Vogel.



Above -Red is their color! These girls know how to support Chemical Health Week by wearing red on Red Day. Front Row- Amanda Janzen, Akayla Stevens, Paige Vigil; Back Row- Ambrosia Leuthardt, Joyce Her, Heather Bradt, Cristal Lopez, Hannah Strahota, Crystal Reese, Amanda Clemensen.





Top Left: Belting it out Reid Larsen gets a close up of his Support for Jam for Jams.

Top Right: A sweet day for with and without seatbelts, as FCCLA reminds people to buckle up with DumDums and Smarties.







Above:Elizabeth Fischbach, Christine Anderson, Kate Solheim, Michael Hennen, Julie Neborak, Jake Lesher Back: Kathryn Hilliard, Mark Schrupp, Pat Deering, Ben Timm, Reid Larsen, Jennifer Bostic, Kate Larkin. Middle Left: During the Jam for Jam Landon Rochat-Boeser, Nick Hentges, Sam Holtberg, Jeff Hayes are rocking out to their own tunes while performing.

Middle Right: Reid Larsen, Jens Larsen, Brady Gibbs, Justin Rosckes help support Jam for Jam by playing for the fundraiser.

THE WHOLE TRUTH



The thing I like the most is to watch the other team be silenced by our clever wit. -Ryan Hayes



MOCK TRIAL: Front- Crystal Reese, Britany Christenson, Stephanie Bruesehoff, Carolyn Bly, Christine Goergen, Bridget Ayers Looby, Jackie Jensen, Lindsay Fischbach, Johanna Lee; **Back-** Ryan Vogel, David Carrier, Alexander Schnedler, Mr. Lee, Gabriel Maravelas, Justin Ludwigson, Ryan Hayes, Patrick Ross.





F-F-EM?



FFA: Front Row- Lacey Jorgensen, Chelsea Haugen; Middle Row- Kari Hoen, Ali Lenzen, Kellie Hoen, Heather Schende Katie Braun; Back Row- Eli Pieper, Cody Krause, Justin Reich, Kyle Hoen, Mitch Lahr, Jake Buetow.

Science League



SCIENCE LEAGUE: Mr. Berg, Aaron Salo, Karl Palm, Bonnie Hanson, Scott Connor, William Szczepanski.



Our goal and foundation for the science team is to explore the various fields in the scientific community by thoughtful experimentation. -Mr. Berg

READY, SET, CALCULATE!



MATH LEAGUE: Front Row- Jacob Lesher, Brian Falk, Mark Schulz, Aaron Salo, James Thorne, Garret Pforr; Back Row- Meghan Durkin, Morgan Woosley, Mrs. Lesher, Mrs Kuerschner.

I love math! The ability for us to dominate this year came from the team's sincere love of the sport, math that is. -Jacob Lesher



CRANKING UP ON THE MUSIC WITH BAND

This year was the second full time year for Mr. Dunton. He was excited about this year and will be for the many more years to come.

Without a doubt, he thinks the band has greatly improved within the two years he has been here. It also has more room to grow.

For the band to be so

successful, they practiced everyday for 45 minutes. It included grades 9-12.

In spring, it was their third annual theme concert. It was a variety of mixed music together. It included music from *Disney* and mixed with STOMP style.

It was a concert that everyone looked forward to see.



WIND ENSEMBLE A: Front Row-Claire Salveson, Bridget Ayers-Looby, Maggie Klason, Jackie Jensen, Darby Steiner, Christina Forsythe, Abby Corson, Nicholas Hentges, Ali Klason, Jenna Ely, Nick Anderson, Amanda Janzen, Scott Connor, James Dammann, Mr. Dunton; Back Row-Eric Butteris, Daniel Gjertson, David Flemig, Theodore Moore, Blake Willborg, Katie Braun, Tess Surat, Heather Bradt, Carrie Bly, Jordan Peters, Benjamin Timm, Joseph Hiben, Brady Gibbs, Jared Swift, Jacob Condon.

WIND ENSEMBLE B: Front Row-

Stephanie Bruesehoff, Laura Christensen, Natalie Maiser, Amber Storms, Kate Solheim, Justine Gilbertson, Mallory O'Neil, Brianna Johnson, Kate Munson, Akayla Stevens, Lindsay Fischbach, Louise Klingelhutz, Katelyn Waletich, Toni Mochinski, Samantha Foust, Cherie Seaman, Mr. Dunton; Middle Row-Edward Szczepanski, Britany Christenson, Misti Hecksel-Read, Joseph Morimoto, Mallory Hanson, Megan Fredericksen, Ashlee Hackbarth, Jessica Mathwig, Amanda Gaddo, Valene Zakashefski, David Carrier, Jennifer Bostic, Joshua Wagner, Lauren Hackbarth, Jacklyn Anderson, Ashly Schmaltz; Back Row- Nicole Klaustermeier, David Deering, Daniel Wallace, Carly Moore, Michael Krahulec, Daniel Held, Simon Gustafson, Patrick Deering, Matthew Eiden, Ayla Stangret, Kari Luce, Jordan Meyer, Amanda Scheff, Krista Anderson, Allison Johnson, Joshua Peterson, Estelle Denbrook.





SYMPONIC BAND A: Front Row-

Rianna Segner, Kathleen Parris, Taylor Melius, Danielle Petersen, Rebecca Parkinson, Leika Schmidt, Christine Kim, Vicky Vue, Kristin Schwab, Jacquelin Salden; **Middle Row-** Mary Deweese, Kelsey Goergen, Amanda Bammert, Katelyn Larkin, Jessica Krautbauer, Katie Becker, Amy Culver Jennifer Bakke, Kari Buesgens; **Back Row-** Janell Anderson, Amy Brennan, Ashley Ament, Jessica Glashan, Michael Bly, Connor Wickenhauser, Timothy Lund, Mr. Dunton.



SYMPHONIC BAND B: Front

Row- Laura Jensen, Dylan Brown, Kevin Lenzen, Sarah Boughten, Kirsten Indrelie, Kaaren Warnes, Matt Schilling, Michael Hennen; Middle Row- Riley Swier, Kristine Kroells, John Bly, Erik Haugsby, Andrew Overson, Ryan Peterson, Colin Faust; Back Row- Charles Kortuem, Kyle McKeever, Jenna Venske, Tabitha Schmidt, Nicholas Sterner, Joseph Timm, Kevin Ebert, Patrick Mathwig, Derek Eiden, Sam Cousin, Mr. Dunton.

CONCERT BAND: Front- Anna Philp, Megan Masurka, Chelsea Honebrink, Katie Hedstrom, Lauren Krukowski; Second Row- Mr. Dunton, Kayla DeBoer, Elizabeth Melcher, Jenny Nelson, Christine Anderson, Kevin Deering, Kathryn Laulainen, Matt Neubauer, Olivia Boll, Kevin Bullis, Becky Solheim, Jenny VanKirk; Third Row- Ryan Vogel, Catherine McAvoy, Chelsea Engstrom, Joe Weaver, Braedon Schmidt, Aaron Rothfusz, Elisa Kelsey, Amanda Dingwall, Brittany Perkins, Jessica Davis, Jessica Kroells, Ashley Berndt, Kelly Hulke, Alison Stole, Laura Grangaard, Caitlyn Smith; Back Row-Caleb Poehler, Keagan Stangret, Chris Falk, Brian Krahulec.



SWINGING TO THE MUSIC

"Jazz band is about experiencing different kinds of music, learning how to play as a group and having fun! We have two groups at the high school, Jazz I and Jazz Platinum and both have been working very hard," said Mr. Dunton about

Top Right: The Jazz Band performs jazzy Christmas songs as students walk into the school. jazz band. Some of the places jazz band went and performed was at charity events, nursing homes and at the University of Minnesota Morris Jazz Festival.

The hardest part for junior Tess Surat about jazz band was, "Getting up early for practice in

Right: Reid Larsen, Tess Surat, and Nick Anderson play merrily on their trombones for the last day of school before Christmas break. the mornings and then being ready to play, especially the difficult pieces." Mr. Dunton was the conductor of Jazz band and has been conducting for two years.

Right: Adam Fisel plays to the best of his ablities with a cast at hand.







JAZZ I: Front Row- Mr. Dunton, Kate Solheim, Lindsay Fischbach, Mallory Hanson, Bridget Ayers Looby, Darby Steiner, Megan Fredericksen, Laura Christensen; Middle Row- Simon Gustafson, Daniel Klingelhutz, Maggie Klason, Jackie Jensen, Tess Surat, Michael Bly; **Back Row-** Nick Hentges, Reid Larsen, Aaron Wagner, Ted Moore, David Flemig, Brady Gibbs, Nick Anderson, David Deering, Adam Fisel.



JAZZ PLATIMIUM: Front Row- Jenny Nelson, Anna Philp; Middle Row-David Hobbs, Megan Masurka, Kathryn Laulainen, Matt Neubauer, Mary Deweese, Mr. Dunton; Back Row- Alexander Schnedler, Thomas Selvey, Erick Haugsby, Patrick Mathwig, John Bly, Ryan Peterson, Derek Eiden.

PEP BAND PLAYS THEIR MEARTS OUT



Left: Nick Anderson and Kevin Deering practice their brass for an upcoming home game.

Below: Joe Morimoto plays the cowbell during "Tequila."



The sign went up "rouser". The pepband bursted into song, with an assortment of instruments such as the trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet and trapset, while the crowds and players spirits were lifted.

Waconia High School Pepband has been around since the 1970s and has had about 6 different instructors.

This year, fairly new to WHS, Mr. Mark Dunton is the head honcho of pep band. "When we play at a Pep Rally we get the crowd excited to cheer for their team and the players ready for the game", said Mr. Dunton. He also said, "Their overall performances for the school year were very good and I am excited to lead the band in upcoming years.







Above Left: The pep band plays before the Pepfest.

Left: Pat Deering, Mike Krahulec, and Jordan Meyer keep the beat during the songs. Above: The pep band plays cheery tunes for a home game.

THE DYNAMIC TRIO

Mr. Olson and his three choirs worked very hard this year. They dedicated the time and performed very well at their concerts.

The Varsity Choir, consisted of mainly freshmen, sang very well, memorized the music fast, they should be a fun choir to watch grow and improve. The Concert Choir, consisted of mainly sophomores, inproved by the minute. Their skills shined through as they kept trucking. Last but definetly not least, there was the Contabile Choir. The Seniors have been aspiring singers and have been doing what they do best. They've been a choir that the other choirs have to look up to. This years juniors though, added a little bit of spice. They shaked things up with the seniors, they made the performance better that it ever could be.

All three choirs were amazing groups, and made great concerts. Take a second look at all these kids, they are the ones that will be the leaders in our future.

Right: The Concert Choir begins to warm up before they start to sing.





CANTIBLE CHOIR: Front- Miriam Schwochow, Sarah Menth, Julie Neborak, Ali Lenzen, Natalie Maiser, Anna Overson, Allison Schmitt, Emily Goede, Stephanie Bruesehoff, Brianna Johnson; **Row Two-** Sara Kelzer, Birgitte Rifley, Jenna Ely, Ashly Schmaltz, Johanna Lee, Bethany Slice, Kari Wickenhauser, Andrea Dalen, Cristal Lopez, Christine Goergen, Isabel Restrepo; **Row Three-** Jaclynn Hennen, Joanna Jaworski, Ariane LePort, Jessica Mathwig, Kelsey Paulson, Elina Lukyanova, Katherine Stuewe, Jennifer Brandenburg, Courtney Buesgens, Ashlee Hackbarth, Krista Andrerson; **Back Row-** David Carrier, Michael Krahulec, Jeremy Robb, Joseph Pogatchnik, Benjamin Timm, Matthew Eiden, Joseph Hiben, Eric Butteris, Joshua Wagner, Justin Rosckes, Matthew Parris, Joshua Ruiz, Blake Willborg, James Dammann. **CONCERT CHOIR: Front Row-** Katherine Jonas, Olivia Younkin, Shari Thaemert, Laura Grangaard, Courtney Wallace, Christine Anderson, Kimberly Rademacher, Sophia Crosby, Ambrosia Leuthardt, Shirley Vue; **Middle Row-** Kathryn Laulainen, Alison Stole, Catherine McAvoy, Megan Robb, Jason Menth, Christoph Falk, Zachary Gatheridge, Alexander Kalausich, Aaron Wagner, Anna Philp, Tara Niebeling, Paige Vigil, Brittany Chaffee, Bria Torgeson; **Back Row-**Ashley Iacona, Megan Masurka, Chelsea Honebrink, Keagan Stangret, Aaron Templin, Matthew Wessale, Kevin Deering, Zachary Wold, Elizabeth Fischbach, Mackenzie Collins, Katherine Hedstrom, Elizabeth Melcher, Emma Denbrook.



VARSITY CHOIR: Front Row- Sheryl Cummines, Taija Pietz, Kayla Wurst, Sarah Lundberg, Cassandra Row, Amanda Bammert, Taylor Melius, Katie Becker, Kathleen Parris, Tiffany Her, Brianna Swanson, Emily Ebert; Middle Row- Amanda Brown, Nicole Shewchuk, Jennifer Harold, Madeline Rifley, Nichole Anderson, Samantha Zipf, Jessica Krautbauer, Holly Ostlie, Brian Krahulec, Kelly Olson, Antonio Dondlinger, Molly Meeks, Meagan Olson, Brittany Schoer, Catherine Brown, Molly McDonald, Christine Kim; Back Row- Autumn Mangels, Lindsay Schmidt, Rianna Segner, Marie Linehan, Laura Kahmeyer, Jessica Grinnell, Ashlei Wood, Jessica Glashan, Ryan Frey, Joseph Timm, Joshua Kerwood, Ashley Ament, Jenna Venske, Melissa Kahmeyer, Tabitha Schmidt, Apryl Lamberger, Rachel Nystrom.

SHOW CHOIR GOES OPRY!

The 2003-2004 show choir had a very fun and successful year. Each member had an opportunity to perform at the Grand Opry in Nashville, Tennessee. Besides the trip show choir did very well.

Their performance consisted of a Seventies medley, a Barbara Streisand song, and a *Chicago* medley. "Damon, our

Right: The Show Choir does a disco move during a 70's medley.

Below: Jennifer Bostic sings a Barbara Streisand song.



choreographer, was pretty tough. But it all paid off when we performed on stage," said Jennifer Bostic.

They won many competitions. At the LaCrosse competition, Andrea Dalen won Best Soloist for singing "Miss Independent." The Power Company got third place. They won third place at Hastings, also. The Bemidji show choir came to Waconia for a lock in at Safari Island. It was a great way to develop friendships with other kids from other schools.

The season ended with a trip to Nashville, Tennessee in April. This was the first year that the group went on a trip. It was a great way to end a winning season.









Top Far Right: Matthew Parris belts out his voice.

Above: Joseph Morimoto puts soul into his solo.

Right: The Show Choir finishes their performance with a bang.





Left: The girls sing "Just Like a Prayer" in the beginning of their performance.

Below: Kelsey Paulson takes center stage during her solo.



Far Left: Joseph Morimoto puppeteers Natalie Maiser during the *Chicago* medley.

Below: The Show Choir girls dance like they are puppets during a *Chicago* medley.

Left: The Show Choir have precise movements during all the dances.

Bottom Left: Show Choir members continue to dance even if they are tired.











SHOW CHOIR: Front Row-Bridget Ayers Looby, Joshua Ramm, Natalie Maiser, Alexander Kalausich, Julie Neborak, Aaron Wagner, Brianna Johnson, James Dammann; Second Row- Anna Overson, Michael Krahulec, Alison Stole, Joshua Kerwood, Jenna Ely, Joshua Ruiz, Kaley Peters, Joseph Pogatchnik, Ashley Iacona, Matthew Parris; Third Row- Bethany Slice, Kelsey Paulson, Megan Fredericksen, Katherine Hedstrom, Jennifer Bostic, Maggie Klason, Ashlee Hackbarth, Toni Mochinski, Lauren Krukowski; Fourth Row-Joseph Morimoto, Kevin Deering, Chris Falk, Joshua Wagner, Adam Fisel, Mathew Wessale, David Deering, Zachary Wold; Fifth Row-Megan Robb, Kathryn Laulainen, Catherine Brown, Zachary Gatheridge, Aaron Templin, Jessica Krautbauer, Sara Kelzer, Christine Goergen, Back Row-Mallory Hanson, Ayla Stangret, Laura Grangaard, Justin Rosckes, Theodore Moore, Brady Gibbs, Simon Gustafson, Nickolas Anderson, David Carrier, Darby Steiner, Jackle Jensen, Laura Christensen. **Right:** Brittany Bammert, Rachel Mowry, Suzanne Harvat, and Jeffrey Chrest dress alike on Twin Day.

Below: Andrew Porter, Stefanie Gray, Jacob Newman, and Michael Ashman wear comfortable clothes on Pajama Day.







Above: Wesley Rasmussen and Christopher Lopez use their muscles to try and beat the teachers at the tug of war.

Above Middle: Mark Vanderlinde and Spencer Tietz wear Ford T-shirts together on Twin Day.

Above Far Right: Anna Billings and Kirsten Blegen look exactly alike when they wore the same outfit.

Right: Renee Seib dresses like Sandra Bullock in *Miss Congeniality*.

Far Right: Art students paint the cafeteria windows to display the dress up days.







WINTERFEST BRINGS SNOWBALLS OF FUN



Winterfest Week was a great break from the cold dreary days of winter. Even though it was below zero outside, the high school was filled with lots of spirit and enjoyment.

The dress up days included Pajama Day, Twin Day, Hawaiian Day, Different Identity Day, and Valentine Day. On Hawaiian Day, students could get out their summer gear and feel like it was hot again. Students could dress like someone else on Different Identity Day. The week ended by dressing up in Valentine wear.

There were many on going

activities during the week. On Monday, each grade competed against each other in a broomball tournament. Seniors could participate in the Lips and Legs Contest. Cassie Williams and Andy Neborak were crowned king and queen. Clues were given out each day in the Morning Announcements to find the medallion. Candy Grams and Orange Crushes were handed out to students.

Since the students finished half of the school year, Winterfest Week was a great way to celebrate the school year.







Top: Mallory O'Neil, Darby Steiner, Ayla Stangret, Jackie Jensen, Suzanne Harvat, Amber Storms and Julie Neborak dress up in pink and red on Valentines Day.

Above Far Left: Andrew Neborak is crowned Mr. Legs.

Above Middle: Casandra Williams and Andrew Neborak are crowned Ms. Lips and Mr. Legs.

Above Right: Nicole Sampson and Jamie Asp wear identical satin outfits.

Right: Kari Buesgens, Kirsten Indrelie, Zachary Wold, Catherine Brown, and Joshua Ramm look like they are in Hawaii by wearing leis and Hawaiian shirts.





SPORTS DIVISION







Top Left: Rianna Segner runs to the finish at a home cross country meet. Above: Corey Erickson dribbles down the court to make a shot. **Top Right:** Lauren Krukowski, MacKenzie Collins, Sophia Crosby, Kathrine Hedstrom, Kathrine Jonas and Leah Moore gather together at a football game and show their spirit.

Right: Matthew Douville heads the ball while playing soccer.



WITH DEDICATION COMES VICTORY

Waconia varsity football team started on an exciting note, winning their first game against Mound-Westonka, 40-0. The Wildcats continued their winning streak for four more games. With just three total losses this season, the team did a phenomenal job.

The varsity team played their first section championship in eleven years! They advanced to the Section Finals by defeating St. Peter and Le Sueur-Henderson before losing to Glencoe-Silver Lake in a heartbreaking loss. Throughout the entire season the school spirit and support was exceptional and so was the community.

In co-captain Wes Rasumssen's words, "This season, we dominated!"





Top Right: James Berg runs down the field in hopes of a touchdown. Above: The team members on the sideline cheer on and support their

fellow players. **Right:** Quarterback Benjamin Smothers runs to avoid getting tackled.







Left: Brant Douville dodges his blocker. Below: Christopher Bullis jumps into the air to make a fabulous catch.





VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM: Front Row- Jim Berg, Patrick Timmers, Andrew Meeks, Justin Reitsma, Reilly Schoo, Benjamin Smothers, Brant Douville, Joseph Nord, Mark Schrupp; Row 2- Jacob Stanton, Brandon Engelen, Matthew Eiden, Jonathan Priess, Wesley Rasmussen, Luke Wilhelm, Kevin Krautbauer, Jeffrey Crest, Braedon Schmidt, Jason Brandenburg, Josh Breyer; Row 3- Aaron Tempiln, Jacob Lesher, Brian Rademacher, Eli Pieper, Matthew Polding, Anthony Schilling, Dillon Sletten, Christopher Bullis, Jason Menth, Kevin Bullis, Justin Klingelhutz; Row 4- Josh Ruiz, Adam Fisel, Benjamin Timm, Marcus Dummer, Paul Meyer, Calvin St John, David Flemig, Aaron Cook, Joseph Hiben, Cody Edlund, Brady Gibbs, Colby Young; Row 5-Kevin Zimmermann, Devin Noeldner, Samuel Sterner, Nicholas Lano, Nathan Eder, Kyle Durkin, Luke Sullivan, T.J. Koehler, Joel Swift, Anthony Lussier; Back Row- Coach MacDonald, Coach Grundhoffer, Coach Foley, Coach Myhre, Coach Olsen.

Varsity Football Team

WHS	Opponent	OPP			
40	Mound-Westonka	0			
20	Watertown-Mayer	14			
17	Annandale	14			
27	Delano	21			
42	Dassel-Cokato	14			
10	Glencoe-Silver Lake	12			
28	Litchfield	14			
23	Becker	36			
Playoffs					
ESC.					
43	St. Peter	15			
37	Le Sueur-Henderson	7			
7 (Glencoe-Silver Lake	31			

Serve it, Pass it, Spike it

This year's Waconia High School girls' varsity volleyball team finished fifth in conference. Despite placing fifth, Coach Lee was very proud of the girls.

Some Awards winners this season were: Jenny Vankirk for Most Improved and Golden Arm; Kelsey Paulson for the Wildcat Award; Silver Arm and Demon Digger; and Chelsea Honebrink for the Bronze Blocker.

" Going into the season, we knew it was going to be a learning year and it was. The girls learned about a new level at volleyball, each other and most importantly, themselves," said Coach Lee.





VARSITY VOLLEYBALL:

Front- Andrea Dalen, Kelsey Paulson, Courtney Buesgens; Row 2- Emma Denbrook, Nanette Ristow, Kathryn Hilliard, Anna Philp, Megan Fredericksen; **Back**- Chelsea Honebrick, Coach Grundhofer, Jenny Van Kirk, Coach Lee, Megan Masurka, Coach Metzroth, Elizabeth Fischbach. **Top Left:** The girls high five each other after scoring a point. **Top Right:** Coach Lee talks to the team before the game.









Opposite Left: Chelsea Honebrink serves up the ball during a game.

Top: Jenny VanKirk get ready to spike the ball.

Bottom: Andrea Dalen passes the ball to another team mate.





Top: The varsity girls visualize at the starting line.

Above: Andrew Neborak sprints the last 100 meters to the finish line.



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY: Front- Laura Jensen, Rianna Siegner, Brittany Bammert, Kaaren Warnes; Second Row- Megan Bailey, Dayna Sudheimer, Kathryn Jonas, Mallory Hanson, Amanda Dingwall, Kaylee Rasmussen, Olivia Boll, Kathryn Laulainen; Back- Lauren Krukowski, Mackenzie Colins, Jenna Ely, Sophia Crosby, Katelyn Waletich, Mallory O'Niel, Louise Klingelhutz.



NEVER STOP

Running is life for Waconia Cross Country runners.

"No matter how much it hurts, or how tired you are you just have to keep going. The best feeling is when you cross the finish line and you know you gave it your all," said varsity runner Katelyn Waletich.

The team's motto this year was, "The faster you run the faster you'll finish."

Coach Machtemes said, "The season was one big happy family, athletes pushed themselves to the limits." Overall the team did very well. The boys and girls both took home fourth place at conference. Sophomores Mackenzie Collins and Matthew Neubauer were All Conference and the girls' team received honorable mention. The team was strong and they plan to continue to get stronger in the years to come.



Above: Mackenzie Collins concentrates on keeping her pace.

Middle Left: After running around Lake Waconia the team runs the track during Homecoming.

Top: David Deering catches his breath after a long hard run.





BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: Front- Nathan Waldvogel, Colin Faust, Kevin Lenzen, Evan Gundlach, Jeremy Brandenburg, Michael Krahulec, Benjamin Timmers, Cody Redshaw, Reid Larsen; Row 2- Kevin Deering, Patrick Deering, Jeremy Robb, Brandon Weinzierl, Andrew Armit, Brian Lochider, Matthew Larkin, Matthew Wessale, Craig Boll, Blake Willborg; **Back**- Manager Jason Anderson, Manager Scott Plocher, Jacob Condon, Joseph Morimotto, Daniel Klingelhutz, Adam Erickson, Jacob Bongard, Jared Swift, Theodore Moore, Matthew Neubauer, David Deering, Andrew Neborak, Coach Machtemes.

Masta La Victoria Siempre!

Even though it was only the second year Waconia has had a girl's varsity team, the team turned heads and made a name for themselves with a 12-4-2 record. Captains Brittany Bammert, Ali Klason and Lindsey Rague led the team.

Courtney Dixon was the

Right: Cassie Row steals the ball from the other team.

lead scorer with 23 goals, and the goalie Kirsten Blegen had 152 saves this season. Coach Erickson stated, "The team played hard and played with heart all the way through the sectional semi-finals. "Hasta La Victoria Siempre!"

Below: Captain Lindsey Rague beats her opponent to the ball.



Girls Varsity Soccer

W	HS OPPONENT C	OPP
4	Holy Family Catholic	2
4	STMA	1
4	Mayer Lutheran	0
3	Watertown Mayer	1
2	Rockford	1
3	Saint Cloud Cathedral	1
1	Southwest Christian Schoo	12
1	Holy Family Catholic	2
4	STMA	2
6	Mayer Lutheran	1
4	Watertown Mayer	2
0	Shakopee	1
I	Rockford	1
1	Saint Cloud Cathedral	1
1	Rogers	0
2	West Lutheran	1
4	Holy Family Catholic	2
0	Orono	4



Girls Varsity Soccer: Back Row-Coach Erickson, Brittany Bammert, Maggie Klason, Mary Dweese, Kirsten Blegen, Danielle Chinander, Courtney Dixon, Ali Klason, Coach Lesher **Middle Row-** Jackie Jensen, Kari Luce, Becky Solheim, Krista Polding, Cassie Row, Abby Corson Front Row- Michelle Giesinger, Bridger Ayers-Looby, Nicole Sampson, Megan Bybee, Michelle Blegen, Lindsey Rague





which they competed on a varsity level. Captains this season included: Matt Polding, Brian Falk, AJ Wozniak and Eric Butteris.

The boys made it to the play offs and the second round of sections. As a new program, it was a great feat which earned them a lot of respect as a team and as a sport.

One of the year's highlights was beating Brooklyn Center 4-3. where the win was taken in double overtime.

Before the games, Coach Josh Hutchcraft said, "Let's go get it and let's have some fun!" Needless to say, the guys did exactly that this season.



Above Right: Matt Polding practices a gravity defying kick. Above: Goalie Ross Weinzierl blocks a shot.

Boys Varsity Soccer	
WHS OPPONENT O	PP
9 STMA	0
4 Glencoe- Silver Lake	3
5 Rogers	2
I Holy Family Catholic	3
3 Southwest Christian School	1
2 Rockford	3
6 STMA	0
6 Rogers	2
2 Glencoe- Silver Lake	3
4 Brooklyn Center	3
0 Meadow Creek	6





Boys Varsity Soccer: Back Row-Coach Steffes, Jared May, Nate Ring, Ross Weinzierl, Josh Wagner, Eric Butteris, Karl Palm, Coach Aaron

Houck, Coach Josh Hutchcraft Middle Row- Ryan Hayes, Aaron Salo, Brian Lenzen, Brian Falk, Perry Lenz, Florian Buettiker, AJ Wozniak

Front Row- David Carrier, Mathias Weinzierl, Matt Douville, Steven Lado, Matt Polding, Jeff Hayes

WIMPS LIFT WEIGHTS... CHEERLEADERS LIFT PEOPLE!

The WHS Cheerleaders worked very hard this year. Stunting, jumping and cheering loud, they never allowed a game to get boring. Hard practice and great girls, along with the help of cheer camp and the coach's led, the squads to success.

This year's coaches pushed the squads for success, they were Vicki Sorensen (football and wrestling), Christy Vigil (assinant football coach) and Lisa Bonk (basketball.)

Rain or shine, inside or outside the cheerleaders were cheering hard.

The Waconia "Super Fans"

this year were extra supportive, never missed a game, they were in the stands cheering loud with the cheerleaders, supporting the event.

Missing many graduated seniors this year, the cheerleaders had a lot to catch up on, but it all came through. The cheerleaders are looking forward to a fun year next season and are excited to show off new talents.

"Without a conductor, there is no orchestra, without cheerleaders, its only a game!" BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS: Front Row- Amanda Randt, Akayla Stevens; Middle Row- Ashley Berndt, Paige Vigil, Renee Seib; Back Row-Taija Pietz, Tara Niebeling; Not Pictured- Chanice Martin.







WRESTLING CHEERLEADERS: Front Row- Ali Lenzen, Katherine Braun, Birgitte Rifley; Middle Row-Stacie Seaman, Meagan Olson; Back Row-Isabel Restrepo, Jacquelin Geffre, Kari Wickenhauser, Sarah Menth, Carla Pawelk.

OPPOSITE PAGE:

Top: Senior football cheerleaders get a piggy back ride from some of the Senior football players. Far Left: The basketball cheerleaders throw up a stunt.

Far Right: The wrestling cheerleaders give their all during a meet.






TOGETHER WE STAND, UNITED WE FALL, ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL!

KILLER KICKS

The quote that most Lakettes would tell someone was, "Dance is movement and movement is life." That was their 2003-2004 season motto. The team was devoted to being creative, unique, precise, united and devoted. Claire Salveson, a co-captain said, "We were all unique and danced from the heart...each girl brought her own personality to the dance."

The team won their first competition at the Waconia Invitational for their jazz performance. Lousie Klingelhutz said, "It felt great to win because we performed in front of our home crowd. We felt like we danced well and deserved the win."

The Lakettes older members

had a goal to improve from their last year's scores and to help set a sound foundation for the upcoming years.

Top Right: The team crouches low before they do toe-touches. Bottom Right: Lakettes kick with precisions and perfection.







Above: Danceline slowly slides into their splits.





Left: The Lakettes begin with a dramatic pose.

Middle Left: The Lakettes stretch before their performance during half-time.

Below: The girls show their enthusiasm through their bright smiles.







Above: Seniors, Jaclynn Hennen, Claire Salveson and Louise Klingelhutz show off their splits.



VARSITY DANCELINE: Front Left- Chelsea Engstrom, Claire Salveson, Jaclynn Hennen, Louise Klingelhutz, Sheena Sievers; Middle Row- Cassandra Row, Chelsie Vogel, Holly Ostlie, Kimberly Rademacher, Nichole Anderson; Back Row- Vicky Vue, Courtney Elaskey, Kayla Sayre, Jennifer Harold, Catherine McAvoy, Amber Quashnick, Jennifer Bakke.

TERRIFIC TUMBLERS

Although the gymnastics team consisted of mainly middle school girls, the high school gymnasts were the ones who led the team. Lindsay Schneewind said, "We worked well together and listened to each other. That really helped to improve our team."

They won their first meet at Howard Lake Waverly with a score of 112.55 to 90.825. "We had a rough beginning, but I give the girls 100% effort they kept strong and over came many

obstacles. They did exactly what I expected them to do, they

I expected them to do, they continued to get stronger and never gave up on anything. They improved scores at every meet and also became strong competitors. They won their first meet and I hope we have some more wins next year," said Coach Swenson.

The gymnastics team built a strong team and is looking forward to improve in the years to come.



Above: Kayla Wurst gets ready to perform her floor routine.

Top Right: Kellie Hoen performs an impressive stunt on the balance beam.





GYMNASTICS: Front- Stephanie Dornack, Kali Youngran, Samantha Sorenson, Dana Gentz; **Second Row-**Alexandra Wright, Coach Swenson, Mercedez Tolzmann, **Third Row-**Mackenzie Nash, Kerin Jetto, Alisha Klason, Kellie Hoen, Sheryl Cummines, Kayla Wurst; **Back Row-** Blair Bost, Kate Munson, Lindsay Schneewind, Tammy Cummines.





Left: Dana Gentz gracefully holds her splits on the balance beam.

Below: Alisha Klason smiles as she sticks all of her tumbling passes.





Left: Sheryl Cummines ends her performance with a smile.

Above: Captains Kellie Hoen and Alisha Klason pose on top of the uneven bars.

A GREAT YEAR FOR THE BOOKS

The girls swimming team did an awesome job this season. For the first time in the short history of the girls swimming team at Waconia High School, the team won a conference swim meet.

As coach Dave Nace put it, " We had a great year."

The young team competed in 15 conference meets and also the 5A Sectionals. Many school records were broken including the 200-yard medley relay, the 100-yard backstroke, six dives, the 100-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard individual medley, and many, many more. The team also had many athletes improve their standings in Sectionals.

When asked, Olivia Younkin, one of the team captains, said that the most memorable moment this season was, "Sections -- It was so exciting swimming at the U of M."

The swimming and diving team will surely remember this season for a long time.



Top: Jennifer Nelson and Meghan Durkin pose for a quick picture.

Above: Danielle Miller cheers on a teammate as she prepares to dive in.

THE GIRLS SWIMMING

TEAM: Kerin Jetto, Leah Froehling, Olivia Younkin, Jennifer Nelson, Leah Moore, Meghan Durkin, Stephanie Brazil, Kathleen Parris, and Danielle Miller.

Right Middle: The team warms up before the swim meet at Clearwater Middle School.









READY TO SUCCEED

The boys' swimming team members from Waconia were freshman, Cody Redshaw and eighth graders Jason Kaare and Tyler Stroming. The three boys have worked hard all year to improve and maintain their swimming abilities at practices and meets. The boys were constantly striving to become better.

Cody Redshaw said, "We haven't done really well, but we

improved and in a couple of years I know we will be great."

In fact, the team had some very close meets this year. They are already looking forward to the next season.

All three Waconia members, as well as many other people from the community, would like Waconia to have their own boy's swimming team and club.





BOYS' SWIMMING TEAM: Tyler Stroming, Cody Redshaw, and Jason Kaare.



Top Left: Cody Redshaw swims to the finish line.

Above Top: The entire Watertown and Waconia Swim Team.

Above: Cody Redshaw is the only high school swimmer for Waconia.

Dribbling to Domination

The team had some great moments during this season. The most memorable moment was when they won again Norwood Young America. "Our biggest achievement was beating Norwood in a non-conference game because it helped our sections standings," said Jenny VanKirk. The team hasn't won against them in a long time.

Kaylee Rasmussen said," We had tons of fans supporting that game. It was sweet because the environment on the court got so scrappy and physical. It became a showdown between myself and the girl I was guarding."

Mayer Lutheran was another team they won against this year. Beating their two biggest rivals in the same season was a huge accomplishment for the team.

The team had unity on and off the court because they had team meals before home games. It allowed them to interact off court and have a good time. One of Jenny VanKirk's favorite memory was when Elizabeth Fischbach wore her jersey backwards at practice and didn't know it. Getting along with the members allowed the entire team to work together.

Coach Doyscher had a strong team because he picked players who could match up well defensively with an opposing player and who could be trusted with the basketball on offense.

The girls' basketball team worked together and achieved many of their goals this season.





Above: Cassie Williams blocks the Delano opponent from making a basket.



Above: Jenny VanKirk gains the ball and brings it back to score a point.

Right: Chelsea Honebrink quickly runs back to the team's basket.











Above Left: Kaylee Rasmussen makes sure that her opponent does not get past her.

Far Left: Courtney Buesgens goes for a layup.

Left: Andrea Dalen attentively concentrates on blocking the shot.

OPP	Opponent	WHS
43	Mound Westonka	52
30	Glencoe	51
45	Mayer Luthern	52
31	Litchfield	42
42	Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	49
35	Becker	41
31	Dassel Cokato	54
54	Annandale	49
22	Delano	51
41	Norwood	44
49	Watertown	47
27	Glencoe	34
36	Litchfield	25
56	Becker	59
45	Dassel Cokato	54
46	Annandale	33
46	Orono	30
36	Delano	55
39	Watertown	51





GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Front- Katherine Jonas, KeliAnn Leivermann, Nanette Ristow, Krista Anderson, Andrea Dalen, Kaylee Rasmussen; **Middle Row-** Coach Tom Doysher, Courtney Buesgens, Jenny VanKirk, Chelsea Honebrink, Elizabeth Fischbach, Jennifer Brandenburg, Coach Mike Lee; **Back-** Anna Philp, Casandra Williams, Mackenzie Collins, Amanda Scheff, Coach Tiffany Nelson.

MOOP IT UP

The season started out very well for the team with a rank of 4-0. This allowed the team to have a good standing in sections.

A part of the reason why the boys did so well was because of the animosity within the

Right: Luke Wilhelm passes the ball to another player.

Far Right: Corey Erickson jumps over the other players to make a basket.

Below: Coach Hayes shows the team a play during a timeout.

team. Coach Hayes said,"The guys are very unselfish and will do whatever it takes to be successful. That was very rewarding for a coach."

Coach Hayes pushed the team very hard. "I was sometimes too honest. I told



Before each game, the team

would go to Buffalo Wild Wings and eat 30 cent wings, or play basketball games on PS2.

The rituals and coach talks helped the boys' basketball team succeed and play well for the rest of the season.





BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL: Front Row- Garret Sohns, Dillon Sletten; Brady Brink, David Deering, Luke Wilhelm, Corey Erickson; Middle Row- Coach Rich Gove, Mark Schrupp, Brandon Engelen, Joseph Hiben, Jacob Schieffer, Eric Butteris, Coach Jason Moe, Coach Patrick Hayes; Back Row- TJ Koehler, Patrick Deering, Adam Erickson, Jordan Peters, Joshua Ruiz.

OPP	Opponent	WHS
51	Orono	72
30	Mound-Westonka	58
50	Holy Family	69
63	Trinity at River Ridge	75
48	Mayer Lutheran	39
55	Norwood	53
45	Hutchinson	48
55	Becker	50
33	Dassel-Cokato	57
72	Annandale	50
46	Jordan	71
62	Delano	60
54	Norwood	43
68	Watertown	59
63	Glenco-Silver Lake	56
46	Litchfield	44
62	Becker	66
49	Dassel-Cokato	66
56	Annandale	55
62	Delano	52
68	Watertown-Mayer	50
48	Glenco-Silver Lake	49
56	Litchfield	40





Far Left: Brady Brink moves the ball down court.

Left: Jordan Peters tries to reach the ball to score another point.

Below: Mark Schrupp looks for a teammate to pass to.

Below Left: Luke Wilhem, Corey Erickson, and Jordan Peters all try to reach the ball.









Left: Jacob Schieffer jumps high to score two points.

Above: Dillon Sletten looks for a good pass.



Above: Adam Erickson watches for the ball.







OPP	Opponent	WH
18	Mora	52
33	St. James	41
42	Milaca	27
20	Mound Westonka	44
12	Delano	57
45	Scott West	22
46	St. Michael	18
24	St. Cloud Tech	47
33	Litchfield	36
23	BOLD	43
12	Fridley	55
10	Benile St. Margaret	62
6	DeLaSalle	72
22	Dassel Cokato	43
23	Norwood	44
12	Glencoe	56
25	Becker	34
25	Watertown	34
6	Columbia Heights	76
21	Chaska	50
33	Annandale	34
	Sections	
15	Monticello	54
30	Annandale	29

Wildcat Duals.....2nd Place Waconia Quad..... I st Place Delano Invite..... I st Place Christmas Tournament.....20th Place Mora Invite...... I st Place



Top Left: Jonathan Priess works for a shot while wrestling his Milaca opponent. Middle Left: Aaron Cook tries for a

take down. **Top Right:** Christopher Bullis wrestles hard at the Delano Tournament. **Above**: Kevin Bullis gets a take down over his Mora opponent.

over his Mora opponent. **Right:** Joseph Larsen tries to get a wrist to dominate the St. James wrestler.





Wrestling for Success

The Waconia-Mayer Lutheran wrestling team had a very exciting year! Some of the things accomplished included: Being conference champions for the first time in 40 years, having seven all- conference wrestlers and three honorable mentions, and an over all record of 19-4. Also, Waconia Senior Jonathan Priess, Waconia Junior Aaron Cook and Mayer Lutheran Senior Jared Duske celebrated their 100th win this season. "It's been a great season for everyone, fans, wrestlers, parents, cheerleaders and managers alike!" said Coach Kelly Wagener.



WRESTLING TEAM: Front Row- Cherie Seaman, David Schmitt, Kyle Durkin, TJ Selvey, Shayanne Roth; Second Row- Daniel Hoernamann, Benjamin Timm, Daniel Pohl, Aaron Cook, Jared Duske, Joshua Artmann, Brock Hegr, Keagan Stangret; Third Row- Coach Kelly Wagener, Kyle Beilby, Jacob Youngrin, Kevin Bullis, Michael Jackels, Joey Larsen, David Hobbs, Alexander Riner, Coach Mike Pettit; Back Row- Coach Mike Zaske, Braedon Schmidt, Tony Schilling, Wesley Rasmussen, Christopher Bullis, Joseph Nord, Jonathan Priess, Aaron Templin, Joshua Beckmann, Mark Vanderlinde.

FACE OFF...SLAP SHOT...GOAL!



Even though many of the team members have been playing hockey since they were very young, this was their first year to play as a high school team. The Waconia boys' hockey team was off to a great start for their first year playing as a part of the Holy Family team.

The Waconia players were: Sophomore Nick Lano, Left Wing; Sophomore Brandon Weinzierl, Center; Junior Dan Gjertson, Right Wing/Center; Sophomore Nick Matheson, Right Wing; Sophomore Devin Noeldner, Defense; and Senior Ben Smothers, Right Wing. Brandon Weinzierl

said,"We have learned how to

play better as a team this season." Their teamwork paid off when they won their first game against Rogers.

Many hockey players loved playing on outdoor rink. Nick Lano's most memorable moment was when he had his very first practice on the outdoor rink by the high school.

Playing with the Holy Family hockey team was a great way to introduce hockey to the town. Hopefully in the future, Waconia will have their own hockey team.

Right: Benjamin Smothers tries to get past two opponents.







BOYS' HOCKEY: Devin Noeldner, Nicholas Matheson, Benjamin Smothers, Brandon Weinzierl, Nicholas Lano, and Kyle Kilmer.



Above: The team is ready for a face off.

Below: The entire Holy Family and Waconia team pose together.



OPP	Opponent	WHS
8	St. Paul Hawks	2
2	Rogers	3
10	St. Cloud Cathedral	1
7	Fairmont	3
1	Monticello	3
5	Sleepy Eye	3
12	New Prague	2
10	St. Peter	4
6	Luverne	3
7	St. Paul Academy	2
9	St. Bernard	0
9 5 7	Delano	3
7	Somerset, WI	2
3	Sleepy Eye	4
11	Minnehaha	0
8	Minneapolis Edison	1
3	Hudson, WI	0
7	Menomonie, WI	0
5	River Lakes Stars	1
13	St. Paul Hawks	2
4	Fairmont	3
3	Minneapolis South	2
2	Sleepy Eye	7



Above: The team plays fiercely on the rink.

JUNIOR VARSITY AND FRESHMEN TEAMS



9th GRADE VOLLEYBALL: Front Row- Jami Reinke, Jennifer Bakke, Kayla Wurst; Middle Row- Kelsey Goergen, Molly Meeks, Kari Buesgens, Jessica Grinnell, Katelyn Larkin; Back Row-Jennifer Kutzke, Coach Meterota, Kayla Schuman.



JV VOLLEYBALL: Front Row- Emma Denbrook, Kelly Hulke, KeliAnn Leivermann; Middle Row- Jessica Davis, Estelle Denbrook, Kelsey Engelen, Isabel Restrepo; Back Row- Megan Masurka, Coach Grundhoffer, Megan Fredericksen, Elizabeth Fischbach.



9th GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL: Front Row-Benjamin Timmers, Shawn Osterkamp, Colin Faust, Charles Kortuem, Ryan Frey, Seth Erickson, Andrew Overson, Mitchell Read; Middle Row-Coach Henn, Jeffrey Morgan, Craig Boll, Kurtis Koenig, Joseph Timm, Drew Kating, Kevin Ebert, Riley Swier; Back Row- Joseph Drapcho, Ian Redshaw, Daniel Kelzer, Nicholas Sudheimer, Samuel Cousin, Michael Hennen, Nicholas Sterner, Brian Krahulec.



9th GRADE SOCCER: Front Row- Shawn Osterkamp, Andrew Overson, Michael Bly, Brett Munson; Back Row- Coach Aaron Haug, John Bly, Mitchell Karels, Charles Kortuem, Kyle McKeever.



JV GIRLS SOCCER: Front Row- Dianne Parkinson, Mandi Selvey; Second Row- Sarah Northrup, Kelly Deweese, Rebecca Lund, Katie Luce, Jessica Hunter, Nicole Gueningsman, Bonnie Hanson; Third Row- Ashley Conkey, Stephanie Schmitt, Laurn Kalkes, Stephanie Quaschnick, Emily Cook, Cheyenne Dantona, Justine Widmer; Back Row- Danielle Petersen, Taylor Melius, Alexia Ball, Catherine McAvoy, Kathryn Carrier, Megan Rademacher, Elaine Stairs, Amber Quaschnick, Coach Lesher.



9th GRADE FOOTBALL: Front Row- Anthony Sinnen, Kelly Olson, Ryan Frey, Brody Scheff, Ian Redshaw, Seth Erickson, Joshua Artmann, Joseph Larsen, Mitchell Read; Middle Row- Coach Herrmann, Coach Grack, Brock Hegr, Matthew Clemensen, Michael Clemensen, Darwin Ehrreich, Keagan Stangret, Nicholas Sterner, Nick Sudheimer, Michael Hennen, Andrew Walter; Back Row-Sean Wilson, DJ Earls, Riley Swier, Kevin Ebert, Joseph Timm, Joe Drapcho, Alex Quiring, Evan Butteris, Jerad Spike, Jeff Hable.



JV GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front Row- Katherine Jonas, KeliAnn Leivermann, Nanette Ristow, Tracy Kelzer, Christine Anderson, Ashley Henderson; Middle Row- Kathryn Laulainen, Megan Sipper, Ariane LePort, Kathleen Morimoto, Amanda Dingwall, Coach Lee; Back Row- Anna Philp, Mackenzie Collins, Elizabeth Fischbach, Rebecca Solheim.



9th GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Front Row- Gabrielle Malek, Karl Buesgens, Laura Kahmeyer, Nicole Sletto, Jami Reinke, Kirsten Blegen; Middle Row- Brittney Schroeder, Kayla Schuman, Mary Deweese, Jen Kutzke, Katelyn Larkin, Meghan Durkin, Coach Tiffany Kruger; Back Row- Krista Polding, Brittany Schoer, Jenna Venske, Taylor Melius, Sarah Boughten, Kristine Kroells.



JV BOYS BASKETBALL: Front Row- Perry Lenz, Brody Scheff, Kevin Deering, Zachary Gatheridge, Jason Menth, Colby Young; Back Row- Garret Sohns, TJ Koehler, Kenneth Sterner, Samuel Sterner, Matthew Wessale, Justin Klingelhutz, Andrew Reich, Coach Jason Moe.



JV DANCELINE: Front Row- Stephanie Quaschnick, Kyla Smith, Brianna Hartmann; Second Row- Amber Chandler, Katelin Boehm, Cassie Giesinger, Hayley Mueller-Milne; Thrid Row- Chelsie Rossel, Caltlin Smith, Chelsea Wilson, Crystal Schmidt, Brianna Wall; Back Row- Amanda Wood, Allison Melbye, Erin Salveson, Amanda Bammert, Brittni Sweeney, Ashley Conkey, Ambrosia Leuthardt.



JV BOYS' SOCCER: Front Row- Michael Jackels, Ryan Hoffman, Geoffrey Hulitt, Justin Ely; Middle Row- Kyle Jackels, David Hobbs, Alexander Schnedler, Joshua Henninger, Nolan Weber, Ryan Vogel, Jeff Hayes; Back Row- Coach Steffes, Brandon Wachholz, Jaren Stangret, David May, Timothy Lund, Curtis McKusick, Florian Buettiker, Brian Lenzen, Coach Hutchcraft.



Knitting Club

The after school activity was fairly Waconia High School's newest after school dub consisted of two needes, a skein cheap. For only \$12, members received five Kelsey Paulson can make a whooping of yam, and a great attitude. Students and kritting reedes, a skein of yam, and heb for teachers alike enjoyed the the fun.

interactive atmosphere of the Knitting Cub.

Andrea Benjamin, who believed that it was They learned the basic technique of kritting a great idea and a way for kids to learn a and went on to making mitters. new trade. She really wanted to keep the The Knitting Cub may be a new school idea and talent of knitting alive through the activity, but the turnout of people the new dub and are really picking up on the years to come. concept of knitting

an hour and an half from an expert kritter. Members started to meet every The knitting dub was started by Mrs. Wednesday since the beginning of the year.

next generations. Students seem to love interested proved it will be around for many



Rianna Segner and Janell Anderson are having a great time at knitting club.



Ms. Lund, Mrs. Kuerschner, Reka Dandliker, and Cortney Dammann chat while making mittens.

MAKING YOUR MARK ON YOUR BODY

Students at Waconia High School show off their piercings and tattoos.



Above: Cody Krause, Eli Pieper, and Phil Franklin show off their tattoos and their muscles.

Clockwise from Left: Erin Ostlund and Ryan Schmakel display their tongue accessories, Suzanne Harvat's "industrial piercing," Tess Surat and Sue Bush and their wacky tattoos, Hannah Strahota's "gauged" ear.

CAN YOU DO THIS

WHS Stupid Human Tricks



noise with her mouth.



Sean Stein can sit down, lift one of his legs up over his shoulders, and still sit comfortably.



Matt Parris can turn his right toe back, towards the left and touch the heel of his opposite foot

governor Arnold schwarzenegger

THAT'S RIGHT. FORMER ACTOR AND BODYBUILDER ARNOLD SCHVARZENEGGER

IS NOW THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA CALIFORNIANS DECIDED LAST SUMMER THAT IMMIGRANT ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER FORMER GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS, WASN'T DOING & GOOD JOB, SO THEY HAD & RECALL ELECTION THE ELECTION WAS OPEN TO ANYONE WHO HAD MONEY TO PAY THE \$3,500.00 FILLING FEE AND 65 VALID SIGNATURES OF REGISTERED VOTERS. THERE WERE ABOUT 160 NAMES ON THE BALLOT IN THE OCTOBER 7, 2003 RECALL ELECTION THERE WERE TWO QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT: "DO YOU WANT TO RECALL

THE CURRENT COVERNORP" AND "WHOM DO YOU WANT TO TAKE HIS PLACE?" CALIFORNIA ELECTED THE AUSTRIAN AND HE WAS SWORN INTO OFFICE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2003, SHORTLY AFTER HIS INALIGURATION CEREMONY GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER SIGNED A BILL AND CALLED A SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS TO DISCUSS ISSUES PRESENT IN CALIFORNIA'S TROUBLED ECONOMY. WHAT AN AMAZING STORY OF THE AMERICAN DREAM BEING REALIZED.



Teacher Feature: Crazy Phrases

Does "It's a great day for PE." sound familiar? Or how about "Fractions are our friends"? Mr. Hayes and Mr. Grundhofer find themselves using these sayings frequently. Just as other teachers have their own signature quote.

What about Mrs. Kurtz's "Fractions happen! Get over it." While Mr. Erickson starts many of his stories with, "When I lived in Bolivia...."

By sophomore year everyone recognized Mr. Torborg's, "Pass it over, pass it up, hustle up." Or you may hear him yelling "Gender" down the hallways. If it isn't "Gender" you are hearing in the halls it may be Mr. Benson keeping couples apart by saying, "Lips like hot lead, he pressed her to his bosom! Yum! Yum! Yum!" You know you've done well when Mr. Aeling tells you that he, "Hears you cluckin' big chicken."

In math class you may hear Mrs. Prondzinski say, "Chunga, Chunga," when canceling out common terms .

The other English teachers have their own sayings as well, such as Mrs. Kappel reminding students that, "Journal time is quiet time." Or Mrs. Degener's encouraging, "The book's not that bad."

The Spanish teachers say many things, but the sayings that really stick are Mrs. Dulgar's "Las luces, por favor," and Ms. Lund's "Voluntarios, o victimas?"

To people who are not a part of Waconia High School, these phrases may seem a bit crazy, but to most students they are everyday common occurrences.



New Faces From Foreign Places

When it comes to foreign issues, Waconia High School was more than willing to open it's doors to students from all over the world. This year, WHS welcomed

Florian Buettiker from Switzerland, Denisse (Stefany) Hildago from Ecuador, Elina Lukyanova from Russia, and Ariane LePort from France. Florian and Ariane are juniors, and Denise and Elina graduated with the senior class.

WHS was extremely excited to share with them our American traditions. As well as teaching them some tricks of the trade.



WARNING: Niew Buildings

CAUTION: The city of Waconia has undergone a few changes in the past year.

The town has grown so much, a few minor adjustments were needed.

Three additional stoplights were put in, including one at the intersection of Hwy. 5 and County, Rd. 32, where the new





Mackenthuns is located.

The old Machenthuns was renovated and made into many little shops including Curves and a scrapbooking store, Me-mentos, this area is now called The Crossing at the Town Centre.

When it all comes down to it, Waconia isn't the little town it used to be.



Jim Berg and Justin Reitsma pose with all their Simpsons gear.

Doh!

Waconia High School's newest independent study was based on the philosophy and geography of the television show "The Simpsons."

Each day Jim Berq and Justin Reitsma watched three episodes and answered questions relating to the show. At the end of the quarter, the quys wrote a twenty page paper on what they have discovered

Jim said. You really have to know your geography and social studies to understand the show. Mr. Machtemes, who has been showing *The Simpsons* in his classes for years, let Jim and Justin use his room to watch the shows."

As Mr. Machtemes said. "You really have to be a committed Simpsons fan to be in the class, it's not just something you can watch once in a while."

TO THE SENIORS WITH LOVE

Jim Berg

You made it through your first journey in life. You have already achieved many memories and outstanding accomplishments. Your talents and potential are unlimited. We anxiously await to see what you" have in store for the future.





Sara Koch

You have made us very proud. Your determination and independence is endless. You know you will fulfill your dreams. We wish you much success on your future endeavors. We Love ya! Mom, Dad and Nate





May you have as much joy in your life as you've given us! We love you and are so proud of the person you've become. "There is someone, who really loves you, turn around..." Mom and Dad

Melissa L. Henderson Melissa you started out in this world as a small beautiful baby girl. As you grew, you became a beautiful young lady. The world holds many opportunities for you. Hold onto your faith and believe in your abilities. Embrace your future. We love you! Mom and Dave





be more proud. Continue doing as you have been: enjoy life to its fullest. I wish you only the best. Love you high as the sky, Mom







Chels In spite of heartache and trials, (or maybe because of it) you've become a loving, sensitive, beautiful young lady. If your dad were here he'd say, "I'm proud of you Chelsea." I know I am -- so very proud! I love you forever and always! Mom



Amanda Janzen You have been a blessing to us since we first set eyes on you. It has been a joy watching you grow up into a wonderful person. We are proud of you and wish you life's best.

> Love, Mom and Dad

Suzanne

Always remember. From quiet homes and first beginnings, out to the undiscovered ends, there's nothing worth the wear of winning, but laughter and the love of friends. We Love you and are proud of you, Mom and Dad



Emily Goede "M"

We have watched you grow up to be a wonderful adult and we are very proud of you. We wish you the best in life whatever you choose. Keep your head up, be happy and enjoy. Be a leader, not a follower, set your goals and smile. We Love You Very Much, Dad and Mom!





Nathan Ring Life is hard, Life is tough And sometimes it seems the way is too rough But wherever you go, whatever you do Just remember that your parents will always love you! We're very proud of you Nate!

Love, Mom and Dad



Andy and Cortney You two have always enjoyed life. You couldn't even wait for your due date, you had to start life 8 weeks early. Keep your formula for life, work hard, play hard, have good friends, and never forget about us. Your family Love, Mom, Dad and Jake

Nick Anderson We are always amazed as to what you can accomplish. Keep challenging yourself. We are very proud of you. Stay safe, you are so special to us.

Love. Dad and Mom



Eli Pieper Life is a challenge. Raising you sure proved to be one of great joy. Your life's challenge is at hand, go for it with love and righteousness in your heart. Love, Mom and Dad



Aaron Salo You have been a blessing to us from the moment you were born. We are so proud to call you our son. We know you will succeed in all you do. Keep trusting in Jesus and enjoy life.

We love You! Mom and Dad

Mallory Jo Tevis Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. Mark Twain Love. Mom and Dad





Brittany Bammert Where has the time gone? We remember your first day of school like it was yesterday. We are very proud of all you have accomplished. You have the greatest smile so keep smiling. Congratulations. Love. Mom and Dad









Megan Marie

It must have been a really fun time because it sure did fly by. Keep your big eyes open to all good things to come your way. 'm so very proud of you and your positive attitude. I know you'll make your dreams come true. Love. Mom



Andrew Hathaway

very proud of you!

As you move ahead into the

future, go after your dreams.

Remember, "If it is to be, it is up

to me. Commitment is what

transforms a promise into a

reality."

Love, Mom and Dad

Carly You've given us years of joy and we are so proud of you. Now live your dreams because you can do anything you put your heart to. Love, Mom and Dad

Cassie

We are so proud of the young woman you have become. As you go off to college, remember that sometimes the best things for us are the hardest things to do. Be confident, Be strong, have fun and follow your heart. We love you, Dad, Mom and Jessi





Sara Marie Kelzer We hope all of your wildest dreams are fulfilled. However never run faster than your guardian angel can fly. Best Wishes. Love. Dad, Mom and Brad

Dillon Sletten Your quiet wisdom and unique sense of humor will serve you well on life's adventure. Be proud of all your accomplishments and always dream big. You are a true blessing. Strive to be happy. Love. Mom







Patrick You Know! All of the best to you forever. Love. Mom and Dad





Sarah Menth Sarah I can't believe you're graduating high school, it seems like I just dropped you off for your freshman year. Your dad and I love you and know whatever you choose to do in life, you will do your best and try your hardest. Love. Mom



Jaci Hennen "Oh, the places you'll go..." Dr. Seuss Here you go, Queenie! You can do anything you set your mind to. We are so very proud of you... be kind, be smart- and enjoy the ride! We Love You, Mom and Dad

Danielle Chinander

What a gift you are! We appreciate you sharing who you are with us. God has given you such determination, creativity, and joy. We are excited to see what your future holds. God bless your life. Love, Mom and Dad



Luke (Samuel) You were and are an amazing gift. Always shine the light God has put inside you. I love you and am proud of the man you're becoming. Love From Mom





Lindsay Fischbach It has been a joy watching you grow. We are so proud of you. Keep your independent spirit and always believe in yourself. And remember- the glass is always half full! Love, Mom and Dad



Adam As you move away from this time in your life and onto new challenges, continue to grow in your faith, keep a positive attitude, and maintain your good sense of humor. Love Always, Mom and Dad

Jake Lesher Life's Little Instructions: Smile a lot. It costs nothing and is beyond price . Forget the Joneses. Be insatiably curious. Ask "why." Think big thoughts, but relish small pleasures. Call home. Love ya-Mom and Dad





Katie

WE LOVE YOU Katie!

We are very Proud!

Love,

Mom and Dad

Wes Rasmussen It's been so fun to watch you grow from small to big. Life will be full of so many twists and turns. You'll have to use your best judgment to be a success. Remember we'll always be there for you. Best of Luck. Love, Mom and Dad



Bird I prayed to God for a daughter, but never imagined he would have blessed me with you. I am so proud of you and hope all of your dreams come true! I Love you Lacey, Mom

Brady Brink Your eyes and smile say it all! Thanks for the great memories over the years. We wish you the very best in all you do. Keep smiling, you wear it well! Love, Mom and Dad



Claire

You are an amazing person! Before birth and everyday since you have filled our lives with laughter, pride, bewilderment, challenge, and most of all love. You may be full grown, but we will always see you as our "Claire Bear." Love,

Mom and Dad





Dear John We can't believe our little brother is about to graduate. The years went by so fast and here we are at another monumental stepping stone. As you take this next step; remember to take everything to our Lord in prayer. Love. Karin, Holly, Ryan and Chris

Courtney Buesgens

Ever since you've been able to

talk on the phone, you have.

And guess what? You've been on

the phone ever since. Some

things never change. Remember,

we're always just a phone call

away. Enjoy each day to the

fullest and always listen to your

heart. Love,

Mom and Dad



Matt Polding

What a senior year! It's been great watching you-play soccer and football, hang out with friends, grow You have so much going for you and so many gifts- your future is going to be exciting. We're so proud of you! Love,

Mom and Dad



Ben Our wish for you, as you begin a wonderful and exciting journey, is this ... Keep working hard Always carry an optimistic attitude Never forget your hopes and dreams We are very proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad







Dearest Jenn

From the first moment I looked into your precious eyes, you have brought overwhelming joy into my life. You've grown into a lovely multifaceted young woman! Congratulations on all your accomplishments! May God bless you with success in all your future endeavors. Love and Hugs, Mom



Cortney

Graduation comes sprinkled with

the mixed emotions of joy and

the unknown, it is at this point

that we let you go, not the end,

but truly the beginning! We wish

you the best that life has to offer.

All our love,

Your family

Kate Stuewe These years have gone by so fast! You have been the most wonderful daughter and we are thankful for you. Our hope for you is to have continued success in whatever you do. God bless you. Love, Mom and Dad

Valene

Cupid blessed us with our special Valentine. Your loving heart, strong personality, and confidence makes the world stop to admire you. "If you can imagine it, you can achieve it. If you can dream it, you can become it." W. Ward. Reach for the stars and you will succeed in life. We are so proud of you and we love you. Love, Dad and Mom

Amanda Wenning We are really proud of you! It has been a joy watching you grow into the beautiful person you are! You are special to us where ever you are. Love. Mom, Dad, Nicole and Ryan

Amanda I struggled to bring you into this

world, from that moment on you became my best friend. You are everything we hoped for in a daughter. We want the best for you, hopes and dreams that come true, the possibilities are endless. Love you, Mom and Dad

Dayna Sudheimer Just remember always you are special to me. Love, Mom



Tegan That a mother can say "I like you" as well as "I love you" speaks volumes... It's good to be your Mother! Love, Mom





Cara Weinzierl Each day has been brighter because of you. The joy of watching you grow into who you are. We are very proud of you!! Keep smiling and always remember you have a special place in our hearts wherever you are Love Always and 4-Ever, Mom and Dad



Amanda Thaemert We loved you then, we love you now and we will love you forever! May God continue to watch over you and guide you in all you do. We are So Proud of You! Love, Mom and Dad

Ryder Great Job Ryder! We wish you the best of luck for your future. Love, Mom, Dad and Lacey



Jenna Marie Ely Your smile will open doors. Your integrity will guide you. Your poise will carry you through rough times. Your intelligence will serve you. And always know, the love and pride we feel for you is immeasurable. Love, Mom and Dad



Johanna

Sometimes we worry about you because we know your world has not been an easy one to grow up in. But we believe in you and your ability to make good decisions. We love you and congratulate you. Mom, Dad and Tim



Mallory We love you and are so proud of all you have accomplished. You are in a class by yourself! Love. Mom and Dad



Jennifer Brandenburg

Appreciate your own uniqueness and realize you're an angel in disguise to some, a friend so important to others, and a member of a family with whom you have significance and importance beyond description. May the love in your life, hope in your heart, and faith n your dreams help you to do whatever will make you happy, keep you healthy, and assure you the prosperity you deserve. Remember that you are someone special. Love, Mom and Dad



Reka Dandliker Where did my tiny daughter go, O here you are only now a beautiful woman with compassion and grace that just astounds me. Mom



Stefy

Walk together, talk together all you people of the earth, only then shall you be free. We've all learned so much from each other this year. We hope we will remain forever in your heart as you are in ours. Love, Mom and Dad



Ross Weinzierl From so small to so tall in just a few short minutes! We couldn't be more proud of the young man you have become. Love, Mom and Dad



Miriam Schwochow You're a Senior this year Miriam! Congratulations! I'm so proud of you. Love, Mom



Ryan Hayes Riley how did we get here so fast? I'm so very proud of the young man you've become. Watching you grow has been a joy. Keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars. Love You, Yo Mama



Hindson Hawj Thov Vaajtswv foom koomoov rau koj. Peb hlub koj Nam hab txiv



Andrea The road to success starts at a young age and Andrea has her sights set on bigger and better things. Her vision will take her as far as she wants to go. Good Luck Andrea Love, Mom and Dad





Packy Remember people judge you by your friends.



Amanda Always a goof ball but very independent and determined in reaching her Ultimate goal- a Professional Photographer for the rich and famous. Good Luck!! We Love You, Mom and Dad

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With the new addition of a yearbook class, students had the opportunity to get involved with the yearbook process. In the second quarter, the class of all girls learned the introduction of yearbook. The class's topics included: learning to write captions, copy, headlines, using the Elite Vision program, and making layouts. The theme "Postcards" represented how students change and evolve during the journey through high school. The book was published by Taylor Publishing Company of El Paso, Texas. It was designed on EliteVision. The book had 136 pages with 32 pages of color, and a size of 8 1/2 x 11. The cover was Red032, had a blind embossed design, and black foil lettering. The headline was 40 point Black Adder II. The body copy was 10 point and caption was 8 point in Eric font. It was delivered out in the spring and sold 466 books. The Taylor Sales Representative was Anne Mueller, and the yearbook adviser was Heidi Degener.







Above: Amber Storms, Akayla Stevens, and Amanda Janzen travel in style while shopping at the grocery store.







