Where We Stand

We have covered a lot of ground in our years on this earth. The paths we have already traveled are a few in comparison to the many that lie ahead. Our previous experiences have prepared us for now, and our high school experiences will, in turn, prepare us for the future. We now stand on the threshold to adulthood, ready to face the future.

High School: the birth of individuality. Here our ties to Mommy and Daddy grow the weakest they will perhaps ever be in our struggle to tear away, our struggle to stand apart. We no longer want to be classified under one genre. It is time that we recognize ourselves not as a part of the group, but as individuals who can stand up for what we believe in. Despite mixed messages to be “normal” and fit in, messages that encourage our uniqueness have also molded us.

Generation after generation, it has been proven again and again that teenagers are not afraid to stand up for whom and what they are. From rock ‘n roll to Woodstock to burning bras to recycling, we, teenagers, have never been afraid to take a stand.

Some of us have already found our certain modes of expression. Although we are currently not protesting the Vietnam War, many have joined the war against drugs, for instance, or aided in the effort to rebuild the environment. We learned that it is not the magnitude of our cause, but the magnitude of our faith. As Pearl S. Buck once said, “The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible and achieve it, generation after generation.”

We are at the crossroads of life and the decisions that we make now will determine our success. Now is the time to separate ourselves from the group, the stereotype. We should not fear standing alone. Following our own dreams brings greater fulfillment than following the dreams of others. As Emerson wrote, “What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.”

By:
Beth Barovian & Erin Wallace
The Drama Club performs their many expressions during the Homecoming Parade.

Dori Krejci and Gina Locastro cheer in the Homecoming Parade.

Above: Brian Horn shows his school spirit. Need we say more?

Left: Mike Branstein salutes the Class of 1998.
Kelly Stuber and her friend, preschooler Adrian Sakas, get into the spirit of Halloween. Both are students in the Early Childhood Education program.

Jolinda Feldner gives three cheers for Mentor High.

Sandy Lewis is all tied up with excitement before the Homecoming Parade.

MHS rookie Head Coach Trivisonno takes a stand as he points out the key plays to win the game.
Julie Gravina and Christy Paine roar with enthusiasm as they march down Main St. with the rest of the varsity soccer team.

Lisa Beringer, Justin Gollin, and Cheryl Teachout float away at Better in Mentor Days.

Tom Griffith takes a walk on the wild side. His curiosity got the best of him, so he decided to get in touch with his feminine side.

Mentor’s mascot, the Cardinal, keeps the crowd rocking!
Finally, after thirteen years we have reached the top. We the Class of '98 have surpassed our scroff more year, being considered the diamonds in the rough and are now STANDING ON TOP. The long distant day of graduation has finally arrived. We have completed our so called "high school career," and hope that our time at Mentor High has prepared us to make wise decisions for our futures. Whatever the future may have in store for us we will always have memories of MHS. We will always remember the dreaded 7:20 a.m. homeroom bell, the lethargic Senior meetings, and those fire drills on sub zero days. Most of all we will always remember the friends, activities and good times that Mentor High shared with us.

MEMORIES

The Cleveland Indians going to the World Series: Unanimous
Falling down the stairs on the first day of sophomore year: Melissa Bonfanti
Running in the rain during Cross Country: Allison Walsh
Being in the Student Center with all my good friends: Dave McGee
Being quarter line backer in the Powder Puff game: Ashley White
Fun times in marching band: Jon Rowe
Since it's such a large school, you can see all your distant friends: Kreso Ticak
Clockwise: Future Leaders, Eddie Pauline, Jenny Cannato, Sarah Stanton, Super Metz, Adam Redenshek, and Steve Siko show their "Seniority" as they stack themselves to the top. The sky's the limit.
Dave Cooney  Jeff Cooney  Lee Cooper  Michelle Costello  Michelle Counselman
Kristy Covert  Lori Cramer  Nick Cramer  Elizabeth Creps  Clifford Cross
Megan Crouch  Nichole Cseh  Ryan Cudlip  Robert Culotta  David Matthew Cummings
Ariana Cunningham  Kelly Cunningham  Elizabeth Cutler  Raymond D'Amico  Charlene Dadd
Most Artistic

Brett Purmal
Amy Elizabeth Smith

"If you can’t color between the lines, don’t"
- Purmal

"Don’t strive for love - be it!"
- Smith

Jarrid Danburg
Elizabeth Daniels
Heather Daniels

Raymond Danner
Steve Danyi
Mitch Davidson

Most Athletic

Jill Sluga
Brian Krofcheck

"If you dream it, you can achieve it."
- Sluga

"Was up yo!"
- Krofcheck

Christine Davis
Jamie Davis
Melissa Davis

Roseann Dean
Jeffrey Dedek
Erin DeFisher

Seniors
Class Clown

Alisha Sylvia
Herb Denny

"To be funny is to be misunderstood"
- Sylvia

Best Dressed

Diana Dejact
Dave Lucas

"Girls kick butt"
- Dejak

"I'm just doing my best to keep the sweatshops running."
- Lucas

Teresa Gagliano
Kyle Galbos
Justin Gallon
Sandy Galucci
Rich Gapinski
Dana Gardner
Mike Gates
Trisha Gay
Amy George
Tina Marie Gerald
Brian Gesing
Jamie Giengir

Seniors
Most Energetic

Dan Dalton
Andrea Meares

"Just say no"
- Dalton

"Crazy people have the most fun!"
- Meares

Prettiest Eyes

Dave Cooney
Angela Cacic

"Lying Eyes"
- Cooney

"Look into my eyes!"
- Cacic

Justin Horosko
Kelly Horvath
Marc Hruby

Michael Huber
Evan Hunter
Shawn Huntington

Scott Huntoon
Claire Hurley
Aimee Hutton

Jessica Hwang
Scott Hynes
Rukhsana Iqbal
Friendlyest

Michelle Costello
Sylvester Johnson

"Keep spreading the love."
- Costello

"Your companions are like
the buttons on an elevator.
They will either take you up
or they will take you down."
- Johnson

Prettiestest Hair

James Catlett
Jenn Cannato

"Boy I'm glad puberty
hit"
- Catlett

"No comment. Call my
agent."
- Cannato

Tim Leach
Jennifer Leake
Dan Ledasill

Leah Ledford
Susan Ledzianowski
Judy Lee

Anthony Lemmo
Allyson Leonhardt
Brian Leppert

Jennifer Levin
Ryan Lexa
Jeremy Link
Most Memorable Teacher

Mr. Rotar- He’s one of the few teachers I learned a lot from: Nick Cramer
Mr. Kary & Mr. Lillback- Inspirational: Gretchen Stiger
Mrs. Allen- She forces me to think deeply: Allison Walsh
Mr. Haskell- She’s more than just a WP1 teacher, she’s a friend: Monica Karpovich
Mr. Butler- Need I say more?: Julie Metz
Mr. Becker- Sodium and his incredible dogs: Amanda Wagner
Ms. Mundy- She was always someone I could talk to: Sylvester Johnson
Mr. Grantz- He made me blush all the time; and made me work to my full potential even though I hated it with a passion: Anonymous

Nick Mason
Erin Mazza  Kelly McAteer  Patrick McCarthy  Shannon McCarthy  Matthew McCormack
Dave McGee  Brianne McGlone  Ian McGovern  Chris McGrath  Chrystie McKenna
Dallas McLaughlin  Chris McVey  Scott McWilliams  Andrea Meares  Tina Mehta
Melissa Meier  Andrew Mendenhall  Julie Metz  Patrick Michaud  Callie Michney
Most Humanitarian

Ann Rzepka
Ed Pauline

"Nothing left to do
but smile, smile,
smile"
- Rzepka

"Helping people is a
good thing"
- Pauline

Most Involved

Holly Bugos
Toey Munson

"If only there were 26
hours in a day, maybe I'd
get something
accomplished"
- Bugos

"I try to make the most of
my opportunities."
- Munson
Favorite
Super Villain

Dr. Tonia
-Frank Zagar

Hamburgler
-Katie Mitchell

Dr. Claw
-Caryn Mahmet

Pinky and the Brain
-Anonymous

Superman
-Scott Huntoon

Batman & Robin
-Heidi Walker

Jessica Ollis
Kelly O’Neal
Erica Opeth

Michael Ortman
Lisa Otte
Mindy Owen

Erin Ozebek
Jaymee Page
David Palumbo
Robert Papp
Lisa Paramore

Ashleigh Parisi
Cory L. Parker
EJ Parker
Amanda L.
Paroubek

Tracy L.
Paroubek
Most Musical (Instrumental)

Amanda Paroubek
Mike Smith

"Life without music would be a mistake"
- Paroubek

"Trombones '4 ever"
- Smith

Most Musical (Vocal)

Amanda Wagner
Michael Robertson

"Don't take any wooden nickels"
- Wagner

"Where was I? I forgot the point that I was making..."
- Robertson

Charlene Parucki
Lisa Pasquale
Melanie Patton

Chrise Paul
Eddie Pauline
Elise Pech

Lee Pellini
Jonathan Perdue
Lydia Perko

Jason Perry
Joe Petsche
Melissa Petro
Three Things I Can’t Live Without...

Mike Bossick: Water, love, and french toast

Gina Sindrich: Chapstick, choc. chip cookie dough ice cream, and Sprite

Amy Graf & Jen Levin: Money, car, and food

Pat Michaud: Girlfriend, Batman movies, and undies
Prettiest Smile

Jeff Cooney
Katie Lipstreuer

"Trying to succeed brings success whether you win or lose."
- Cooney

"What's always popular isn't always right. What's always right isn't always popular."
- Lipstreuer

Most School Spirit

Ryan Smith
Meghan Metz

"There's no I in team, but there's an M and an E - that's me! Wrestlemania 97 - 98"
- Smith

"Go Mentor Cards!"
- Metz

Gregory Salve
Jason Samsa
Brian Sandberg

Raymond Sanderson III
Brook Anne Sarli
Dave Savoca

Travis Sawchik
Matt Saylor
Melanie Schaefer

Ross Scharf
Katie Schlappal
Ben Scholes
Biggest Fear
Sandy Gallucci- Bad hair day
Rory Harrington- Women with facial hair
Bill Wilson- The Amazing Ajax
Brian Puffer- Snakes
Dana Cahill- Charlie Nagy
being traded to the Yankees
Most Likely to Succeed

Susan Whittaker
Vince Concel

"All my successes have not come without failures - you just have to keep trying."
- Whittaker

"History is written by those who win."
- Concel

Most Likely to be a Superhero

"Your Friendly Neighborhood"
- Aaron Linne

"Princess of Power"
- Pamela Slea

"The world cries out from the darkness for a hero...
I am that hero."
- Linne

"I vow to only use my powers for the good of mankind."
- Slea
Amanda Wagner  
Robinette Wagner  
Heidi Walker  
Frank Walland  
Allison Walsh  
Michelle Walters  
Josh Wander  
Heather Warnick  
Brian Waterhouse  
Brit Waters  
Emily Wearstler  
Nicole Weaver  
Billy Webb  
Matthew Weeks  
Bryan Weinstein  
Tony Weis  
Stephanie Weiss  
Jacquelyn Welch  
Heidi West  
Scott Westover
Let’s see if Bob Harbart (left) can talk his way out of this one!
Maile Frank smiles on Media Day. The day was to promote Mentor's fall athletes.

Rukhsana Iqbal lends a helping hand with the MHS 1997 Harvest for Hunger food drive. Mentor High collected over 15,000 pounds of food in one day.

Ellise Pech's leaning tower of Pepsi. Several students attended a leadership workshop in September.

When I grow up, I want to be just like Bob Musca.

Above: You want us to do what?

Left: Senior Pride
Toey Munson wonders who gave him that kiss? Could it be his mother?

What do you mean I'm enlisted? Lisa Pasquale suits up for Army Day.

This sophomore shows what it means to have school spirit. Pajama day was one of the five spirit days leading up to Homecoming.

Chief Andy Doty shows his pride in the Tribe. Through Andy's pride and many others around Ohio, the Indians went on to battle the Marlins in the World Series.
Games Begin!

Each year spirit week is just another week where the "weird" kids get to wear strange things to school. Due to new and innovative themes, this year spirit week was not just another week, but a success. Both staff and students were seen in complete army uniforms and for 80's day people with crimped hair in their latest NKOTB attire made this a fall spirit week to remember. Along with the strange week, came the crazy Powder Puff game ending with a score of 0-0, a score which unfortunately brought with it a ton of ruptured egos. If you were to ask any of the girls if the game was fun, the answer undoubtedly would be yes. On the other hand, if you were to ask if it hurt, the answer would again be unanimous. The loss of flags turned a friendly game of two hand touch football into a ferocious game of who can push harder. The Seniors who were insinuating violence were faced with a surprisingly determined Junior team who refused to lose. The two teams' perseverance concluded the 1997 Powder Puff season with much excitement.

The first assembly of the school year was also a success. The wide assortment of signs and disciplined involvement, made the MIB (Men In Black) theme awesome. Cheerleaders dancing with the skill of Will Smith and the enthusiasm of the Sophomore class added to the excitement making the entire fall spirit week worth the work.

Tim Kovac coaches Senior Powder Puff team members Ashleigh Parisi, Erika Tenerove, Christina Zochelli, and Sandy Galluci on the fine art of football. "Ladies, this is a football."

David Zalack, Paul Rogers, and Scott Hynes are the Men In Black. They dressed in theme for the Homecoming Pep Assembly.

The Senior team discusses their strategy before the game. Led by the varsity football team, the Senior girls showed their determination throughout a tough game against the Juniors.
"Forever Tonight"  
Homecoming 1997

Michelle Costello and her date cherish the moment during the Homecoming dance.

Above: Michelle Costello, the Homecoming Queen, and the 1997 Homecoming court.

Above: Aaron Linne, Courtney McClendon, Megan Mitman, and Ken Sowers take a break from dancing to smile for the camera.
Class of 1998

COUNSELORS:
M. Leu
D. Litzinger
J. Mueller
Foreign Exchange Students Lorena and Teresa feel right at home at Mentor High.

Jon Martin wonders if he'd fit in his locker.

Mmm más comida para nosotros.

Guess who's as busy as a bee. Could it be Holly B.?
Not Pictured List

Justin Alexander
Sergio Amoroso
umber Anderson
nanada Ansorge
elly Baje
ennifer Barile
ason Bolzak
anna Bollnow
ason Borso
an Bottorff
ystal Brown
nethen Cain
shua Calvy
avid Carter
esley Caserta
omas Charlton
ey Colini
athan Cooke
shua Cottrell
ima Curic
n D’Angelo
at Dille
essica Dinunzio
enifer Durst
achel Durst
ark Ekstrand
ustin Fedor
ason Fischbach
arah Fowler
elle Freed
illip French
auline Garcia
ynthia Gotliebowski

Angela Griswold
ora Hale
roy Harrington
ason Harris
awn Howell
atrick Hua
ennifer Huber
omas Janz
 Jamie Johnson
arissa Joo
rittany Jordan
elly Keletta
illian Koehler
hn Kovak
athew Kuenzel
adley Lakita
andy Lardomita
henry Laurio
elley Lawrence
ason Liberatore
ichard Link
ames Lovell
ristine Maday
ynn Mandato
aria Marovic
anelle Meeks
iezabeth Meinke
ad Michalski
ara Milete
my Miles
ark Molk
anatha Motzer
ohn Moyle
onica Nagy

Tiffany Nielson
Donald Nye
Keith Pasquale
Brian Picard
Leslie Pierce
ocelyn Pietrantozzi
larles Pirnat
ason Russell
ichael Russell
Christopher Schneider
icholas Schwarz
ustin Seliskar
aron Sharp
rian Shelton
Roy Skaggs
Amy Suchfield
John Trusty
awn Tschappatt
athan Tyson
eslie Van Gezelle
Donald Vanatta
ars Vandermee
aryl Waite
ustin Waskovich
aniel Wehagen
obert Wels
ami Welsh
 Brandon Williams
Anthony Wilson
Elise Young
effrey Yuhas
rank Zagar
Angela Zangare
"Most men lead lives of quiet desperation" according to Henry David Thoreau; unfortunately he did not live long enough to see our Class of 1999 at Mentor High School. We represent different backgrounds and display them every day. The ways we dress, the music we listen to and the activities we are involved in all show how we STAND OUT amidst our own classmates and the other two classes we share our building with. We are not just entering nor just about to end our high school career; we are stuck here for one more year and are just starting to make our mark.

Members of our class listen to music by artists ranging from Puff Daddy to the Dave Matthews Band to classical composers. The way we dress differs as well - some wear the same shirt every other day, while others wear clothes that are twenty times too big, while yet others wear jeans every day. Each person is comfortable in what they wear and like what music they listen to, even if others don’t. They are not afraid to stand out from the crowd.

We are distinguished from the "scroffmores" in that we now have our own mode of transportation and no longer have to rely on our parental units. We no longer are required to sleep in study halls but may waste our ever so valuable time in the student center instead, and most importantly we only have one more year left before we break the ties of our parents and leave Mentor. We do not have to worry about college applications and recommendations as the seniors do...yet.

As we all know, responsibility accompanies newly gained independence. Most of us now have jobs, harder classes and more homework, and extracurricular activities between which to divide our time. An after school and weekend job requires time to be taken away from school work and from one’s friends. The advanced placement classes come as a shock to some.

Throughout our two years here at Mentor High, we have moved up the ranks and are now prepared to make our permanent mark on our school through our leadership roles and by being individuals. The best is yet to come.

-Diana Bolton
Thom Griffith and Ryan Layton STAND OUT before the Powder Puff Game.
Favorite Article of Clothing
1. Shoes
2. Shirts
3. Jeans
4. Pants
5. Socks

Favorite Place to Shop
1. Mall
2. Dillard’s
3. Old Navy
4. Camelot
5. Gap
Junior students always listen intently in their favorite class.

Juniors
If I Could Go Anywhere in the World, I Would Go To...

"Atlantis"
-Anonymous

"I would want to tour with a famous band or group - Aerosmith - and see the world."
-Claire Gooding

"The Galapagos Islands to see the tortoises."
-Kim Richey
Thomas Goll
Anthony Gonzalez
Claire Gooding
Lydia Gorski
Jeremy Grasgreen
Jason Gravens

Michael Gray
Michael Gray
Katherine Gregor
Michelle Grierson
Thomas Griffith
Daniel Groscost

Melissa Grubb
Sara Guynn
Elizabeth Haas
Justin Haas
Jessica Haines
Ian Hanahan

Kelly Harmon
Wesleigh Harper
Andrew Harris
Jonathan Harrold
Gordon Hatfield
Christopher Havel

Eric Heintz
Amanda Helwig
Kelly Henderson
John Herley
Brandon Henschel
Frank Herchick

Brian Heston
Katie Higgins
Patricia Hillier
Ashley Hollander
Michael Holmecchi
Joshua Holmes

Allan Hoon
Melissa Hope
Alan Hoskinson
Christian Howe
Dustin Hoyes
Stefanie Hoynes
The Junior class officers Kylee Suminski, Thom Griffith, Tom DeFlorio, and Charity Beverage were Standing Out before the Homecoming Parade.
Dayna Kerrett
Michelle Kettunen
Shonna Kheirkhal
Kathleen Kish
Carrie Klayman
Christin Klein

Darcy Klina
Danielle Knaus
Michelle Kohlentz
Catherine Kohl
Matthew Koman
Katherine Kontas

Lee Kordel
Michael Kost
Michael Kostelnik
Kristin Koval
Jason Kozen
Kristin Kozar

Daniel Kozlowski
Allison Krahn
Brian Kral
Melanie Krankowski
Brian Kraska
Nicholas Krivacic

David Krofcheck
Justin Krouse
James Krsak

Adam Kuback
Thomas Kuglin
Robert Kumin

Jacob Land
Michael Lanigan
Joseph Latina

Favorite Sport
1. Baseball
2. Football
3. Basketball
4. Soccer
5. Running

Favorite Athlete
1. Michael Jordan
2. Kenny Lofton
3. David Justice
5. Tiger Woods
Meg Gesing demonstrates her most impressive talent - balancing a frisbee...one ONE finger!

William Orlando
Maria Overhaugh
Christy Paine

Amanda Palek
Hope Palmer
Peter Paparizos

David Parker
Marie Parker
Dipali Patel

Ritesh Patel
Shannon Paul
Adam Pauline
Jared Pavelka
Kevin Pavlik
Melissa Peckis

Lori Pellow
Robyn Pengelly
Jennifer Pepka
Sarah Perl
David Perry
Eric Perz

Anne Petrak
Michele Petriella
Natasha Petrow
Mark Phelps
Joseph Philipp
Stacey Phillips

Jeneane Piet
Gregory Pike
Nicole Pitzer
Michael Plescia
Jared Pliots
Jillian Pokesek
My Idol Is...

"Jimi Hendrix - he was devoted to the art of music."
- Thom Griffith

"Jackie Robinson because he broke the biggest barrier ever."
- Kelli Gilchrist

"John Lennon - he set the tone for his generation and 'nobody hates a Beatle.'"
- Tom DeFlorio

"I idolize anyone who is who they are, who they want to be, and who is not influenced by other peoples' actions."
- Krista Galante

Lisa Rock
Melissa Rodia
Domenick Rodriguez

Matthew Rodriguez
John Roe
Nathaniel Roesch

Sarah Rogers
Samantha Rohalley
J. Andrew Rome

Jason Rosa
Stephen Rosenberger
Gabriel Rospllock
Andrew Ross
Joshua Ross
Christine Royer

Joseph Rozehnal
Jonathan Ruland
Shannon Runyeon
Jenel Russ
Joseph Ruvolo
Adam Ryan

Kelly Ryan
Tina Ryan
Daniel Ryman
Robert Saban Jr.
Caroline Sabat
Nicholas Sabo

Michelle Sacerich
Eileen Saenz
Erin Salamon
Scott Sandberg
Tara Sanders
Jennifer Sanderson

Juniors 65
Jessica Sankal
David Schafer
Raymond Schiott
Donald Schefal
Allison Scheer
Elizabeth Schilla

Charles Schilling
Melissa Schilling
Megan Schleimer
Tracy Schneider
Greta Schoeneman
Justin Schultz

Timothy Scott
Adrienne Semosky
Sarah Sauer
Randy Shaffer
Nihar Shah
Catherine Shandle

Amy Sharp
Jessie Shepherd
Michelle Shinrock
Tiffany Shippe
Stephen Shrege
Amanda Shriver

Brad Shriver
Stefanie Shall
George Sidoris

Danielle Sielutski
Joshua Stiefed
Angela Sigler

Kavita Singh
Jennifer Skiba
Theresa Skilton

Ian Hanrahan tries to decide which answer to pick.
So many choices - A, B, C, D, or E
Michael Sklad
Eric Skrout
Alan Skelly
Sean Skukki
Pamela Sloan
Scott Smith

James Sneddel
Amanda Snedden
Sarah Snider
Shaun Soeder
Heather Sourwine
Nathan Spackman

Emily Speck
Kevin Speich
Micheal St. John
Robert Stadler
Alice Stankey
David Starkey

April Stauffer
Steven Stegner
Joyce Stefanik
Kelly Stenger
Elizabeth Stevens
Erin Stevens

Katherine Stewart
Holly Scipan
Jennifer Stoneman
Brenda Strang
Stacy Sullivan
Kylie Suminski

Edward Szczepanski
Bryon Sutton
Alecia Szczepanski
Wendy Szymczak
Ashland Tackett
Edward Taked

Kevin Takan
William Tampa
Nicole Telman
Matthew Terelle
Matthew Thomas
Marcie Thornburgh
The Best Movies

1. Scream
2. Dazed & Confused
3. Jerry Maguire
4. Dumb & Dumber
5. Menace II Society
   Men in Black
   Grease

The Worst Movies

1. Cable Guy
2. Batman & Robin
3. Powder
4. Dumb & Dumber
5. Contact
   Fargo
   Spawn

Gene Winters
Leah Wolf
Candice Woolard
Katie Wrenn
James Wright
Kelly Wyne

David Yafanaro
Kathrine Yeckly

Cherri Verse
Jillian Yodice

Julie Zabest
Kristina Zalar
Megan Zale
Trevor Zammix
Danielle Zappola
Veronica Zavoda

Nick Zerinsky
Anthony Zidar
Hayle Ziegler
Alison Zieske
Scott Zivoder
Jeffery Zook

Eric Zunkley
Danielle Cline
April Funk
Erin Hooper
Right: Cheryl Turk and her friend felt like royalty on Halloween before they trick-or-treated around school.

Below: Jared DeFife is mesmerized by Claire Cahoon in "Crazy For You."

These "Smiley, Happy People" Tiffany Shippe, Terese McCloskey, and Michelle Sacerich strike a pose.

Lesley Behnke and Dario Miocic stop in the hall for a picture after school.
If You Could Dye Your Hair Any Color What Would it Be...

1. Blonde
2. Blue
3. Red
4. Green
5. Purple

Left: Always enthusiastic about their work, junior members of the Spirit Club paint the banners that decorated the gym before the Homecoming Assembly.

Below: On hat day, Matt Rancourt and Bill Wahl discover creative new uses for their writing utensils.

Kavita Singh, Megan Mitman, Stef Shull, and Jen Skiba are just hangin' out at the Future Leaders picnic.

Brian Alexander listens intently as Jaspal Ahluwalia explains when we will actually need to know how to produce aspirin or how to predict the products of a chemical equation.
Chris Hudak and Ian Hanrahan stand up their quads after another excellent performance.

Above: Ellen Convery and her instrument are not happy campers.

Right: Jolinda Feldner pumps up the crowd at the Homecoming Assembly.
Left: Marie Parker and Leigh Francis show off their tribute to the environment.

Below: Ashley Ritchie, Katie Stewart, and Erin Wallace diligently study their French in preparation for senior project next year.

Renee Matteo, Kylie Suminski, Stephanie Wieczorek, and Kelly McCalla show their spirit before the football game versus Lake Catholic.

Above: Christina Miller, Nicole Pribilski, and Kim Richey give information to members of the community during Showcase Mentor High School.

Left: Tony Gonzalez is entranced by the skill of Mentor’s sports teams.
Left: MHS Theater jives down 615 during the Better in Mentor Days Parade.

Left: Christy Paine and Phil Metz put their smiles on once again for yet another picture before the Homecoming Dance.

Below: The always spirited Heather Doll goes comfy on pajama day. Pajama day was just one of five Spirit Days leading up to the Homecoming game.
Standing Together

It’s been a long wait but the class of 2000 is finally here at Mentor High. We found ourselves at the start of the year looking for the third floor and swimming pool. Many of the Sophomores worried about fitting in. In order to fit in Sophomores have joined many clubs and activities to get involved in making Mentor High a better place. Many sophomores joined clubs this year, such as Future Leaders, Key Club, Community Service, and Yearbook. There were unexpectedly large turnouts at these meetings.

Coming to the high school, some people were intimidated by the differences between junior high and high school. The school at first, seemed large and impersonal but once we found our place in the school, it felt just like home. We have finally gotten the opportunity to take place in many of the Cardinal traditions. The Homecoming dance was one of the first opportunities that the Sophomores had to get to know all our new classmates. Many of us also tried out for Mentor Theater’s production of “Our Town.” Others have joined Marching Band.

We came from the various Junior Highs, with different backgrounds and styles. Yet we have come together to form Mentor’s class of 2000. When we look back at our sophomore year, we will remember all the friends we made and the activities we participated in. As we approach our Junior year we look forward to all the fun activities approaching. In everything we have done, we have made new friends that we will have long after we graduate.

By Laura Robertson
SOPHOMORES

Sophomores: Mike Gentle, Melissa Yuhas, Erin Cash, and Jenny Criswell take time before the next mod to smile for the camera.
FAVORITE SESAME STREET CHARACTER

1. Elmo
2. Oscar
3. Cookie Monster
4. Snuffalufags
5. Grover
Ryan Stanish anticipates an "A" on his test.
DO YOU BELIEVE IN ALIENS??????
Yes-54%
No-41%
Maybe-4%
I am one-1%
Playing “Sleeping Beauty” is Liz Hecker.
Favorite TV Show

1. Party Of Five
2. Drew Carey
3. The Simpsons
4. ER
5. Seinfeld
Rosie Harrison
Rebecca Heasley
Elizabeth Hecker
Robert Heeter
Lara Heishman
Andrew Heiss

Anna Heitz
Brian Hennies
David Henning Jr.
Christopher Herda
Michael Herrick
Kenneth Herrmann

Matthew Hershberger
Joshua Hervey
Nicholas Higgins
Paul Higgins
James Hill
Patrice Hill

Robyn Hill
Rosaline Hill
Randal Hill Jr.
Kristen Hodges
Rebecca Hoehler
Christopher Hommel

Kristina Hommel
Erin Hooper

Matthew Hopes
Briana Hoppert

Monica Horner
David Horvath

Favorite Type Of Music

1. Rap
2. Alternative
3. R&B
4. All Types
5. Classic Rock

Favorite Music Group

1. Bone
2. Puff Daddy and Family
3. Wu Tang Clan
4. Metallica
5. No Doubt
Dave Williams enjoys looking at the beautiful designs on the wall.
The Best Sport Is.....

1. Baseball
2. Basketball.
3. Football
4. Soccer
5. Volleyball.
My Excuse For Being Late
Is......
"I got stuck in the elevator between the 3rd and 4th floors."
— Heather Spackman
"I got locked in the bathroom."
— Adam Stalker
"It's hard to walk in these heels."
— Meghan Dopuch
"Big aliens Took Me to Alpha Centri, after I fought my way back to the ship and saved the world twice, I flew back at light speed. Don't you know Light Speed messes up your time?"
— Jamal Hall

Richard Sprinzl
Zachary Stafford
Adam Stalker

Ryan Stanish
Eric Stanton
Matthew Stanton

Karen Steel
Judy Stefanik
Kelley Sterl

Rosalyn Steward
Kathryn Stewart
Matthew Stih
Karen Stika
Cara Stone
Jeffrey Stoneman

Evan Strang
Thomas Strickland
Aaron Supica
Gory Suain
Zdenko Sulc
Erin Sullivan

Emily Surckla
Jason Surovy
Holly Swan
Schrira Swamegar
Bryan Sybo
Adam Szabo

Allison Szabo
Nicholas Szabo
Tamara Szabo
Tiffany Szalay
Justin Sutzer
Zelma Tackett
Rachael Taggart
Anthony Tanski
Kerry Taskes
Brian Teachout
Cheryl Teachout
Gina Telaroli

Bradley Thomas
Sarah Thomas
Sean Thompson
Thomas Thompson
David Thornton
Tia Thornton

Anita Ticak
Michael Tizzano
Chad Todd
Jennifer Tomasic
Ranata Tomicic
Edward Tompkins

Kevin Toth
Anthony Touarti
Michael TrimboI
Robert Trunck
Jasmin Turcillo
Donald Tucker

Jason Tucker
Matthew Tuttoliveri
Joseph Turkall
Stephanie Turner
Michael Turovsky
Brittany Tyler

James Underhill
Ingrid Unger

Michael Urban
Nicole Urbancic

Roz Steward, Catherine Irwin, and Amy Poremba throw candy out during the Homecoming Parade.
Left: Kristen Kirby takes her time getting ready to go to Math class

Middle Left: Stopping for a smile are Dawn Wiese and Morgan Rupp

Bottom Left: Working on a group project in English are Vanessa Dinunzio and Noah Brandt.

Top Right: Chris Schwartz and his lab partners look at micro-organisms in Biology class.

Bottom Right: Becky Macura, Jacki Hruby, and Sandy Lewis celebrate school spirit in the Homecoming Parade.
Mentor High would be lost without the help and guidance of our outstanding faculty!

Over the years they have been, and still are, there to support us, guide us and lend a helping hand. They always do their best to show that they care, and although they might not have all the answers, they still are there to listen and help whenever possible. Yes Mentor High—they are our faculty. They are a faculty that strives to do the best for us and a faculty that strives on making us the best we can be. For us seniors, we will miss the talks and the guidance, but their advice we will hold in our hearts and in our minds as we all go our separate ways, making our own individual lives based on the courage and wisdom they have shared with us. For the juniors and sophomores, they will strive to soak in any and all information and wisdom our outstanding faculty has to offer us. Our faculty does not stand above us or against us—they stand with us! They believe that by standing with us, we not only learn from them, but they learn from us in return. I can only hope that I, along with my many other classmates, am able to touch lives in a way that doesn’t leave me standing off or below, but tall and together with those around me. From our faculty I have learned so much—the most important, though, is to always, no matter what, stand for excellence! Do not settle for any less...after all why should we? We have learned better then that!

Mentor High School Faculty, STAND up and take a bow— you deserve it!

Elizabeth Khoramshahi Senior
Mentor’s Finest
Standing for Excellence

Mrs. Bontempo, stands tall as she plans her trick-or-treating adventure
Dr. William Hiller
Superintendent

Dr. Larry Disbro
Asst. Superintendent
Personnel

Joffrey Jones
Asst. Superintendent
Secondary Education

Valerie Federico
Board of Education

Charleen Gawronski
Board of Education

Patrick Hanrahan
Board of Education

Judith Keller
Board of Education

Arthur Kless
Board of Education

Dr. Linda Williams
Asst. Superintendent
Elementary Education
Mr. Greene
Vice Principal

Mr. Lillbach
Art Director

Mr. Mazzeo
Vocational
Dept. Coord.

Dr. Sadowski - Vice Principal, Dr. Tonia - Unit 12
Principal, Mr. Schweitzer - Principal

Mrs. Murphy
Unit 11 Principal

Mr. Ness
Athletic Director

Mr. Teringo
Unit 10 Principal
Q: Is teaching worthwhile?
A: "Of course! Teachers develop the future. What greater responsibility is there?"

Q: If at all, how has a student touched your life?
A: "I'm always thankful for my health when I work with special ed students. They also put the most effort into just getting here that I'm so impressed."
Faculty Inspirations:

“Children!”
— Mr. Kirby
“Past teachers…”
— Stated by many
“Enthusiasm!”
— Anonymous
“To be able to touch a life”
— Stated by many
“Serve others”
— Anonymous
B. Budziak
Auditorium Manager
Picture unavailable

E. Burchell
Special Education

L. Burkhart
Sec./ Music & Attendance

Student Fact:

90% of Mentor High School students surveyed, agreed that they would be unable to stand as tall and proud without the help and guidance they found in Mentor’s faculty.

D. Burns
Science

B. Butler
Science

E. Callahan
English

S. Carver
Sec. Main Office

M. Cicco
Foreign Language
G. Cimperman
Special Education

K. Clark
English

P. Colton
Library Asst.

“I’ve had a number of former students who have experienced solid successes in life and they generously credit me for part of that success.”
-Mr. Mackar

E. Coode
Healty/ Phys. Ed.

M. Costich
Sec./ Pupil Services

S. Couch
Social Studies

R. Clements and R.
Frei: Vocational/OWE

D. Covelli
English

110 Faculty
H. Covetta  
Science

C. Cvar  
Sec./Unit 10

P. Dadd  
Sec./Unit 11

Favorite Teacher

“My English teacher! She pushed me to give 110% instead of just 100%!”

D. Daugherty  
Vocational/Lakeland  
Picture unavailable

T. Davidson  
Vocational/OWA

L. Sangdahl  
Special Education

R. DeCaro and J. Morgan confer with student Elizabeth Khoramshahi in Social Studies.

D. DeMitro  
Science
If there was one thing about my students I could change, it would be...

"Their attitudes - learning should not be number four."
Mr. Kandalec

"Apathy-it's very easy not to care about anything."
Anonymous

"No more 'whining'!"
Stated by many

"Increase their enthusiasm to learn!"
Mr. Mackar

"Nothing unless they were unhappy - I want all my students to be happy!"
Mrs. Varnelis

"Increase their motivation."
Stated by many

D. Dressig
Graphic Arts

J. Dervay
Business

B. Desotell
Head Custodian

M. Doll
Sec./Vocational

"My favorite part of teaching is when you know you've made a positive difference in a child's education & the child feels better about themselves."
-Mrs. Varnelis

C. Domin
English

C. Edwards
English

J. Elliot
Mathematics

K. Esper
Social Studies
J. Ezzo
Vocational/DE

T. Fiebig
Vocational/
Graphic Arts

D. Fisher
Vocational/
Horticulture

G. Fortunato
Guidance Associate

"My favorite part of teaching is interacting & understanding (trying) with students. It keeps me young and helps them to grow up."
-S. McLaughlin

T. Frazier
Health/Phys. Ed.

K. Freeborn
Sec./Athletic

J. Fritinger
English

M. Fulmer
Sec./Main Office

J. Garcia-Carion
Foreign Language

Faculty 113
E. Geisler
English

M. Giancola
Health/Phys. Ed.

A. Gingrich
Special Education

M. Glaros
Social Studies

H. Gonzalez
Foreign Language

D. Goodman
Mathematics

"To teach is to touch a life forever!"
-Author unknown

N. Grantz
Science

J. Green
Health/Phys. Ed.
Tests-to learn or not to learn...

"I believe tests are a learning tool."
-W. Harman

"Tests are measurements of assessment."
-Anonymous

"Tests can't always prove what a student knows-my girls 'show me' in labs better then they do on tests or papers."
-Mrs. Kirby

"Yes-test taking is an important life skill!"
-Anonymous

Mrs. Carver and Mrs. Fulmer meet with Seniors, Sylvester Johnson and Elizabeth Khoramshahi to discuss holiday plans.

Ashwin JAMakiram shakes it all about while the P.E. teaches watch in amazement at what they taught their student.
N. Hillstrom
Health/Phys. Ed.

T. Horvath
Mathematics

K. Hufgard
English

Mr. Swank and Mr. Hillstrom compromise to stress the importance of Mathematics and Health/Phys. Ed.

B. Hugel
Mathematics

B. Hunsicker
Music

C. Iannadrea
Social Worker
Is there Guilt in failing a student?

"I'm always disappointed when a student fails, because it represents poor decision making on the part of that student."

-T. Mackar

"Always. My objective is to teach and if a student fails I haven't reached my objective."

-Anonymous

"I have never failed a student...some have failed me though, however (not many though)."

-Anonymous
M. Kintz
Vocational/Child Care

M. Kirby
Vocational/Child Care

T. Kirwan
Science

D. Kohn
English

M. Korcheck
Mathematics

S. Kowalke
Technology Education

J. Kraus
L.E.A.F.

C. Kridler
Media Specialist

B. Krizancic
Vocational/O.W.E.
A. Kurnat
Social Studies

J. Lange
Head Food Service

S. Lann
Family & Consumer Sciences

Mr. Schweitzer
Helps support Spirit Club

C. Larkin
Vocational English/ Lakeland

W. LeClear
Mathematics

G. Leonard
Vocational Coordinator
G. Lohrey
Mathematics

J. Lorek
Science

T. Mackar
Health/Phys. Ed.

Is teaching really worthwhile?

"Absolutely-without teachers, think about how unprepared future graduates would be for what lies ahead of them."
-Anonymous

"Yes—it is wonderful to see a student succeed!"
-Mrs. Davis-Ackley

"It is absolutely worthwhile, every once in a while you make a difference to a child and it feels wonderful!"
-M. Kirby

D. Mackey
Business

A. McDorman
English

S. McLaughlin
Science

K. Meyer
English

S. Miller
Mathematics
P. Mocadlo
Science

T. Molley
English

R. Mundy
Foreign Language

J. Namciu
Health/Phys. Ed.

J. Naylor
Foreign Language/Mathematics

A. Newman
Special Education

J. Norman
L.D. Tutor

S. Oleksak
Health/Phys. Ed.

S. Osborne
English
L. Paolucci  
Sec./Media Services

N. Perillo  
Music

M. Piorowski with seniors, Elizabeth Khoramshahi and Dana Cahill  
Family & Consumer Sciences "Is it time for a nap yet?"

Mrs. Bagwell asks herself,  
"Why me?"

J. Pitrone  
Special Education

J. Pizzuti  
Sec./Guidance

S. Pohto  
Science/Mathematics

G. Polinsky  
Vocational/Data Processing
Teacher’s Pet?

“I try not to have a teacher’s pet.”

-M. Kirby

“Absolutely not!”

-Stated by many

“No, but some students just get more involved than others.”

-Mr. Mackar

“No, however, I do treat every student different, because they are all different.”

-Anonymous

“I do not do it purposely, but hey, who doesn’t like the happy, friendly, cheerful person better than the snarly one? The nicer the student, the more I will help them!”

-Anonymous
J. Sargent
Nurse

L. Scharf
Social Studies

L. Schormuller
Science

Mrs. Stuckey shows her
ENTHUSIASM for English

L. Sedmak
Acct. Clerk/
Student Activities

M. Semrad
English

J. Simmelink
English
J. Singer
Tech. Ed.

K. Skilton
Mathematics

"I always tell students they can do better, because we can all do better! Even if all we do is change our attitude for the day. Each step or change helps!"
-Anonymous

J. Smeltz
Vocational/DCT

T. Swank
Mathematics/Business

"As a human being, you will always have some students you like more than others, but consistency is a top priority for me!"
-Anonymous

 Mentor High Cooks
Prepare for a long day

L. Stuckey
English

"The opportunity to work with people instead of profits makes me remember how important my job is everyday!"
-Anonymous

B. Szalma
Secretary/Vocational

L. Taylor
Health/Phys. Ed.

D. Taylor
Business
A. Thompson  
Social Studies

R. Thompson  
Science

"My life is touched by a student when a student comes back and says, 'Thanks!' They are using the information they learned from me.”
-Mr. Kandalec

K. Touchton  
Music

J. Tredent  
Tech. Ed.

"Interacting with students and helping them to succeed at something is one of my favorite parts of teaching!"
-Mrs. Davis-Ackley

C. Triana  
Mathematics

"Tests are necessary assessments, but are not the only factors that determine grades. Many other factors must be considered. (Homework, class participation, ... )"
-Mrs. Bontempo

Mentor High  
Security Guards

Take a break

J. Tsevdos  
Educational Asst.

J. Udovic  
Tech. Ed.

M. Van Arsdale  
Science
"We would like to thank all of the faculty, here at Mentor High, that made it possible for us to do this section. Without you we would not be the successes we are today...and we would not be inspired to go on to become greater successes! Each and every one of you has touched at least one of us (students), if not many more, in a positive way. Many Thanks! ...Go ahead...we know you want to...STAND up and take another bow!"

— Elizabeth Khoramshahi and Sylvester Johnson
(AKA: The Queen and King of Mentor)
Seniors

J. Wagar
Social Studies
Rub-A-Dub-Dub...Mr. Swank just got out of the bath tub.

K. Wallick
Foreign Language

D. Waterwash
Special Education

P. Welshans
Art
Stand Up and Cheer

Why do we play sports at Mentor High School? Why do we go through early season, grueling practices that often bring us to the point of total exhaustion, and then take this weariness into hours of homework? Why do we as Cardinal athletes allow our coaches to push us so hard, and take us past the point where we thought we could never go, physically and emotionally? The hours of commitment, the inner and outer pain, and the worry are all worth the challenge of Mentor High School sports.

Have you ever hugged someone after spending every ounce of yourself in front of half of a crowd spilling their emotional guts for victory, and the other half screaming for your defeat? Have you ever spent a bus ride home in total silence because you were part of a team, as close as family after a tough loss, or in the high energy bus ride of a great come-from-behind victory? Do you have something in your life that you would sacrifice so much for and feel so strongly about? These are the reasons why we play sports at Mentor High School: the closeness of teammates and coaches, the pride of having faced a great challenge, the pride of representing our school and community.

From the preparation of junior varsity squads, to the keen competition of varsity sports in the Lake Erie League, we, the student/athletes want to thank our parents for their sacrifices of rides to practices, late dinners, and coping with our in-season ups and downs; our teachers for their appreciation of us who maintain high academic standards even when running on empty; our coaches, whom we "hate" for sprints and taking us out of our comfort levels and whom we love because we are part of their family in season and out; and our teammates, especially those who dedicate themselves tirelessly in practice so we as starters may take their dedication into games, we applaud you as your applause still rings in our ears. Thank you, Mentor sports family.

Anonymous
Jay Ragley proudly represents Mentor High School as he sings the Star Spangled Banner before the Mentor Fighting Cardinals take the court.
"The team had a very successful season, even though it was young."

Coach Thompson

Dino Rhodes also had a good season with a 4 and 0 record and a 2.26 ERA. The Cardinals had Nine Wins and Three Loses in the L.E.L. They had an away record of Four Wins and Five Loses. The 1997 Varsity Baseball Team was full of many new faces. After graduating nine key players from the 1996 team, expectations were not high. The Cardinals were the underdogs of the L.E.L. Head Coach Andy Thompson told the News Herald, "The Cards Don't have the Depth they've had in the past."

Despite what everyone was saying the Cards started the season with a 13-1 record. The team's batting average was .336 with a slugging percent of .475 and a team total of 13 homers. Infielder Mike Robinson led the team with a .421 avg. in 24 games. Dave Krofcheck lead the team with a .628 slugging percent. Many other players had great offensive seasons.

The team's ERA was 2.54. They struck out 187 of their opponents in 171.1 innings and allowed just 4 home runs. The cards star pitcher was Kevin Goodrum.

Goodrum lead the team with seven wins. The team got hot with the second home game. The support from the many fans caused the players to sizzle throughout each home game. The team was pumped and had a home record of Fourteen Wins and Two Loses. They ended the season with an overall record of Eighteen Wins and Seven Loses.

Next Season will show a more experienced team with more experienced players. Hopefully they will even be able to beat the Euclid Panthers next year.

The little talked about J.V. Team had an overall record of Eleven Wins and Eight Loses. They had a team slugging percentage of .409 and team batting average of .319. The team had a total of five home runs. The team ERA was 3.34 and they struckout 141 opponents in 132 innings pitched. The JV team had a very successful season.

By:
Mandi Vargo

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**Left:** Varsity players discuss how to hit the opposing team's pitches. They cheered on their teammates from the bench as well.

Lead-off Hitter Dave Krofhcheck gets ready to wind up.

**Left:** Practice makes perfect for this young team. They practiced hard many nights to win and improve their skills.

After batting practice, Kevin Goodrum and Pete Lamb hurry back to the dugout for the start of a game. They were anticipating another Cardinal win.

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**JV: Row 1:** Adam Stalker, Steve Havel, D. Kaleal, Joe Turkal, John Babude. **Row 2:** Justin Tucillo, Matt Callahan, Chris Havel, Steve Stebner, Aaron Stupica. **Row 3:** Nick Radabaugh, Scott Miller, Coach Coode, Russ Reinhard, John Reidy.
A RECORD SETTING TEAM

“There are no stand-out players on this team, all are equally important.”

Coach Bowers

The 1997 Varsity Fast-pitch team, coached by Ms. Bowers, finished the season with a 12-5 record and a second place finish in the LEL.

Mentor had six players named to the all-LEL team: seniors Anne Deitrick (RF), Jamie Glavan (P), and Krissy Stika (SS) were selected along with juniors Laurie Hennies (LF), Amanda Rabatin (1B) and Jennifer Smolinski (2B).

The Lady Cardinals set five new school records during the 97 season. J. Glavan set new records in homeruns with five, strike outs with 92 this season and for in and strike-outs in a single game with thirteen. Stacy Yacovella tied the triples record with 5 and Laurie Hennies and Amanda Rabatin tied the grand-slam record with one each during the season.

At the end of the season Amanda Rabatin received the most valuable offensive player award and Jamie Glavan received the Most Valuable Defensive Player and Team MVP honors.

By:
Jackie Jeschelnig

Varsity Girls Softball

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The Lady Cardinals round up as they prepare to defeat their opponent.

Krissy Stika, Shortstop, defends her position as she waits for the pop-up.

Pitcher, Jamie Glavan, gets all wound up before she throws the first pitch.

First base, Amanda Rabatin, is all psyched up for the runner to tag the first runner out.

RUNNING ALL THE WAY TO STATES

"Last year was a lot of fun. The team was probably the best I have ever coached that didn’t win the League championship—we were one point away."

Coach Green

Last year, the boys track team had one of their best seasons in several years led by captains Danyon Zaun, Scott Felker, Mike Cvelbar and Tom Kaufman. "The team has worked hard this year," said distance runner Matt Koman after the Cardinals finished with seven wins, two loses, and one tie.

Along the road to success last season, Mentor produced all league selections in eleven events: high jump, discus throw, pole vault, 110 meter high hurdles, 300 meter intermediate hurdles, 200 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 4x100 meter relay, 4x400 meter relay, and the 4x800 meter relay. Six fighting cardinals were league champions: Jason Caldwell, Mike Cvelbar, Brett Erzen, Scott Felker, Dave Ritz and Mike Wilson. School records were also recorded in the 110 meter high hurdles (Brett Erzen - 14.39 seconds), the 300 meter intermediate hurdles (Scott Felker - 38.27 seconds), and the shuttle hurdle relay team (Scott Felker, Brett Purmal, Mike Cvelbar, and Brett Erzen - 60.2 seconds).

Surviving Districts and qualifying for Regionals were Eric Biro, Jared Bush, Jason Caldwell, Brett Erzen, Scott Felker, Scott Koehler, Doug Norris, Rob Papp, Dave Ritz, and Mike Wilson.

From these select few only the truly elite remained and traveled to the state competition - Brett Erzen in the 110 meter high hurdles, Scott Felker in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles, and the 4x100 meter relay team of Mike Wilson, Brett Erzen, Scott Felker, and Dave Ritz.

At the end of the season, individual members were rewarded for their exceptional achievements. The Outstanding Runner award went to Scott Felker, Outstanding Field Event Participant was Mike Cvelbar, and the outstanding sophomore was Eric Biro. The Most Improved award went to Rob Papp and Jared Bush received the Coaches Award.

By: Diana Bolton

Below: Mike Wilson soars over the high jump bar. Mike was also part of the Cardinals state qualifying 4x100 meter relay team.

Above: Grimacing, Scott Felker produces an impressive jump in the long jump competition. Scott also competed in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles, in which he set a school record.

Right: Doug Norris soars over the bar in the pole vault competition. Doug later qualified for Regionals in that event.

The 1997 Mentor Girls Track Team began their season with great pace which gave them the record of 7 wins and 1 loss. It was an exciting season with much team effort as well as individual perseverance. The strong beginning and races to beat the clock sure paid off when 7 athletes were named All League Performers. They included: J. Greene, High Jump (2nd place, 5'0"), J. Jeschelnig, Discus (1st place, 136'9"), J. Varhola, Shot Put (1st place, 37'6"), J. Jeschelnig (2nd place, 36'9") and Kim Seaholm, Kristen Seaholm, M. Gaydos, and K. Kirby in the 800M Relay (2nd place, 1:50.3). Athletes in two events had a season to remember as they made their way to Regionals. Kim Seaholm, M. Saylor, L. Jones and C. Paine ran the 3200M Relay in 9:46.2 to place fourth and qualify for States and discus thrower, Jackie Jeschelnig was runner-up, in addition to qualifying for the State Competition at the Horseshoe. Jeschelnig showed her determination at states placing 5th in Ohio. She said, “I came down here and had fun. Competing here makes me look forward to coming back in ’98.”

When athletes on the track team hear her name they think “Look out!” Jeschelnig broke the school record on May 13, at Walsh with a throw of 142'1, which was also the third furthest female throw in Ohio for the ’97 season.

The night of the Spring Sports Banquet, special awards were given to senior, N. Steward (Outstanding Sprinter/Hurdler), J. Jeschelnig (Outstanding Field Event Performer), L. Jones (Outstanding Distance Runner), and J. Surovy received the Betty Province Award. The Most Improved Award went to C. Willman and Team MVP was J. Jeschelnig.

The season wouldn’t be complete without the senior captains: N. Steward, J. Varhola and L. Jones who helped boost the confidence of their teammates and kept an upbeat spirit. Coaching the ’97 season were Coaches Simko, Butler and McDorman and Coach Morgan who commented, “The season was very successful, but really it’s a preview of things to come in the next two to three years.”

By: Holly Bugos

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**Girls Track**

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**Above:** C. Royer lands her long jump at Mentor Cardinal Relays to help the team finish second.

**Left:** During a meet at Cardinal Stadium, D. Prunty goes airborne as she springs from the ground to explode into a fabulous long jump.
Above: L. Perko, N. Steward, and B. Rittenhouse start stretching bright and early so they can sprint past their opponents leaving them back on the track.

Left: J. Jeschelng is deeply focused on her form before she hurls the discuss across the field to qualify her for State competition at the Horseshoe.

SLICED AND READY TO SERVE

"We played a very tough schedule this year and battled all teams with lots of heart."

Coach Vinborg

Last year’s team consisted of seven people. Playing first singles for his second consecutive year was Phil Metz. The second singles spot was filled by Jeff Cooney and the third singles was Brad Budziak. First doubles team was Mark Barden and Toey Munson, while second doubles was Sean Davis and Jason Surovy. The three new players were Toey Munson, Mark Barden, and Jason Surovy. Also a farewell goes out to those who will not be joining the team for the 97-98 season. Congratulations to Seniors Sean Davis and Brad Budziak for a great last year.

One particular match was remembered by the team due to Mother Nature. The match against Euclid was called off because the courts were wet, not because of rain, but snow. In the middle of a TENNIS season? When the match was ended, Euclid came out on top. The Cardinals had been frosted.

Boys Tennis

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5 Valley Forge 0
5 West Geauga 0
5 Parma 0
0 University 5
1 Cleveland Hts. 4
1 Walsh Jesuit 4
5 Garfield Hts. 0
3 Lakewood 2
2 St. Ignatius 3
3 Firestone 2
1 Shaker Hts. 4
5 Normandy 0
2 Mayfield 3

On a warmer note, the season ended with Phil Metz as sectional and district champion for his second time. Metz then went to states, in Columbus, hoping to improve his quarter final finish from 1996. Teammates Toey Munson, Jeff Cooney, and JV player, Jay Ragley cheered Metz on during the tournament. They wore shirts, that read “Metz is the Best” and held decorated signs. Of course, the cheering trio was asked to quiet down a few times. Metz made it to the finals where he fell in three tough sets; maybe this year he’ll go all the way. Metz was also honored with the Most Valuable Player in the league. Coach Vinborg stated, “It was the best finish ever for a Mentor player and a great finish to a super season.”

By:
Dani Wetklow

Left to Right: Coach Vinborg, Toey Munson, Mark Barden, Jeff Cooney, Brad Budziak, Sean Davis, Phil Metz, Jason Surovy.
Left: After winning another fabulous match, Phil Metz, grins on his way off the court. Metz has been the number one singles player on the Varsity team for the past two years.

Below: JV, Left to Right: Coach Wood, Tom Spano, Mike Principe, Matt Willet, Zach Stafford, Jay Ragley, Tom Cassidy, Chinwoo Hwang.

Below: Taking a small mental break, Mark Barden gets his mind ready for the next rally. Barden was one of the successful rookies on the team.

Above: Freshman Jason Surovy, a Varsity rookie, slices a serve to his opponent. A dedicated member, Jason had to miss numerous classes at the junior high due to away matches.

Above: JV member, Jon Cassidy, strides into his forehand for an easy hit. Cassidy was warming up for his next match.

Above: Varsity doubles team, Jeff Cooney and Brad Budziak, work together for a great match. Budziak displayed perfect team spirit, by always supporting his teammate.
Rookie Team Looking Alive

"A young team came of age and surprised both their opponents and themselves with a great season."

Coach Vinborg

The Mentor Girls Varsity tennis team had a great season in 1997. The team had lost five seniors from the L.E.L. Championship team the previous year and were forced to start a new. This proved not to be a problem as the girls finished 13-8 overall and placed third in the L.E.L. There were many great wins throughout the season. Each girl had a memorable victory that stood out from the others throughout their season. For Jill and Megan it was winning their flight at the Solon Doubles Tournament. For Holly and Lindsay J. it was their big defeat over Lake Catholic that resumed their confidence. For third singles player Alison Zeiske, the match against Strongsville proved her endurance as she played and won 2-3 sets.

Beth Kalinski and Lindsay D. played their toughest match against Mayfield at Sectionals defeating Mayfield 7-6, 7-6. The Sectionals Tournament was tough this year but Mentor still had a district qualifier in Jill Yodice. The 1997 team surprised everyone with their continuous improvement and will be remembered for their dedication.

By: Jill Yodice

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Jill Yodice puts her all into her back-hand as she sweeps the ball over the net.

Megan slices her serve so her opponent won't return the shot.
Varsity: Row 1: Lindsay Demeter, Alison Zieske, Holly Bugos. Row 2: Jill Yodice, Megan Mitman, C. Vinborg, Beth Kalinsky, Lindsay Johnson.


Left: Doubles partners Holly Bugos and Lindsay Johnson boost each other's enthusiasm with the Billy-Bob fist hit.

Center: Senior, Beth Kalinsky defends the net as she anticipates a drop shot from the other side.
KICKING IT ALL THE WAY TO STATES

"We had many great moments which all contributed to our success and made this year so enjoyable."

Coach Makar

The Boys Varsity Soccer team finished the season with a 12-6-1 record. We ended the state tournament as district runners-up. The season was full of many highlights. Early in the season we beat defending state champion North Olmsted by a score of 3-1. Also, our tenth victory of the season, which was a 4-0 win over rival Shaker Heights, was Coach Mackar’s 300th career victory. We also won a shootout for the first time in school history in the district semifinals against Lake Catholic. The team was composed of seven seniors, five juniors, and five sophomores. James Catlett, Toey Munson, Mike Gentile, and Dave Becerra were all named to the Coaches’ All Greater Cleveland Team. Senior captains James Catlett, Toey Munson, Shawn Huntington, and Rob Papp were named Lake Erie League All-Stars. Toey Munson was also named to the All-Ohio Academic Team. We would like to thank Mr. Tom Eames and the many others who contributed to the newly lighted field. Congratulations Coach Mackar on win 300!

By:
Toey Munson

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### Varsity Boys Soccer

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Mike Rohn really uses his head against the other team’s defense.

Casey Lentz strives to give Mentor the best field position.

Robert Koeth slides to keep the ball in play.


Brandon Kozar aims to put the biscuit in the basket during a varsity game last fall.

Dave Becerra flies past a defender on his way to the goal.

James Catlett gets a kick out of playing soccer.
We Don’t Play Nice

"This season was the best we’ve ever had in the history of girls soccer, and I know the memories we’ve made will last a lifetime."

Coach Sattele

From the first official day of practice, the Girls Varsity Soccer team had their goals set on a return trip to the state tournament. That is just what we did, setting records on our way to the most successful season in Lady Cardinal Soccer history. The team was led by eight spirited seniors, including co-captains and leading scorers Jill Sluga and Susie Ledzianowski. Susie and Jill were also first team All-Ohio selections this year. Corie Van Korngut and Carly Viher also put the ball in the net numerous times to help lead the offense. We had a record year, with the most wins in a season, eighteen and the fewest loses - three. Goalkeeper Gina Locastro was our strong, last line of defense and had the most shutouts in a season with ten to accompany a record 26 for her high school career.

This is the season we will remember forever: a year in which the success of future teams will be measured, and a tradition of excellence continued.

By: Christy Paine

Girls Varsity Soccer

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Final record: 18-3-1

Above: Team members look out upon the home field. The Cardinals had just one home loss on this inaugural field.

Right: The girls varsity team prepares to play Westlake. The Lady Cardinals crushed them 4-1.

Jen Kaperak is head over heels for soccer. Her long-flip throw created some offensive opportunities.

Above: Gina Locastro and defenders Tatum Fraser and Jill Firman keep Hawken from scoring. The team had only three losses this season.

Left: Laura Smolinski and Christy Paine are on the attack. The Lady Cards scored 97 goals this season.

The 1997 Mentor Cardinals volleyball teams continued the winning tradition. Returning only four letterman from the 1996 squad, the 1997 season appeared to be a season for rebuilding. But, with seniors Jenni Greene, Julie Metz, Billie Snyder and Martha Tompkins providing the leadership, the spikers with six juniors and two sophomores reloaded rather than rebuilt. With thrilling victories over Elyria and Stow throughout the regular season, and inspired performances over the Brush Arcs in the District championship, Mentor won its eleventh consecutive League and tenth consecutive District championship. For their individual efforts, sophomore Sandy Lewis was named Honorable Mention All-Ohio, first team District II and All-League. Junior Michelle Iafigliola was named second Team District II and All-League. Junior Jenny Pepka was named Honorable Mention District II and All-League, and junior Kristin Koral was named All-League. The varsity ended the '97 campaign with a final record of 22-5, and look forward to the 1998 season with a veteran squad.

Congratulations and thanks to seniors Jen Greene, Julie Metz, Billie Snyder and Martha Tompkins for all you have meant to the volleyball program and the past three years. Best of luck in all your future endeavors.

The junior varsity squad finished the season with a record of 17-1 and LEL champs. Their strength will be a fine addition to our program in the years to come.

By:
Coach Woodman

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Going for the kill.

Celebrating at Districts!

Volley Ball

Defending the hit.

1997-98 Golfers Drove to Par-Fection

"Our team wanted to bring the L.E.L. Championship back to Mentor and we did with an undefeated season 16-0 record."

Coach Polinsky

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. This year the golf team managed many thrilling victories and a few painful defeats. The team, led by co-captains Adam Redenshek and Jon Martin, finished with a 16-0 match record in the L.E.L, winning the conference for the first time in three years. They were also able to bring home a championship at the Mentor Invitational. This year's team was one of the strongest Mentor has ever seen, with four starting seniors, and once again fell short and were unable to qualify for state finals. The remaining of the five starters were seniors Dan Ledasil, Steve Siko, and freshman Jeff McDonough.

By: Adam Redenshek

Golf

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Front: Tom DeFlorio, Bill Bambic, T.J. Prayner, Dave Kollmorgen, Angelo DelRe. Back: Coach Polinsky, Dan Ledasil, Adam Redenshek, Jon Martin, Steve Siko, Brian Psenicnik.
Steve Siko eyes his putt for eagle.

Above: Adam Redenshek challenges Dan Ledasil and to a quick game of "PAR" while waiting to tee off on the next hole.

Adam Redenshek sinks his putt for birdie.

Above: Team clowns Steve Siko and Jon Martin wonder how their opponents will ever catch up to them.

Dan, "I'm Tiger Woods."

Tom, "I'm Tiger Woods."

I'm Tiger Woods!
"This was a fun year for me coaching. The team worked extremely hard and it paid off because we were competitive in every meet this year. There was a strong sense of team spirit, pride and commitment to the goals of the team."

Coach Green

The Boys Cross Country team returned to its winning ways this year. After running in the middle pack for five years, the boys charged up to the front. After finishing second or third in many races, the boys broke through by crushing the competition at the District Meet.

There were many components to the boy’s success. Coach Green and Coach Lefler did a great job of preparing the boys for the road to Columbus. Led by seniors Tim Dubiansky, Scott Huntoon, Scott Koehler, Tim Phillips, and Matt Saylor, they successfully followed their motto “Going the Distance.” The team’s attitude and work ethic paid off as the team enjoyed late season success, not only on the varsity level, but on the Junior Varsity, Senior Open, and Freshman Open teams as well. The support from the parents and each other made a great “eighth man.” This year’s team truly had the hearts of a champion.

By:
Captains Scott Koehler & Matt Komen

Boys Cross Country

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The Mentor Varsity team races for the best position. All season long they left the competition in the dust.

Captain Matt Komen stretches out before the race.

Above: Senior Tim Dubeansky and Sophomore Brian Halan gather up their strength to finish strong in the Mentor Invitational.

Center Left: The Varsity team gets pumped up before their race. This excitement ran them all the way to a forth place finish at the Regional Meet.

Mike Nemeth, Tom Erb, Matt Miller, Eric Heintz, Josh Beatty, Dan Cvelbar, Dan McLaughlin and Matt Blotnick, members of the JV Cross Country team show their cardinal pride.
"WE BUST OURS TO BEAT YOURS"

"We were a very young inexperienced team in terms of our varsity, that gained a lot of confidence as the season progressed. We accomplished all of our goals except one, and we were two points short of that. I was very proud of our accomplishments this season."

Coach Butler

Girls Cross Country

Mentor Inv. 1st
Walsh Inv. 3rd
McDonough Inv. 1st
Cloverleaf Inv. 5th
McQuaid Inv. (NY) 9th
Medina Inv. 9th
Heptagonal #1 2nd
Heptagonal #2 2nd

LEL Championships
1st
District Meet
1st
Regional Meet 4th

This year brought on many changes for the Girls Cross Country Team. We lost two of our top runners from last season, leaving two more spots open on the varsity team. The freshmen and sophomores pushed themselves to fill the spots and helped take the team to Regionals. We received new coaches and were faced with many injuries, but we fought through the pain. Mr. Butler became the head coach for the new season, and Mrs. DeMitro became the assistant coach. With their support and encouragement we had a very successful season, and increased our record winning LEL’s for the fifth straight year and Districts for the third straight year. We then advanced to Regionals as a team, and one of our girls, Tracy Robertson, made it all the way to states. We started practice in the beginning of August and continued improving our strength throughout the season. Everyone on the team was able to drop time off their races as they improved. With a majority of the team being sophomores and freshmen, we are looking forward to another strong and successful season next year.

As a result of the team’s great success Mentor became a well-known name that was feared by all.

By:
Christine and Lisa Rock

Above: Coach Butler discusses the race with Lesley Behnke and Jaime Alton. The two were members of the varsity LEL Championship team and helped the team to finish just two points away from qualifying for states at the Regional meet.

Right: Jenny Jones gathers up her remaining strength to finish strong at the Mentor Invitational. At that meet, the first of the year, the team started the season with a first place finish.

Center Right: Members of the boys and girls cross country teams get together for some good, clean fun.

Above: The girls varsity team runs strategically in a pack. The girls put this strategy to good use and placed as one of the top five teams in nine out of eleven meets.

Tracy Robertson battles a Valley Forge runner for the top spot in the Mentor Invitational.
Rushing for a Win

“T believe the team played every week with great effort and enthusiasm. They made us very proud.”

Coach Trivisonno

The 1997 season was one of a renewed interest and enthusiasm. The Cardinals faced some of the top teams in the State and made a respectable showing. Although the season was a roller coaster ride, the team had two great nights to remember. The first was an upset victory over the fourth ranked team in the state, Warren Harding, and the second came on Halloween night with an upset victory over League Champions, Cleveland Heights. With the Team = Together philosophy, the Cardinal Football Program is looking to return to the glory years of Mentor = Pride.


Seniors, Rich Jankowski, Tony Miga, and teammates pretend to warm up as they see their coaches approaching.

Junior tailback, Dave Krofcheck, rushes for over 100 yds. against Warren Harding.

Mentor, first and goal on the two yard line; back to huddle and then score.
Football Cheerleaders
Rock the House

"This year’s football cheerleaders were an extraordinary group of well rounded, dedicated and extremely talented young ladies."

Coach Gingrich

On any Friday night during the Fall of 1997 you could observe sixteen spirited, talented, dedicated and athletic young ladies cheering on the Cardinals Football Team. Anyone who witnessed this group of individuals in action would have seen a group of people who support MHS from every angle.

The 1997 season was a memorable one for all of the sixteen cheerleaders. These sixteen led the crowd with their energy, athleticism and unique creativity.

Overall, the 1997 Mentor High School Football Cheerleaders were an exceptional group of athletes who displayed immense MHS pride!

By:
Andrea Gingrich-Football Cheerleading Coach

Above: The MHS Football Cheerleaders rev it up before the 1997-98 Homecoming Parade.

Above: The MHS Cheerleaders shout loud as they pump up the crowd at the first scrimmage of the season.

SHOOTING FOR TWO

"Throughout the year we played not as individuals, but as a team."

Coach Krizancic

The L.E.L. is considered the toughest basketball league in the state of Ohio according to three magazines: the Mentor Boys Basketball team is proud to be a part of this league. Besides being a part of the most difficult league, the team also had one of the hardest schedules in the state; the boys challenged four teams that were ranked in the top ten in the entire state. They almost tasted victory in one of these meetings. On December 27th, the boys almost received one of the best Christmas presents that they could hope for - a win over Canton McKinley, the team ranked number one in the state. The team fell just one point short of the upset victory. Although the team suffered this devastating loss, they came back just three days later to crush cross town rival Lake Catholic. The Cardinals did not just beat the Cougars, they demolished them - 88 points to a measly 68.

Two seemed to be the number of choice for the Cardinals. They played twenty regular season games, beat Lake Catholic by twenty points, and they are striving for a trip to the Regionals for the second year in a row. Congratulations on a great season!

Varsity Boys Basketball

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Valley Forge is no match for the Cardinals and Greg Miller.

The team switches from offense to defense in an attempt to prevent Normandy from scoring.

Craig Budziazk prepares to block a shot and defend his net.

Above: Chris Jaklich is tired after scoring 42 points and propelling the Cardinals to victory.

Left: Rob Corbett awaits the foul shot from Lake Catholic. The Cardinals beat the Cougars 88-68.
At the Buzzer

"Shooting Higher Every Day!"

Coach Snyder

The 1997-98 season was one of immediate success; our team record reflects great effort within our league, 12-3 in the Lake Erie League, and a second place finish in the Lake Division behind an outstanding Cleveland Heights team.

Our season began slowly, as players and coaches adapted to a new offensive and defensive philosophy. After an initial victory over a young West Geauga squad, we faced and failed against tough LEL opponents Cleveland Heights and Shaw. After the second week of the season, we were 1-2, 0-2 LEL, having difficulty handling pressure and struggling to find our true "identity." We then began an eight game win streak, featuring outstanding efforts against Elyria and Shaker Heights, the Erie Division champion, and a tough road win over Bedford before Christmas.

Our second effort against Cleveland Heights was outstanding; we were down four with four minutes left, down seven with two minutes to go. This excellent road effort gave us additional confidence to face the tough schedule ahead. We kept our LEL string going, including an avenging 51-40 dismantling of Shaw at home.

Our first "Pre-tournament" test was a battle against Eastlake North at the Ranger's gym; after regulation we were tied 42, all in a fantastic game featuring outstanding plays by many of our players. We fell in overtime, 54-43, but gained respect and stature across the area.

Our second "Pre-tournament" test was a very tough situation; following an exhausting victory over Valley Forge, we faced a state-ranked, undefeated Chagrin Falls team who had beaten all opponents by a margin of twenty points throughout the season. We were playing the Lady Tigers the night after Valley Forge, no rest or preparation time. We were leading 39-38 with under a minute to go. We fell 45-39 in a tremendous high school contest.

In our opening tournament game against Willoughby South, we faced an inspired Rebel squad. We came back to lead 48-46 with 14 seconds to go after being down four at the two minute mark, a missed free throw and a buzzer-beater three-pointer ended our season.

We received four players and seven Player-of-the-Week awards during our season; we had seven players score in double figures during games this season, with five of those players achieving career highs. We finished the season ranked #15 in the Plain Dealer seven-county Top 25, and finished the regular season fifth in the News Herald Top of the Crop. We were statistically the top defensive team in the News Herald area.

Coach Snyder

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Left: Sarah Boyle pressures the ball as junior Kristin Koval and sophomore Sandy Lewis prepare for defensive help.

Below: Jenny Pepka grasps the ball by her fingertips and prepares to keep the ball moving down court.


Seniors Sarah Tuttle and Jill Slaga wait to honor their families on Parent Night.
Cheering to Victory

The 1997-98 Wrestling Cheerleading season was one of the best! I have coached for the last five years and I really enjoyed this year! We got through the season with two squads working together as a team. These girls know when to lead and when to follow. This year's cheerleaders were some of the nicest that I have ever worked with.

We will miss our three seniors on the Varsity squad! They have been with us for the past three years! Thanks to the parents, coaches and wrestlers who helped make this season a fun and memorable one!

Coach "P"

Right: Anjulika Singh cheers as the Cardinals shoot for two.

Below: The wrestling cheerleaders encourage the participants to victory.


Both the Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball Cheerleading squads this year were comprised of very talented, extremely hard-working girls. From summer cheerleading camp and throughout the season, both groups proved they were squads of individual leaders that still worked cooperatively as highly effective teams. The spirit of the basketball season was infectious as crowds watched their joint JV/Varisty dance “Space Jam” at home half-times and the Winter Sports Assembly. Both squads were energetic and fun to work with this season.

Coach Kristin Meyer


An Award Winning Season

"We had a very respectable season; our ultimate goal is to do well in the state tournament."

Coach Hada

Wrestling requires a great deal of physical strength as well as mental strength. The Mentor High wrestling team strives in both categories. Mr. Joe Hada, the head coach, had an exciting season. He reached his 200th win in his 18th season of coaching at Mentor High. The season was a great success with the help of the skilled coaching staff: assistant coach Ken Skilton (The coolest math teacher in the world), assistant coach Frank Baxter (Who is a great home room teacher, but needs to smile), assistant coach Jim Capel, assistant coach Al Uber (Made the team nice shirts), and assistant coach Hector Gonzales.

When the team traveled to Brecksville, 17th place out of 32 strong teams. At the tournament. Senior Ryan Smith took 8th place at 112 pounds. Junior Alan Skully took 4th at 119 pounds. Senior Mac Chase took 3rd place at 130 pounds, senior Dan Eden took 4th place at 140 pounds. At the Westlake Dual Tournament Dan Eden was named MVP of the tournament. The Mentor High Wrestling team also excelled at the Worthington Midwest Classic Tournament. Ryan Smith took 5th place at 112 pounds. Senior Carl Pollock took 7th place at 145 pounds. This year has proven to be both a remarkable and memorable season. Everyone is looking forward to the state tournament. Hopefully 171 pounder Scottie McArthur will come back next season with some P.M.A.

Amanda Schenk

Above: Senior Carl Pollock drives for the pin.

Wrestling

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Below: Senior Eric Smith talks strategy with Coaches Gonzalez and Hada.

Below: Scott McArthur wrestler gains a control position before making his next move.

The crowd challenges Josh Sankal to pin his opponent.

Commitment, Effort and Attitude

"The team worked hard all season and showed a steady and consistent improvement."

Coach Smeltz

This year's ice hockey team experienced a rebuilding year of sorts, having four freshman, eleven sophomores, four juniors, and six seniors. Playing in the tough Red Division, the team finished with an overall record of 7 wins and 16 losses. Some of the highlights from this year were winning the Gilmore Christmas tournament and having Chris McVey win the Best Defensemen trophy while Chris Kuta won the Best Offensive player award. Kurt Walgren was named Plain Dealer Player of the Week for his outstanding game against North Olmstead and for scoring the game winner against Division winner Rocky River. Chris McVey was also selected to the Red Division All-Star Team.

"Having to play games with so many young players in the lineup, it was difficult to complete with some of the stronger teams, but the team worked hard all season and showed a steady and consistent improvement. Success and achievement cannot be measured solely by wins and losses. It must be measured by commitment, effort, attitude, and the willingness to try to improve as a team and individual. Looking back at this team, I think we accomplished this."

Team Captain: Chris McVey
Assistant Captains: Dan Llewellyn Nick Holbrook Chris Kuta

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Above: Defenseman Nick Holbrook passed the puck down the rink in hope of a goal.

Right: Captain, Chris McVey sits in his favorite spot, the ice rink, and meditates before his big game Saturday night.
N. Holbrook, M. Pugsley, and C. Kuta check their men as the puck kicks free.

Dan Llewellyn digs the puck out for Ron Hope to attack the net.

Ryan Hart prepares a wrist shot for the goal.

Matt Smith and Kurt Wahlgren stretch a bit before the game.


Winter Sports
Swim Team Makes Waves

"I'm proud of all the things that our team has accomplished this year."

Coach Elliott

Overall we've had a very successful year. The girls had one of Mentor High School's most outstanding seasons. They placed second at Sectionals behind State Champion Hawken, and earned points at Districts for the first time since the sectional meet began. They also had fourteen All-League selections. The boys struggled with only seven swimmers, and only one senior. Their dual meet record is not reflective of their talent. They had four All-League selections, and placed fifth at Sectionals beating three teams that beat us at dual meets.

By: Coach Elliott

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Mike Plescia lets a teammate know the lap count.
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This Mentor swimmer pushes herself to overcome her opponent.

Laura Crawford and Shelley Franz smile after swimming very successful races.

Brian Werth tries to focus for his next race.
Springing Ahead for a State Title

Nine sophomores and a freshman make up the young and determined gymnastics team. This team will be exciting to watch for the next couple of years. As defending Districts Champs the team went to Districts with 24 other teams hoping for a place at State. Once again the team advanced to State to compete among the best. At Districts the gymnastics team scored a high of 141.85 to take second and a place at State. The team had a winning season and everyone improved along the way. All-around scores greatly improved for everyone. This team works approximately 16 hours a week year round to be prepared to compete. The girls are dedicated to their sport and their friendships. They say if gymnastics were easy they’d call it football. Just kidding!

M. Kirby

Gymnastics

West Geauga 136.2 W
Austintown Fitch 135.15 W
Madison 138.25 W
Worthington Kilbourne 141.35 3rd
Brecksville 131.65 2nd
Lakota 138.15 4th
Brush 139.05 W
Magnificat L

District Tournament 141.75 2nd

Above: Kristen Kirby steps with good form before she does her next tumbling pass.

Above: The girls gymnastics team prepares themselves for another conditioning practice at LEGS. Coach Joe Corrigan really pushes them to the max.

Above: Erin Vayo springs from the floor to the air to complete a dive roll.
MEMORIES

Sports
Sports
Mr. Tom Davidson  
A Priceless Treasure

Mentor High School is extremely fortunate to have Mr. Tom Davidson, a 1966 graduate of Mentor High School, as one of their most valued team members. Mr. Davidson has been an educator for 28 years. His list of accomplishments, here at Mentor High School seems to be never ending.

Mr. Davidson is an OWE teacher, Sophomore Class Advisor, an active member of the MTA, PTSA, and serves as a NEOTA Delegate. He is also a faithful participant in several other Mentor School activities. These are just a few of Mr. Davidson’s academic accomplishments.

When it comes to Mr. Davidson and Mentor High School sports, we couldn’t ask for better support. It seems as if Mr. Davidson spends much of his free time and energy helping with different events. He is the MHS Football Press Box Manager, Wrestling Scorekeeper, and Mentor District/Regional “Meat Grinder” Wrestling Tournament Concession Manager for the past 25 years.

When I asked a few faculty and staff members what they thought about Tom Davidson, their responses were all very similar.

Mr. Hillstrom described Mr. Davidson as a dedicated, hard-working person who has been involved with Mentor sports for as long as he can remember.

Mr. Ness, Athletic Director, can not begin to emphasize enough Mr. Davidson’s loyalty and dedication to student activities, school, the community, and his family. Mr. Ness also stated that, “If there was a price value for Mr. Davidson, we certainly could not afford him.”

As Head Wrestling Coach, Mr. Hada appreciates Mr. Davidson’s hard work, dedication, and involvement in Mentor’s Athletic Programs. Mr. Hada also mentioned that he could not remember a time when Mr. Davidson was not available to lend a helping hand. He is always there!

And finally, the woman who knows him best, his wife, Mrs. Sally Davidson, describes him as a wonderful husband and father as well as a kind, caring, and sincere friend to all.

Mr. Davidson, we appreciate and thank you for all of your hard work and dedication here at Mentor High School.

H. Bugos

Mr. Hada (left), presents Mr. Davidson (right), with a 25 Year Wrestling Plaque Inscripted: In Appreciation to Tom Davidson for 25 years of faithful dedication and service to the Mentor High School Wrestling Program. Your loyalty and commitment are unsurpassed.

January 1998
High STANDards

"Okay Mom, I won't be too busy. Don't forget Monday night I gotta go to work, but I don't think my car will be fixed, so you might have to pick me up; then Tuesday after school is Teen Institute; Wednesday, like normal, is Yearbook, I plan to stay late because my deadline is next week; and... ah, Friday I'm going out with my friends. Wait, also I have to stay after for Speech and Debate on Thursday. Nope, I'm not too busy."

Being able to handle just about everything is called high school. Whether it's all those clubs or that huge math test, ask any student and they'll say, "I'm really busy."

Mentor High School is the place to be if one wants to participate in a club. Students come to school early for a National Honor Society, Key Club and Student Council meetings. Students also stay after school for a numerous activities such as Theater, Academic Decathlon, and Yearbook. At all hours of the day, weekends too, students can be found preparing for an event sponsored by their club or organization.

Here at Mentor High School we, as students, have the opportunity to interact and choose what we want to be involved in. The school newspaper, the Inkwell, helps to keep everyone updated on the latest Mentor High news and the WMHS production crew announces the news daily over the P.A. system. WMHS is also in charge of the Mentor Public Schools Channel on 30/6. It is very important to Mentor High Students to know what is going on in and out of their classrooms.

Students get involved for many different reasons. Some of the most common are to share similar interests with other classmates, to better the school and community, and to become a more well rounded student. Most of all, being involved is fun.

Dani Wetklow
Key Club members jump out of their seats for an opportunity to pose for a picture during the Homecoming Parade.
Future Leaders of America

"Getting involved does not hurt anyone; it benefits everyone."
Ed Pauline, President

Row 1: Jen Cannato, Treasurer; Nicole Duke, Vice President; Sarah Stanton, Vice President. Row 2: Seve Sikko, Vice President; Rukhasana Iqbal, Secretary; Aimee Hutton, Vice President; Eddie Pauline, President

Key Club

"Give those who come to march a beat in which to follow, the variations that they add create the harmony in the world."
Sarah Stanton, President

Key Club International is the largest high school service organization in the world. It is for any student who wants to get more involved in helping others while learning outstanding leadership skills. The club meets once a month to announce volunteer activities available for students to participate in. The club had previously worked with the Mentor Kiwanis Club but the Kiwanis disbanded this year and so Key Club was independent. The advisor this year was Mr. Allen. The officers this year were: Sarah Stanton, President; Claire Hurley, Vice-president; Brian Krall, Treasurer; and Rachel Rosenblum, Secretary.

The club membership for Mentor High School has increased to over seventy-five paid members this year. The Key Club collects international dues which then pay for the Key Noter magazine and official membership. One of the largest events that was started this year was Make A Difference Day on October 25th. The Key Club members paired up with children from Big Brothers/Big Sisters and took them miniature golfing. After putt-putting, everyone headed to Dairy Queen for lunch and then painted pumpkins with their buddies. This activity gave single parents a little extra time in their day while their kids made new friends.

Some additional activities that Key Club participate in are ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, creating personalized cards and giving cookies to the senior citizens at the Future Leaders dinner/dance, making care packages for shut-ins, donating money to United Way, personally giving sweatshirts to homeless teenagers, passing out pineapples to Senior Citizens, sending birthday cards to teachers, serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland to needy families, and much more. The members were extremely active and excited to give their time and donate items that they thought would be beneficial to people less fortunate.

The Key Club has hung inspirational quotes on the school walls. The first quote to start off the year also illustrates the way the members of Key Club live every day: “Don’t just be a member of society, be a living example of your dreams and goals.”

Sarah Stanton, President

Right: Sarah Stanton and her new little sister put the day away on “Make a Difference Day”. Big Brothers/Big Sisters concluded the day with a snack at Dairy Queen.

Right: With smiling faces Kristen Prijatel and Rosalyn Stewart collect money for the poor. For two weekends in December, Key Club rang the Salvation Army bell at Wal-Mart.

Right: Brian Krall, Treasurer; Sarah Stanton, President; Claire Hurley, Vice President; Rachel Rosenblum, Secretary; Mr. Allen, advisor

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If students want to get involved in unique, enjoyable, and sometimes challenging activities, Future Leaders is the club for them. Since 1987, Future Leaders of America has been one of the largest clubs in the school. The club strives to teach leadership qualities to every one of its members as well as to help and to improve the school and community. Future Leaders does not have tight entrance regulations, nor does it force students to join and take part in activities. Future Leaders is great! The individual can decide how far he or she wants to be involved in the club. No one is forced to do more than they want to do. Because of this fact, the officers are usually extremely dedicated, outgoing, dependable, caring students.

Club sponsored activities tend to be student run. This allows students to experience leadership by organizing and coordinating events. Students experience delegation and teamwork. Members who become involved get a taste of the "real world."

Large events sponsored by Future Leaders include the annual Homecoming Dance, the Senior Citizens's Dinner/Dance. Other events include working with the Salvation Army, pizza sales, refreshments for parent/teacher conferences, and an annual trip to Europe. The list goes on. There is something for every student to do.

This year Future Leaders has grown to over three hundred members. This is a record which will hopefully continue to be broken. We are challenged to get every member involved past the level of just showing up for the monthly morning meeting. I would like to thank all the officers of the club for this school year: Vice Presidents, Nicole Duke, Aimee Hutton, Steve Siko, and Sarah Stanton; Treasurer Jenn Cannato, and Secretary Ruhkeena Iqbal. These are the key people, along with the members who form the gears that make the club run. Thanks to Mr. Greg Allen, advisor of Future Leaders. Without him the club would not exist.

Future Leaders is a door of opportunity; don’t hesitate to open it.

Ed Pauline, President

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**Community Service Club**

"I think that the Community Service Club can be summed up by Aesop when he said, 'No act of kindness, however small is ever wasted.'"

Aimee Hutton, President

This club is open to anyone and everyone in the school. Community Service is the volunteering of time for a worthwhile cause without receiving academic credit or any other form of payment. With thirty recorded hours in your Community Service file, at the end of the year, you can receive a quarter of a non-academic credit. This does go on your transcript! With at least thirty hours of community service in your file by the middle of April in your senior year, you can receive an honor cord at graduation. After sixty recorded hours, a half of a non-academic credit is given. Every third Thursday of the month, we have a meeting to go over opportunities for which people can volunteer.

The Community Service Club has been around for almost a decade now. We went from having less than ten people to over 700 members. Last year just over half of the graduating seniors were in the club. This year the Club did a joint project with Key Club that gave clothes and other necessities to some homeless teenage runaways in Cleveland. The Community Service Board members this year were Diana Bolton, Kim Doglio, Nicole Duke, Scott Koehler, Megan Mitman, Eddie Pauline, Christine Rock, Lisa Rock, and Kawita Singh. The advisor is Mr. Greg Allen and always has been.

Aimee Hutton, President

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Below: Key Club and Future Leaders join together in harmony to celebrate Homecoming weekend.

Below: Community Service Officers
Row 1: Lisa Rock
Row 2: Kawita Singh, Christine Rock, Aimee Hutton, Eddie Pauline, Kim Doglio, Nicole Duke
Row 3: Scott Koehler, Megan Mitman, Diana Bolton
The Academic Decathlon Team is a group of fifteen students, who will compete in the state competition in February. The competition consists of ten events: Music, Art, Science, Mathematics, Speech, Interview, Writing, Social Studies, English, and Saper Quiz. All members compete in all events. The first place team in each state will compete in the national competition in Rhode Island.

This year, the team is split into a first and second team. This is the first year that Mentor has sent two teams. Each team is divided into three divisions: Honors (A students), Scholastic (B students), and Varsity (C students).

They studied after school and on Sunday afternoons. The faculty advisors/coaches are Mr. Glaros and Mr. Allen. They provide support, encouragement and advice, but the burden of studying and organizing meetings fell largely on the students. Ms. Geisler was instrumental in preparing for the English portion of the Decathlon. A field trip was also taken to the Art museum and the Cleveland Institute of Music to prepare for those events.

Josh Martin, President

Below: Looking for an answer to a practice question, Josh Martin and Jay Loebig flip through a magazine on another Sunday meeting.

Above: Sourly, Al Price realizes that his answer to the question was not correct. Practice tests and answers help prepare the students for their competition.

Academic Decathlon

“We let our minds soar - and strengthen our horizons.”


It’s Academic!

“We must rise to the occasion and score often!”

Eric Heintz, captain

“It’s Academic” is a club based around the television show of the same name. Formerly called “Academic Challenge,” this club is devoted to knowledge, although reflexes are integral to winning. Its basis is a quiz show format where high schools compete between two others for points by correctly answering questions. The team practices weekly for the competition which aired on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. Last year’s team was unable to participate due to the show’s policy of schools only participating every other year. The team members include Eric Heintz (captain), Mike Nemeth, Andrew Linsenmeier, alternate Jaspal Ahluwalia, Dave Lenz, Betsy Miller, student advisor, Gina Telaroli and advisor Mr. Greg Allen. We all hope everyone watched our episode on March 8.

Eric Heintz, captain


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Below: Judy Lee cleans up the left-overs of an AFS dinner. This year Judy is the treasurer of AFS.

AFS

"We all may be different, but when we think of how no two snowflakes are alike, we find it inspiring that they work so well together on such joint projects as closing schools and making roads impassable."
Jessica Severa, President

The American Field Service Club is a group of about 80 members with the purpose of helping students involved in an exchange to America feel welcome. The club provides an opportunity for meeting people and going places that the foreign exchange students may not have done on their own. From the Americans point of view, it is a chance to become more familiar with the culture of others your same age, and a chance to make life long friends across the world.

This year’s officers were President, Jessica Severa; Vice President, Robin Bandi; Secretary, Judy Lee; Treasurer, Gina Lucci; and Public Relationist, Jen Zienkowski.

Since 1987, the advisors have been French teacher Mrs. Cicco and English teacher Mrs. Simmelink.

Jessica Severa, President

Left: Cheerfully Terri Hwang decorates the banister of the school library. The decorations were added for the AFS dinner.

Below: Liz Haas and Marie Parker smile at their friend, Holly Swan for demonstrating what her food looks like. They wondered if she could have shown the food that was still on her plate instead.

Above: Marisa Ferrara stands tall and decorates the ceiling. She was also attempting to listen to her next decorating tip from her advisor.

This year may have been the busiest yet for Mentor Theatre. The activities we participated in again varied greatly. The year started out with community projects for the Center Street Elementary School’s annual Pumpkin Patch and Phillip Osborne’s annual Haunted Carnival along with Lake Metro Parks Haunted Hayride. Many Students also participated in the Better in Mentor Days and Homecoming parade with a large dance number to various music celebrating the different decades. Our first large production was the classic play Our Town. The play was a tremendous success. Our next production was the Christmas Play, Miracle on 34th Street. The contest play was a shortened version of the two women play Night Mother, which was performed in its entirety in early February. We also hosted the annual Junior High Theater Festival and had a chance to check out our audition competition for the upcoming year. The year came to a close with the dramatic British musical Blood Brothers. There couldn’t have been a better way to end the year, and we look forward to an even better and busier year to come.

Leigh Janiak, President

Below: Meg Gesing takes a short break from studying her Judge Harper lines and smiles. Meg was practicing for the Christmas play of Miracle on 34th Street.

Above: Liz Volkage dances through the decades with the other theatre members at the Better in Mentor Days parade.

Above: Matt Simmons, Nikki Morton, Shannon Paul, Pam Skea, Al Kellogg, and Matt Rodriguez show off their acting talents as spies after the Theatre II class had ended. If there are a few minutes remaining in class, the students are always found playing silly games or practicing their next monologues for class.

Right: Mandy Moran and Brian Shedler help Rob Post fix the lights for Miracle on 34th Street.

Drama

“I think we’re going to need a bigger boat.”
Al Kellogg, Vice President

Drama Officers
President: Leigh Janiak
Vice President of Mentor Theatre: Allen Kellogg
Vice President of Community Affairs: Chrystie McKenna
Secretary: Lauren Dougherty


Clubs & Organizations
Ecology Club

"You who pass by and would raise a hand against us, heed well our prayer before you harm us."
from The Prayer of the Trees.

President: Judy Lee
Vice President: Stephanie Hogan
Secretary: Tiffany Goble
Treasurer: Ann Nelson
Public Relations Officer: Megan Fellows

Row 1: M. Naroski, G. Telaroli, T. Geobel, A. Nelson
Row 2: J. Allen, S. Cha, B. Daniels Row 3: D. Doty, D. Wetklow

Mentor High School’s Ecology Club has been responsible for maintaining the recycling program at Mentor High School and the Board of Education Office. We meet every Wednesday after school to recycle. During the summer, club members also meet bi-weekly to recycle the Board of Education Office. Club members earn community service hours for their service. This year, there were several changes. We started the year with the new advisors: Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. VanAndel. During the year, we have been trying to increase the accessibility of recycling at MHS. The number of paper recycling boxes in classrooms has increased, and five can crushers were purchased with club funds to increase the convenience of recycling aluminum cans for the staff and students. We are also currently recycling newspaper, plastic, and magazines. Additionally, we painted two bulletin boards by the student center to promote ecology. During the year, we are involved with battery collections, phone book collections, Earth Week promotions, and a bag-a-thon. Sometimes, we also make trips to the Penkeyntary Glen trail we’ve adopted. With the funds we have earned from recycling and candy sales, we have expanded our project beyond MHS. Through January, we have recycled the equivalent of fifty trees. We aim to recycle the equivalent of one hundred trees by the end of the year. With these funds we have made donations to Sierra Club, The Nature Conservancy, Zero Population Growth, and Rails to Trails. These organizations protect the environment around the world. On January 28, 1998, we arranged for a representative from the Cleveland Rainforest to come and talk about endangered species. We are hoping to get the whole school involved in preserving the environment. The weekend of Earth Day in April, the Ecology Club also participates in Earth Walks in downtown Cleveland. The Earth Day Coalition then uses the funds to help the environment.

Judy Lee & Stephanie Hogan

Game & Strategy

“This year’s games are great!”


Students join Game & Strategy because they enjoy matching wits across the table in a good strategy game. New board games, plus role playing games are constantly being investigated by the group. New computer games and of course chess games are also being played. Students plan to dominate the world. Game & Strategy meets every Friday after school and participates in strategy games such as chess, video games, and computer games.

Above: Members of Game & Strategy concentrate on how to dominate the world. Game & Strategy meets every Friday after school and participates in strategy games such as chess, video games, and computer games.
The memorable moments of the school year and things that spark up interest among students were covered by the Inkwell this year. You could find a story that would interest just about anyone going to MHS. We had story's ranging from the new staff member to homosexuality. The Inkwell add a new section this year in Spotlight. This section highlighted interesting people and their talents. Our opinion pieces were often controversial and our News, sports and entertainment sections helped to keep students informed on what was happening in school and around the world. The staff often found ourselves rushing around to meet deadlines, come up with story ideas, and get crucial interviews. However with much help from Mrs. Boyle the Inkwell managed to have a successful year.

Mandi Vargo

"Inkwell is a great experience; I'm glad I had a chance to become involved."

Mandi Vargo


Right: During their free class time Jen Sanderson and Nicole Pribilski look over the finished product.

Above: Mrs. Boyle is checking the next lay-out for the Inkwell and Andy Netzel learns a new technique.

Right: During Newspaper Productions, Kim Richey types in her Inkwell story and Andy Netzel edits it over her shoulder. During the months of 9-10, numerous Inkwell members are found in Mrs. Boyle’s room hard at work.

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Inter-Club Council

"Inter Club Council is a great way to get the leaders of Mentor High together to achieve common goals."

Below: Listening to her partner’s direction, Judy Lee is eagerly building her tower. Judy was blindfolded and the only way to build the tallest tower was to take the advice from her partner.

Below: Tera Harmon is proud of her group’s tower. She was one of the many leaders of Mentor High School that went to the Senior Center for the day long field trip.

The ICC provides all of the club Presidents an opportunity to get together and discuss what activities their club’s have scheduled. ICC is a venue for information dissemination and allows the leaders of the clubs to plan and work together. The big events of the ICC include the Leadership Training Seminar held in late September or early October and the Board Office Summit which is held second semester. The Summit allows these student leaders to meet with the Superintendent and Board Office members.

Mr. Hunter

Below: Claire Hurley demonstrates her new product in hope to receive free advertisement. This activity that took place, during the Leadership Workshop, was creating an item to sell to the other students.

Above: Attempting to build the highest tower, yet blindfolded, Eddie Pauline succeeds with the final touches of the toilet paper roll. Many student participated in this group activity during the Leadership Workshop sponsored by Inter Club Council.


Clubs & Organizations
Intramural basketball is not constructed of players who didn’t make the varsity team; it’s for players who enjoy a competitive yet fun game of basketball. It is a large part of student life, and a release from academics. Simply put, if intramural basketball didn’t exist, I would have gone crazy a long time ago.

Jay Ragley

“I found it very effective to block all the shots with my face. I also found that it is possible to make a shot from anywhere on the playing field.”

Justin Waskovitch, intramural soccer

Intramural Bowling takes place Monday’s at 3:00 p.m. at Palisades IV. There are a total of 12 teams with four people per team. We have an exciting time and many look forward to Mondays because of bowling. We all have good times and people to remember. From the Shuckleless Wonder to the “bowling counselor / psychiatrist” to the Monkey & Paper towel Dispensers to the Sexy Kinky Bowlers and getting questioned for throwing a ball down the lanes and hitting a little boy. I had a great time and encourage people to sign up next year.

Chrissy Toth

“It was a good game from the spectators’ box. In order to win, you must have an experienced water boy; that’s me!”

Matt Simmons, intramural soccer

Below: During an intramural basketball game Mr. Quigney figures out who will make it to the final round. Every Saturday the intramural basketball teams play, but Mr. Quigney is also the advisor for all the intramural sports.

Above: Mike Negrelli and Angela DeBellis leisurely cheer their bowling team on. The bowling intramurals meet every Monday after school at Palisades.

“Well, there is a lot to say about bowling and it’s been great fun. Knowing the bowlers, we will probably have some sort of reunion after the leagues end. The people are really nice and I hope I can stay in touch with most of them.”

Jason Harps

“Bowling on Mondays was pure euphoria.”

Jason Kozan

“...and get this! Andy Ross was definitely in the bowling spirit.

Above: Showing off his bowling socks, Andy Ross was definitely in the bowling spirit.

Above: Jay Ragley makes it look easy and goes by the tough defender Julie Metz.
National Honor Society

“If you dream it - live it,”
Claire Hurley, President

“Congratulations! Today is your day. You’re off to Great Places! You’re off and away!” Dr. Seuss. Oh, the Places You’ll Go! Receiving invitations and acceptance into one of Mentor High’s most powerful and influential teams, the National Honor Society, which originated at MHS in 1941, is a motivational and rewarding induction. Members of this society become members of a nationally renowned network of students who all demonstrate the independent, driven, and powerful voice of NHS. The four goals of NHS at Mentor High School are to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character. Membership selection is given to the student who demonstrates these qualities.

This year, NHS met every other Tuesday. Through the ideas and hard work of the club officers, Vice President, Jennifer Cannato; Secretary, Elise Pech; Treasurer, Stephanie Hogan; Public Relations, Rachel Rosenblum; the motivational supervision of Mrs. Donna Kohn, and the involvement of the members, the society has done many fun things to stay active. The best quote to summarize the meaning behind the NHS is, “One can never consent to creep, when one feels an impulse to soar.” Helen Keller. NHS is one reminder of the beginning of the future. It serves to motivate, and congratulate students into the broad world of opportunities and successes waiting for their direction after Mentor High School.

Claire Hurley, President

Left: Shannon McCarthy’s talent was performing a short skit by twirling her baton. She also jazzed up her performance by wearing her marching band uniform.

Below: During the inauguration of National Honor Society, Stacia Sowerby gives her speech on what Honor Society means.

Below: Jennifer Cannato entertains the senior citizens of Mentor Heartland Nursing Home.


Above: After the talent show at Heartland Nursing Home, the officers of National Honor Society pose for a Christmas photo. The officers are Claire Hurley, President; Elise Pech, Treasurer; Stephanie Hogan, Public Relations; Jennifer Cannato, Secretary.
International Club

"I hope our members have had fun this year and learned to open their mind and heart to new ideas in the process."
Rukhsana Iqbal, President

Martin Luther King once said, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish as fools." International Club was started over twenty years ago with the intention of building bridges between people of different backgrounds. We hoped to expose students to different cultures and introduce them to different views of the world to help them gain a broader perspective. They can take this knowledge and use it in their interactions with people they will meet in college and in the workplace. This year we have two new advisors, Mrs. Naylor and Mrs. Fritinger who have taken over for Ms. Mundy, and have done a wonderful job in their first year. We have planned many new activities besides our annual events. They include marching in the Homecoming Parade, going to see "The Christmas Carol," a trip to an ethnic restaurant, writing to pen pals in Lithuania, and the class switch. We also went Christmas caroling at the Alter Care Facility and sang to the senior citizens. The class switch is an activity unique to International Club. This event lets students sit in on a foreign language class they have always wanted to try but didn’t. This year was also our first year we had pizza sales and saw a remarkable increase in membership. With each passing year, we have tried to add more events to let students experience other cultures. These experiences will add to their overall high school experience and further their interest in the world.

Rukhsana Iqbal, President

Above: Vince Conceal and Ashwin Janakiram sell tickets to the Robert Michaels concert in the Fine Arts Center. They were selling their tickets during the Senior Citizen’s Dance in the Student Center.

Law Club

"This year’s trip will be great. I can’t wait!"

The Law Club at Mentor High School is associated with the Business Law Classes, which are Law 1 and Law 2. They are intended to provide the students with a basic understanding of U.S. Law. All students who participate in Law 1 and Law 2 are eligible to take a trip to Washington DC and Toronto, Canada. On December 6, 1997, the Law Club held a fundraising event to establish a Business Department Scholarship in honor of Nelson “Rock” Garden, a former Business teacher at Mentor. The concert was held with Canadian musician Robert Michaels. From this event, we will be establishing a scholarship that will hopefully be given out annually to any student who participates in a Business course. We will be visiting the Supreme Court, Smithsonian Institution, Congress, and many other places of interest during the Washington DC trip and while in Toronto, we will be seeing two plays, visiting the CN Tower, Sugar Plum, and other places. The Law Club is advised by Mr. Ron Rose, Esq., and the officers include: Vince Concel (President), Sarah Stanton (Vice-President), Claire Hurley, Jeff Cooney, and Emily Wearstler. The club has been here for at least 10 years and this is Mr. Rose’s 25th year of teaching at Mentor.

Vince Concel & Sarah Stanton

Below: International Club members show their spirit at a the Homecoming parade.


Row 1: C. Hurley, Mr. Rose, V. Concel, J. Cooney, S. Stanton
Mock Trial

"There's a Ferkol in the way!"
courtesy of a former Mock Trial team member

Left: Diana Bolton, Kelli Webb, and Claire Hurley focus on the judge as they prepare to "Go for the Gold" at the 1998 District competition.

Not pictured: Alison Zieske and Ryan Callender

Mentor has participated for many years in the Mock Trial competition, which ranges from the district level to the national level. The teams each consist of a prosecution/plaintiff and a defense, which will compete against other schools before judges and attorneys. The cases generally revolve around a controversial issue with no definite solution and involve high school students in the story. This year's case focuses on an email search and the resulting evidence seized against a student. Each team is responsible for creating their own lines of questions and writing opening and closing statements.

This year marks Mentor's first entering of two teams in the competition. We hope to proceed to the state level, held in Columbus—always a fun trip, traditionally involving stops at the Polynesian restaurant, Kahki's, and the German restaurant, Schmidt's. Mentor has a history of victories at the district level; we have acquired eight district championships over the last 10 years. While mastering the fine art of juggling, last year's team proceeded to the quarter final round at the state competition and earned several best attorney and best witness awards in the process. This year's team includes three returning members: Stephanie Hogan, Judy Lee, and Ashwin Janankiram. Our faculty advisor for the last five years has been Mr. Thomas Swanc; our attorney advisor for seven years has been Mr. Jeff Ferkol, Esq., and most recently, we have received help from law student Mr. Ryan Callender, Esq.

Now if only we could find that stopwatch...

Stephanie Hogan & Judy Lee

Model UN

"Model U.N. will help you become aware of the complex world around us. It's a bit of work, but a lot of fun."
Jaspal Ahluwalia, President

The Model U.N. is a club in which students can experience what it feels like working on global issues and compromising to reach a goal. Students form "countries" in groups of three and then do research to prepare for the summits. There are regional meetings and then there is a complete Model U.N. later. Students take field trips to Cleveland State University several times a year to participate in these meetings.

Each year there are different themes which the Model U.N. focuses on. This year they are Drug Abuse, Production, and Trafficking; Chemical and Biological weapons and Lead Mines; Economic Growth and Social Progress. In Model U.N., students are challenged to think critically and express their views orally in a debate format. The current advisor is Mr. DeCaro, who has been heading Model U.N. for seven years.

Jaspal Ahluwalia, President

Above: Model UN members are collecting their permission slips for their next field trip to Cleveland State.
PALS

"I've really enjoyed tutoring other students."

P.A.L.S. tutors is an organization where students volunteer their time and energy to try to help other students. The students who volunteer gain community service hours as well as the satisfaction of knowing that they helped someone else. None of this could be accomplished without the help of our advisor, Mr. Leu. He dedicates his time to assigning the students to their tutors, and organizes meetings that we have.

Christy Davis

The Science Olympiad team is composed of fifteen students who have dedicated themselves to proving they excel in the area of science. Topics ranging from the earth sciences through biology, chemistry, physics, and the Internet are all emphasized at different levels. The team has been in existence for the last ten years and we have succeeded in reaching the state level out of over forty teams, and we plan to continue this success. Our team advisors this year are Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Woodman, and Ms. Schormuller.

Prior to the competition, the team is responsible for creating and building machines from scratch to use at each different event. Biology events require the memorization and identification of taxonomic information and basic genetic engineering principles. Chemistry events are responsible for indentifying unknown compounds and chemical properties. Physics events describe motion in two directions, energy conversion, and circuits. Weather, tectonics, and energy resources are even studied.

Meetings are held to discuss progress in individual areas and to allow advice to be offered by the rest of the group.

Brian Leppert

Right: During her 7-8 Study Hall, Christy Leonard tutors anyone that may need help. They meet in the Upper Media Center.


Science Olympiad

"We're going to kick their butts next year!"

Brian Leppert

Above: Jaspal Ahluwalia and Mr. Goodman search through the Internet looking for the answer for a practice problem. Both Bryan Alexander and Alan Hoskinson stand back and attempt to help with the Internet.


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Sheep

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”
John 10:27

Left: Members of Sheep and the community pray around the flagpole one morning before school begins.


In the 1997-1998 school year, “Sheep” entered its third year of existence. Led this year by president Aaron Line and assistant Jessica Severn and Ken Sowers III, the MHS Bible Study continued to be a focal point for Christian activities in the school. Meeting two nights a week, the club members studied the word of God and paid homage to Christ. The club also committed, and succeeded, in praying as a group every morning for a five minute walk with God. The club is a Christian based learning and support group, with emphasis on letting other people know about Jesus of Nazareth.

Aaron Line, President

Ski Club

“It’s so important to take in as many things as possible and skiing is one of them,”
Trisha Gay, President

Skiing, a Mentor High tradition for over twenty years, has greatly expanded and became an amazing and educational hobby for all its members. Mr. Litzinger has been the advisor for seventeen years and has made ski club accessible and enjoyable for all.

Being a member since Jr. High and now being the president, I’ve seen the club’s progress and have tried to let others see the many opportunities ski club offers, such as lessons for beginners and in skiing as well as snowboarding, exposure to resorts and meeting new friends.

When senior, Sharon Estrella, was told about the club, she, like many, was skeptical about joining. Now she really appreciates the sport and was glad she was able to join. Many members like Sharon, have become skiers and now love the sport.

I’d like to take the opportunity to thank Adam Nelsecker, VP of Ski Club and Sharon Estrella for giving up their free mads to assist the club in its various activities.

I can’t say enough how fabulous Ski Club is. Learning a new sport, meeting new people, and experiencing an incredible tradition can really make a difference. It’s so important to take in as many things as possible and skiing is one of them.

- Trisha Gay, President
**Student Council**

"It was a year of cooperation which helped cultivate the friendships we will always cherish."

Anthony Munson, President

The Student Council at MHS has existed for at least as many years as the current building has. The advisor of the club is Mrs. Clements, in her sixth year. The officers of the club are as follows: Ashwin Janakiram, Vice President; Lisa Becker, Recording Secretary; Heather Dolf, Corresponding Secretary, and Mike Bosick, Treasurer.

As the club representing the students, we enjoy when students share their concerns with us. Because then we go and meet with the principal and discuss these items, keeping the line of communication between the administration and the students very open and relaxed. During homeroom each Friday throughout the year, the group holds its meetings. The club takes on several projects in the course of the year.

At the start of the year Student Council is in charge of running the sophomore class elections. They organize the candidates, supervise their campaigns, and facilitate the election assembly. Usually the next big undertaking of the club is United Way drive. We try to advertise the campaign and the group oversees the home room collections as well as running a few fundraisers on the side. Counting all the money is a task completed and appreciated by members of Student Council.

The organization also sponsors a one day, holiday food drive to collect food for the Lake County Food Bank. Around Christmas time members of the group fill the hallways of the high school with song as they deliver their singing Santa grams to those who purchased them. In the spring the group often tries to organize a worthwhile service project allowing our members to participate in a memorable activity. The members of Student Council are all wonderful volunteers and without them things could never be accomplished. I would like to thank all the representatives for a wonderful year.

Anthony Munson, President

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**Spirit Club**

"All together Spirit Club was a great success."

Renee Matteo, Treasurer

Spirit Club has worked together this year to create new and exciting events. We worked hard to support the teams, raise money for the poor, and put on great assemblies. The club meets every Monday morning to discuss ideas and paint signs. The five officers also meet every Wednesday morning to put the week’s agenda together.

The year started off to be very busy. Spirit Club took on the responsibility of organizing Homecoming. We got a group together to help decorate for the dance and put together the parade. Despite the cold weather for the parade, everything turned out great. Powder Puff was another event presented by Spirit Club. As Christmas began to approach, Spirit Club sent their hearts out to five kids in need. We raised money for a week, and thanks to Mentor High, we got enough money to buy these children gifts for Christmas.

All together Spirit Club was a success. Much thanks goes to Megan Metz, President; Krista Preston, Secretary; Danielle Motaia, Vice President; and Ashleigh Dariali, Secretary. Also a special thanks to Mrs. Dimitro for all her assistance.

Renee Matteo, Treasurer

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Right: The Mentor High Cardinal gets beat up by an evil villain during the winter pep assembly.
Below: A few representatives participate in the Homecoming parade for Student Council. The parade took place on October 18, Sweetest Day weekend.

Speech & Debate

A Greek philosopher once said, "A man's character is revealed by his speech, if it be shallow; then so shall his character."

Speech and Debate is an extracurricular activity where individuals have the option of participating in over nine different events, each having their own distinctions. The majority of the members in Mentor High's speech team participate in an event where individuals are asked to speak extemporaneously, for a duration of 4 to 7 minutes. These topics usually deal with current events. Participants are given approximately 25 minutes to prepare their speeches. To be successful one must demonstrate poise, intellect, and confidence.

Regardless of the specific event the student participates in, a great deal is learned in terms of public speaking and all its nuances. There are a number of debaters, who are usually the weirdos. Whether or not they are weird before or after the season is impossible to decipher. However, it is a good thing they have a sense of humor.

This year the team qualified five students for the state competition as either alternates or actual state participants. These students were, Ashwin Janakiram, Diana Bolton, Kelli Webb, Megan Fellows, Gina Telaroli, and Mike Nemeth. Other members were Dan Wettkow, Bob Bogner, and Melissa Naroski.

Keeping himself occupied during another Saturday morning tournament, Ashwin Janakiram balances a half full soda can.

Not pictured Megan Fellows

Left: Gina Telaroli and Melissa Naroski practice together for their next debate. Once a week, the two debaters can be found studying their offense or defense cases in Mrs. Hufgard's classroom after school.
From DARE role modeling to Red Ribbon week, Teen Institute works hard to have a group of drug-free students who promote being drug-free. This newer addition to the list of clubs here at Mentor High brought the simulating drunk driver car and numerous other events. We have also gone on camp trips to learn about being drug-free and some have gone on trips to be DARE role models. Mrs. Iannadrea and Lynn Kempf have been working to make this a strong club and have organized many meetings for us. Erin Bolen, President

Below: Lynn Kempf, an Teen Institute advisor, helps Steve Miller with his blind fold. They were preparing for a demonstration to show young children that drinking is like losing all their senses; the blind fold rid them of being able to see.

Teen Institute

"Yesterday was the easiest day of your life."
Erin Bolen, President


WMHS

"WMHS is one of Mentor's tech programs that really lets students express themself. WMHS is probably one of the greatest experiences I have had at Mentor."
Maile Frank

Since 1973 students have been reading the morning announcements at the start of the day. Mr. Kowalke, our advisor, helps us out by giving technical support and keeping everything running smoothly. As members of the WMHS crew, our job is to keep the staff and students up to date. The crew, usually TV Productions 2 students, get to school extra early, reviews all the announcements that the coaches, teachers, and advisors have hurriedly scrawled out for us and then all we need is it to cue the music. At 7:20, it's just our voices going out over the P.A., for those kids in every homeroom who haven't fallen asleep and are really listening. That's why we're here.

Melissa Mikaah, WMHS Editor

Above: Erica Opeth and Jay Ragley use the audio mixer in the TV productions room, so the whole school can hear the morning announcements.


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Marching Band

"Marching Band is a fun experience, but it is a lot of hard work. All the members of the band are dedicated and very talented musicians!"
Amanda Paroubek, Senior Drum Major

The main job of the Mentor High School Fighting Cardinal Marching Band is to play at the home and away games and help cheer on the players of the team. We not only play songs from the stands during the game, but are a part of the half time show when we march and play variations of our show each week. Another major event that the band undertakes is the Ohio Music Educator's Association district competition. This year the band traveled to Marlinton, Ohio where we earned first place in our class (AA) but received a rating of a two. In years past we have earned a one which qualifies us for state competition which means we traveled to Columbus but this year we didn't have the chance to do that. The band also hosted this year's annual Lake County Marching Band Festival. All the bands from Lake County came to the Mentor stadium and played for each other. To prepare for the upcoming season, during the summer, the band met in late June to teach the incoming sophomores how to march and march in the Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras parade and the Mentor-On the Lake's fourth of July parade. Included in our summer session was a trip to Cedar Point. We marched through the park in the morning and were then free to ride the rides afterwards. At the beginning of August we start meeting for practice at the school in the evenings and the second week in August we travel to Edinboro University in Pennsylvania for a week of band camp where we put together our show for the year.

Our advisor is Mr. Hunsticker who has been advising the group for quite some time now. The Drum Majors this year were Senior Amanda Paroubek and Junior Kristen Godec. The Drum Majors direct the band out on the field and act as leaders for the group.

After the football season is over, the band plays at the circus performances the week of Presidents Day at the High School. In addition to this we march in the Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Better in Mentor Days Parade.
Amanda Paroubek, Senior Drum Major
Scarlet Band


Grey Band

Above: Getting ready for the concert Robert Koehler slips on his shoes.

Right: Always standing out, Al Price wears his green coat for the Christmas theme.
Above: Ritch Koeth finishes standing for a well done solo during a band rehearsal.

Wind Ensemble

Row 1: T. Scott, B. Weinkamer
Row 2: M. Robertson, J. Martin, J. Murray, M. Branstein, B. McGrath
Row 3: E. Perez, C. Parker, R. Bandt, A. Paroubek, E. Convery, C. Weinman, D. Lenz
Row 4: M. Fellows, M. Smith, P. Carlton, M. Malone, A. Ross
Row 5: B. Cutler, K. Zaleski, C. Brown, B. Redersek, V. Tripodo
Row 6: C. Rittenhouse, A. Edmisten, T. Paroubek, K. Godes, L. Mocadlo, T. Bontrager
Row 7: M. Zale, A. Eldredge, C. Goley, R. Reichert, S. Guyan, D. Freeman

Wind Ensemble is the top band at Mentor High School and is comprised only of the highest quality musicians in the school. To become a member, you must audition in the fall. We rehearse 11-12 everyday and often have Tuesday evening rehearsals. Our instructor is Mr. Huntsicker who has been directing the band for quite some time now. This year the band has a busy schedule. We began the year by a performance with the Cleveland State University band and then played in our annual Christmas concert. We also were part of the annual Barbershop in Harmony concert this past holiday season. Still to come is OMEA district contest where if we receive a 1 rating we will be on to state competition. The band has a long tradition of ratings of 1 at the state level. The band will also be taking part in the Lake County Band Festival, our annual Spring concert, and a possible combined concert with Kent State University.

Amanda Paroubek
Lyre's Club


Pep Band


Above: Erin Crow watches the director carefully in hopes to stay together with the rest of the band.

Above: Pep Band director, Sylvester Johnson keeps the pep band up to tempo during the fall pep assembly.
Woodwind Choir


Brass Choir


Above: With their Santa hats, Mike Dehner and Kyle Krstolic strike a pose.

Left: Dressing for the concert, Jay Wilkerson fixes his bow tie.

Above: Before the Christmas concert numerous band members prepare their uniforms.
Boys A Capella


Orchestra


Under the direction of Mrs. Perillo, this year’s Mentor High School Orchestra has reached new heights in their ability to play complex music. The High School Orchestra has existed since 1970 and has been under the direction of Mrs. Perillo since 1994. It is a group composed of about thirty string players and twenty band members. Each year, we perform three public concerts in the Fine Arts Center, participate in OMEA orchestra contest, solo and ensemble, and host the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra Concert.

For the first time, this year the orchestra will go to Columbus for a weekend to participate in OMEA state convention, joining orchestras with Besley High School Orchestra of Cleveland State.

Jessica Severa

Above: Misty Andree and Martha Tompkins play another Christmas piece flawlessly.
Above: Director, Mrs. Perillo, leads the orchestra in another Christmas tune.
Boys Mixed Chorus

Row 1: C. Todd, S. Reitman, R. Doorns, A. DiBacco, J. McDaniel
Row 2: M. Koenig, M. Vuicich, E. Hassen, B. Halan, R. Kistner, J. Beatty
Row 3: M. Roesch, J. Zorich, B. Werth, J. Zorich, J. Jeschelng, J. Rose

Altos Mixed

Row 2: A. Murphy, N. Scibosa, L. Hanna, F. Normo, S. Orr, K. Loevey, R. Headley, L. Vargo, B. Hoppert

Sopranos Mixed

Row 2: L. Addiboo, A. Singh, E. Gibbon, J. Pinkerman, C. Cmarik, L. Nightward, S. Kain, Jackie Riplinger, B. Hayward, M. Beech
Altos A Capella

Row 1: E. Wearstler, L. Shilla, A. Semosky, T.
McHugh, T. Skilton, D. Siatystycki, R. Galante Row 2: S.
Aquilis, J. Titman, A. Jelley, B. Connolly, C. Zuchelli, J.
Feldner, C. Smolianski, P. Sha Row 3: J. Jones, M.
Vollmer, J. Smolianski, J. Sikka, A. Holland, S. Al-
Doory, T. Citarro Row 4: C. Viker, H. Palmer, J.
Zoldach, C. Beverage, D. Green, A. Graf, H. Eppes, A.
Sharp, B. Rittenhouse

Sopranos A Capella

Row 1: C. Cahoon, M. Barrow, K. Norberg, B. D'Orio,
D. Fulton, K. buckau, B. Henning, T. Wood Row 2: L.
Gretz, M. Moran, M. Burkart, E. Erb, J. Coron, D.
Ballard, B. Jenkins, M. Armanda, S. Trusty Row 3: M.
Laurin, K. Gravagna, J. Levin, A. Williams, M.
Griesmer, S. Grace, C. Mahmet, N. Petrow, S. Rohaley
Row 4: S. Stanton, A. Hutton, E. Young, A. Wagner,
G. Chiocchio, A. Kato, S. Bollman, T. Abele, D.
Edwards, K. Zaler

Top 25

Row 1: B. Bambic, S. Al-Doory, T. Gonzalez, C.
Zuchelli, J. Ragley, r. Mahmert, T. Griffith, E. Wearstler
Row 2: M. Barrow, K. Galante, E. Hassen, R. Reichert,
S. Reitman, K. Greaves, B. Niegoj, J. Jones Row 3: D.
Lucas, A. Hutton, M. Roese, M. Burkart, K. Klamer,
L. Goetz, M. Rodriguez, A. Williams Row 4: T. Munson,
I. Rodriguez, A. Kellogg, K. Gravagna, K. Pavlik, H.
Kohn, M. Robertson, B. Connolly Row 5: J. Kraker, C.
Mahmet, B. Werth, A. Wagner, W. Hale, S. Grace, J.
Jeschelnig, T. Fraser
Seniors


Juniors


Sophomores

Athletic Aides

Row 1: Mrs. Robejsek, Mrs. Sedmak, Liz Tackett, Mrs. Freeborn, Matt Hall, Jason Brew, Dan Doty

Audio-Visual Aides

Row 1: M. Trimobili, J. Firman, C. Hutchens, D. Duca
Row 2: A. Champa, B. Leppert
Row 3: J. Bucci, K. Kreider, E. Gibbons, S. Szabo, J. Rosipko, B. Sandberg

Clinic Aides

Row 1: S. Fowler, A. Kalina, P. Randazzo, S. Nelson, K. Gielink
Row 2: C. Kelley, K. Seaholm, C. Davis, B. Macura, L. Durchik, J. Stief
Row 3: L. Granger, L. Kirkland, K. Greaves, K. Kirby, C. Snyder, S. Kallay, M. Gilbert, J. Dann
Not pictured: C. Suain, J. Tuccillo, A. Spence

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Computer Aides
Row 1: J. Pesci, M. Branstein, B. Lephart

Guidance Aides

Main Office Aides
Pupil Service Aides


Unit 10 Office Aides


Above: Adam Neibecker is found once again sleeping on the job.

Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Voyten tell Brian Leppert where to find the best Websites on the Internet.
Who Are the Leaders?

This year many students attended the 1997 Leadership Workshop. The workshop, which was held in the Senior Citizens Center, gave the students a chance to not only learn about themselves, but about how to lead. Presentations by Mr. Hunter and Mrs. Larkin touched upon how we ourselves learn and how we can best cooperate with each other. Intriguing activities, workshops, and, of course, good bagels, all helped to create an enjoyable day in which we learned quite a bit.

This section is dedicated to those who attended the workshop. We thank them all for their contribution to the school through their leadership and membership in a multitude of clubs. These are the people who keep all the activities and extra-curricular experiences going. Each club contributes its own spirit to Mentor High, making MHS the dynamic school it is. 54 students are represented here, but they aren't the only one who counts. The staff facilitators, the club members, and the school itself all help to keep the clubs and organizations living and breathing. Thanks to everyone, and keep up the good work.

- Aaron Linne

Charity Beverage - 11th
Junior Class President
Junior Class Council
A Capella Choir
Spirit Club
Community Service
FLA
Unit 11 Office Aid
Inter-Club Council

Diana Bolton - 11th
Community Service Board
FLA
Student Council
Key Club
Speech & Debate
Yearbook Junior Section Editor
Leadership Lake County Track

Mike Bossik - 12th
Mentor Theatre
Mentor Theatre Social Committee
Mentor Softball Association
A Capella Choir
Student Council Treasurer
Intramural Basketball and Soccer

Jason Bolzak - 12th

Holly Buggs - 12th
Yearbook Co-Editor
Varsity Tennis
Harvest for Hunger Coordinator
Cardinal Pride Newsletter
Venture Capitol NHS

Jen Cannato - 12th
NHS Vice President
FLA Treasurer
Basketball Statistician
Envirothon
Community Service Key Club
T.V. Productions
Law Club LAB

Aaron Linne - 12th
Mentor High Bible Study President
Yearbook Co-Editor
Mentor Theatre
Inter-Club Council
Teen Institute America's PRIDE
Cardinal Pride Newsletter
International Club AMS
Student Council Community Service

Vincent J. Concet - 12th
Law Club President
National Honors Society
Community Service Student Council Inter-Club Council Who's Who Among American High School Students

Heather Doll - 11th
Student Council Recording Secretary
Swim Team
FLA Peer Mediation Key Club Community Service Spirit Club Project Love
Lauren Dougherty - 11th
Mentor Thespians
Secretary
Inkwells
Entertainment
Editor

Katie Ensinger - 10th
Community Service
FLA
Marching Band
Ensemble
Key Club
CYWZ

Maile Frank - 12th
Football
Cheerleader
WMHS
T.V. Productions
Community Service

Tessa Fraser - 10th
Top 25
P.A.L.S., Tutoring
Spirit Club
Key Club
Student Council
Mixed Choir
Soccer
Peer Mediation

Thom Griffith - 11th
Junior Class Vice President
Mixed Choir Vice President
Top 25
Inter-Club Council
Student Council
Football
Wrestling
A Capella Choir

Lara Harmon - 10th
Ski Club
Pep Club
Inkwells

Stephanie Hogan - 12th
Ecology Club Vice President
NHS Treasurer
Orchestra
Community Service
Mentor High Bible Study
Mock Trial
AFS

Claire Hurley - 12th
NHS President
Key Club Vice President
FLA
Community Service
Law Club
Inter-Club Council

Rukhsana Iqbal - 12th
International Club President
FLA Secretary
Community Service
AFS
Inter-Club Council
NHS Orchestra

Ashwin Janakiram - 12th
Speech and Debate
President
Mock Trial
President
Student Council
Vice President
Spanish Exchange Program
AFS
FLA
Model UN
Key Club
Inter-Club Council
NHS Office Aide

Leigh Janiak - 12th
Mentor Thespians President
International Thespians Troupe
#6
FLA
A Capella Choir
Model UN
NHS
Inter-Club Council
Academic Decathlon

Sylvester Johnson - 12th
Pep Band Director
Jeh Club
Community Service
FLA
Yearbook Staff
Big Brother Program
Teacher’s Aide
Inter-Club Council
Mentor High Bible Study

Allen Kellogg - 12th
Mentor Thespians Vice President,
Mentor Theatre International Thespians Troupe
A Capella Choir
Top 25
Hockey Coach
Community Service
Four Funny Guys
and Matt

Scott Koehler - 12th
Boys Cross Country
Captain
Community Service
Board
Key Club
FLA

Judy Lee - 12th
Ecology Club President
AFS Secretary
Mock Trial
FLA
Community Service
Guidance Office Aide
NHS
Inter-Club Council

208B
Gina Lucci - 12th
Community Service
AFS
Mentor High Bible Study
NHS
Key Club

Jon Martin - 12th
Senior Class Treasurer
Golf Co-Captain
Student Council
Community Service
FLA

Renee Matteo - 11th
Spirit Club Officer
Student Council

Chrysie McKenna - 12th
Mentor Thespians Vice President,
Public Relations International Thespians Troupe #6
NHS Community Service

Matt Miller - 11th
Inkwell Assistant Sports Editor
Cross Country Wrestling Intramurals

Megan Mitman - 11th
Community Service Board
FLA
Key Club
Varsity Tennis

Anthony Munson - 12th
Student Council President
A Capella Choir President
NHS op 25 Varsity Soccer Varsity Tennis Intramural Basketball WMHS Television Productions Spanish Foreign Exchange Program

Erica Opeth - 12th
WMHS Vice President Spirit Club Community Service Student Council FLA International Club

Mindy Owen - 12th
Senior Class Secretary Spirit Club Community Service Future Leaders

Ed Pauline - 12th
FLA President Friends of Mentor Schools President Community Service Board Football Key Club NHS Teacher Aide

Elise Pech - 12th
MHS Secretary Student Council Spirit Club FLA Community Service Key Club

Krista Preston - 12th
Spirit Club Secretary Varsity Swimming NHS Student Council Community Service FLA

Christine Rock - 11th
Community Service Board
Cross Country Indoor Track Outdoor Track FLA Key Club Teacher Aide Peer Mediation

Lisa Rock - 11th
FLA Community Service Unit Aide Teacher Aide Key Club Peer Mediation Indoor Track Outdoor Track Cross Country

Jenny Roman - 12th
Senior Class Vice President
Rachel Rosenblum - 12th
Key Club Secretary
NHS Public Relations
AFS Community Service
FLA PSEO

Morgan Rupp - 10th
FLA Spirit Club
Swim Team
Student Council
Community Service
Key Club

Jessica Severa - 12th
AFS President
Mentor High Bible Study
Community Service
Inter-Club Council
Student Council
Mentor High Orchestra

Steve Siko - 12th
FLA Vice President
Community Service
Golf Team
NHS

Kavita Singh - 11th
FLA Community Service Board
Key Club
Student Council
Tennis Team

Jessica Soyka - 10th
Mentor Theatre
Office Aide

Sarah Stanton - 12th
Key Club President
Law Club Vice President
Future Leaders Vice President
A Capella Choir Vice President
Model U.N.
AFS Mock Trial
Community Service
NHS Renaissance
Inter-Club Council

Adam Stobinski - 12th
Inkjet Design Editor
Marching Band
Marching Band Program Editor
Pep Club
Ski Club
Community Service
NHS Senior Project Trip to Spain

Kyrie Suminski - 11th
Junior Class Secretary
Ski Club
Community Service
Student Council

Elizabeth Tackett - 12th
Pep Band Flag Corps Director
Marching Band Flag Corps
Bookstore Aide
Community Service
Inter-Club Council

Erin Vayo - 10th
Football Cheerleader
Gymnastics
Ski Club
Student Council

Dani Wettklow - 11th
Teen Institute Vice President
Yearbook - Clubs & Org Editor
Speech & Debate
Mentor Theatre
Inter-Club Council
FLA Community Service

Dave Zalack - 12th
Game and Strategy Club President
Mentor Hockey
Inter-Club Council
Intramural Golf
Community Service

Alison Zieske - 11th
Varsity Tennis
Student Council
FLA Community Service
Key Club
Junior Class Council
Leadership Lake County
Steering Committee
Mock Trial
Principal's Office Aide
Curriculum Council
Basketball Stats
Inter-Club Council

Christina Zuchelli - 12th
Senior Class President
A Capella Choir Student Council
Indoor Track
Outdoor Track
Community Service
Inter-Club Council
Top 25
NHS
FLA Wrestling Stats
Senior Class Council
Spirit Club
Unit 11
Office Aides


Unit 12
Office Aides


Helping out the Guidance Counselors, Melissa Mikosz and her friend sort letters being sent out to the Juniors.

Above: Megan Crouch and Charlie Morgan diligently work in the Unit 12 Office.
Auto Body 2
Row 1: S. Amoroso Row 2: N. Acken, B. Petti Row 3: E. Whitehouse, J. Mirenda, A. Keene, J. Harris

Auto Body 1
Row 1: B. Murphy Row 2: D. Putney, B. Heston, J. Richards Row 3: D. Lawrence, J. Gill Row 4: J. Longbons, S. Eckenrode, N. Holmecki

Auto Service 1
Auto Service 2

Cooperative Business Education

Cosmetology 1
Cosmetology 2
Row 1: A. White, D. Sharp, S. Grabowski, C. Brown Row 2: R. Hertec, N. Weaver, R. Vanek Row 3: C. Kete, S. Sneed, J. Hickman, N. Hadesh

Diversified Cooperative Education

Early Childhood 2
Early Childhood 1


Graphic Arts


Graphic Arts 2

Row 1: K. Vehovec, T. Baur, L. Hale, T. Brooks Row 2: D. Mahoney, B. Rose, M. Hairston
Horticulture

Row 1: M. Gray, A. Merrill, T. Ayers, J. Wander, J. Rozenhal, D. Wehagen, B. Faster
Row 2: R. Adams, A. Zangare, H. Gerow, B. Bluesky, R. Mazie, M. Gute

Law Enforcement Seniors

Row 1: D. Matger, M. Molk Row 2: K. Shea
Row 3: E. Smith, T. Weis

Law Enforcement Juniors

Row 1: A. Bettasso Row 2: G. Keil, A. Schmitt Row 3: J. Hilbish
Marketing

Word Processing 2
Row 1: L. Ebosh, A. Dodge Row 2: M. Karpovitch, J. Barile, B. Restina, J. Boerner

Word Processing 1

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Computer Information Systems


Manufacturing


OWA Sophomores


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OWE Juniors


OWE Seniors

Row 1: J. Goodmote, M. Bittner, D. Vanatta Row 2: J. Year, J. Turr, A. T. Buckman, A. Cadiou, K. Wailes, A. Ansorge, H. Lombardo, K. Reynolds, Mr. Frei

OWE Seniors

Student life is not only extracurricular activities such as clubs and sports. It is also the social event that students participate in. When you really take the time to analyze the life of a high school student it is much more complex. Not only do go to school, do our homework, and participate in extracurricular activities we also have part time jobs in which we use our money for cars, college and when we get the opportunity to have a free moment.

When students have free time, the school offers several dances, sporting events and assemblies that will make you stand up and cheer. Mentor also hosts the PTSA Circus in which you no longer have to beware of lions and tigers and bears oh my; but now a days you must beware of head butting zebras and charging elephants.

In addition to the many social events offered by the high school there are also things like being able to take a foreign language and having foreign exchange students in our building that broaden our horizons and give us comprehension of what it's like to come from another culture. Some students even get the opportunity to be an exchange student in France and Spain.

As you can see student life goes beyond Mentor High. Student life includes work, friendships, and other extracurricular and social activities.

**Why are we put on this earth?**

"We are here on earth to (fool) around. Don’t let anybody tell you any different."

Kurt Vonnegut in *Time Quake* copyright 1997.

**What is the best way to express yourself?**

Any way that doesn’t hurt others. The way you dress, do your hair/make-up, communicate or the music you listen to - it doesn’t matter - as long as it doesn’t infringe on others’ rights or hurt them, physically or emotionally.

J. Tsevdos
Prom 1997

Couples pose for the camera before dancing the night away.

Left: David Lenz and Alex Gehring make the night more enjoyable for the Juniors and Seniors by checking their coats.

Kim Sterle and her date, along with Aaron Wilson, and Tiffany Wilson, take a break from dancing.

Left: The night was full of magic for Mark Barden, Mike Robertson, Al Price, Matt Simmons, Sarah Stanton, Josh Martin, and Pam Stea.
Harvest for Hunger

For the past five years, Mentor High has participated in Harvest for Hunger, a statewide food drive. Every year, Mentor High has a one-day food drive to collect food for this needy cause. This year, the staff and students raised over 31,000 pounds of food and received an award from the United Way for our achievements. The best thing about Harvest for Hunger at Mentor High is that all the food we collect remains in Lake County.

Every year this event continues to grow and promote togetherness and the importance of community involvement.

This year Mentor High's Harvest for Hunger Committee recruited all of Mentor Public Schools to be participants in the food drive. As you can see, Mentor is the core of many wonderful events. We should be proud of ourselves and all we have done for the community.

Top Right: Betsy Miller and friends lend a helping hand during the Harvest for Hunger.

Below: Once again students decide to lend their service to a needy cause. All food collected at MHS remains in Lake County to feed the hungry.

Above: The boys track team holists up Holly Bugos, the coordinator of the food drive. The boys sacrificed their practice time to do something for the community.

Right: Rob Papro and Heather Bugos monitor the elevator as tons of food are brought down from the science classrooms.
Preschool

The two year Early Childhood Education program in our school provides opportunities for students to learn how children develop physically, socially, emotionally, and mentally. The first year of the program, the students are responsible for planning a variety of experiences for the preschool children in music, art, science, literature and other activities that contribute to the development of the children. During the second year, the students are placed on a job in the community working as assistants with programs for normal and exceptional children. Under the direction of the supervising teacher, the students plan and present a variety of experiences to children of various ages and abilities.

Nicole Duke

Danielle Anderson and Nicole Duke take us back to the days of Rock n' Roll.

Libby Savage and Isabella Bauer express their creativity during art class.

Jennifer Pepka shares her free time with preschooler Tommy Murphy.
On June 11th at approximately 7:30 p.m., 31 anxious students and adults gathered at the Cleveland Airport. These 31 travelers boarded the plane bound for Gatwick International Airport in England. Upon their arrival they were greeted by their tour guide and a private luxury coach. Though there was a time difference of six hours, nothing could dampen the spirits of the American Tourists.

The sightseeing and tours began in England. The group visited Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, Canterbury Cathedral, and Picadilly Circus. From England they traveled by ferry boat to Paris. In Paris they were greeted by the hustle and bustle of busy Frenchmen. Time was spent visiting the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, Sacre Coeur, Versailles, and taking a boat cruise through the city. After a short visit to Paris, the students and adults were treated to an eight hour train ride through the Italian Countryside. In Italy, students were given the opportunity to see the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Coliseum, ancient Roman Ruins, and Trabany Fountain. From there, several tourists proceeded to Pompeii.

This trip was an opportunity of a lifetime and meant something different to every traveler. Thanks to Mr. Greg Allen and all of his planning, this trip was made possible.

By: Megan Mitman

Katie Elliot and Amy Kassiades visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy.

Buckingham Palace, London, England

Trafalger Square, London, England
Clockwise: April Chaliboga, Gretchen Stiger, Jeremy Link, Ed Pauline, Jenn Leake, Ann Rzepka, Jen Tuscano

Picadilly Circus, London, England
London, Paris, and Rome

The Louvre, Paris, France

Kyle Foulkrod, Ed Pauline, Jason Harps, and Brad Dougherty slow down the pace at Champs Elysées, Paris, France

Mentor's own strike a pose in front of the Eiffel Tower, Paris, France

Elise Pechm Jenn Leake, April Chiriboga, Julie Koss, and Julie Zoldach adventure stroll through the romantic city, Paris, France

Left: Chaperones, Cliff and Amy Dubois in front of the Colosseum, Rome

Student Life
The anticipation of the arrival of the Spanish students was almost overwhelming, but the wait was well worth it. The time the Americans spent with their new Spanish brothers and sisters was fun, exciting, and a learning experience. There was an excursion to Niagara Falls, fiestas day in and day out, and a lot of soccer being played. Those who didn't know how to play learned and were pro's within three weeks.

Saying adios was difficult, but the reality for Mentor High's Spanish four students is so exciting. Now that six months has gone by, it is time for Senora Garcia Carion's fourth year Spanish students to meet their Spanish families. The students are extremely anxious for their trip to Aspontes, Spain and their five day excursion in the south of Spain including the Costa del Sol, Sevilla, Cordoba and sightseeing through Madrid, the capital of Spain. Senora Garcia Carion said, "It's going to be interesting."

It is very apparent that both the Americans and Spaniards will have a wonderful time when reunited. It will be a happy ending to a busy senior year.
Mentor/As Pontes

Jennifer Greene, Pablo Neira Maseda, Heather Warnick
Lydia Perko, Irla Vazquez Vecilla, Stephanie Mangano
Christine Davis, David Vilaboy Bellas, April Chiriboga

Terry DiMichele, Ramon Neira Maseda, Lisa Otte
Carlos Sal Gonzalez, Holly Bugos, Adam Stobinski
Stephanie Mangano, Alvaro Ramos Rodriguez, Toey Munson

Sarah Stanton, Enrique Bouza, Aimee Hutton
Brian Leppert, Sergio Vidal Lozano, Vince Conceel
Claire Hurly, Laura Orviz Fernandez, Jennifer Cannato

Javier Ramos Rodriguez, Jay Loebig
Susan Whittaker, Esther Casado Pena, Aimee Capretta, Elizabeth Miller
Balloons, posters, cameras, and cries of delight filled the airport on January 31, 1998. The day had finally arrived when 31 French Exchange Students would come to Mentor. These 31 students traveled all the way from Versailles. Each student was claimed by their host families. The next several days of their stay were filled with field trips, and getting acquainted with their new families. The students were introduced to Cleveland’s sights like the Rock Hall, Science Center, Art Museum, and also to new foods, faces, and customs. The introduction of Pop Tarts, an American staple was added to their diet along with more traditional foods, such as pizza and Coca Cola. New activities were experienced by the exchange students too. Cosmic Bowling, laser tag, and iceskating were just a few of the activities.

The time that the French students spent here affected the lives of their host families. Long term friendships were formed as well as the introduction of new customs. The departure of our new friends is going to be most difficult part of hosting. Saying goodbye is never easy, but we will have many great memories to last us a lifetime.

By:
Megan Mitman

Participants in the French Home-Stay Program
Madame Cicco
Mentor/ Versailles
On September 16, parents of Mentor High students had the opportunity to experience a chaotic and wild day as the students see it at Mentor High. The parents followed their students' schedules including the classrooms, the teachers, their lunch mods and even found out about their extra-curricular involvements.

Many clubs and organizations came to the event and distributed information about their clubs to the parents. This night, set aside for "Showcase Mentor High," allowed parents to gain a new perspective on the lives of students in the nineties. "Showcase Mentor High" was the beginning of a new year of excellence at our school.

Left: Betsy Miller and Christine Leonard prepare for some table talk.

Below: A big fan of chess tries to outsmart J. Bolczak, a member of Chess Club.

Tech Prep Horticulture members show off their prize-winning mums.

Jaspal Alahwahilia represents the Model UN. He waits patiently for friendly folks to stop on by.

Right: The Mentor High Football Cheerleaders distributed spirit footballs during Showcase Mentor High.
Mentor High’s biannual career expo was on October 29, 1997. One-hundred businesses were present to showcase their professions. Mentor’s career expo is unique in that it is the only one in the state that offers parents and students, grades kindergarten through high school, exploration of careers. There were a variety of careers including technology and engineering, health services, financial businesses, restaurants, and retail establishments. The Lake Metroparks even brought animals, including a great horned owl. The chairman of the event was Mr. Harmon, a tenth grade guidance counselor. When asked about the career expo, he said, “I think it is a really nice program for students to explore the world of work. You’re never too young to learn about careers and jobs for the future.” Many students came with their future in mind. The enthusiasm of all of the participants helped to make this career expo a success. We look forward to Career Expo ’99.

by Gina Telaroll and Dena Freeman

Young and old students come to learn about careers they might be interested in.

Below: A Lake Metroparks representative displays the nifty animals that the park rangers work with.

A family analyzes a display of a motor looking at all the hard work put into it.
The Armed Forces

Outside of school, students have part time jobs helping customers at K-mart.

NAVY
YOU AND THE NAVY.
FULL SPEED AHEAD.
Drunk Driving Exhibit

Simulator Fact Sheet

Designed as part of a public awareness campaign to allow sober drivers first-hand experience with the dangers of drinking and driving, the Neon Drunk Driving Simulator is sponsored by Chrysler Corporation. It has made over 900 appearances in more than 200 cities since 1988. Over 250,000 people have participated in the program, and over 2.7 million have been exposed to the program.

Left: A student prepares to go through the Drunk Driving Simulation.

Aimee Hutton, Lisa Rock, and Scott Koeth give it a second thought before they go through with the simulation.

Above: Students drove on the course once normally and once with the Drunk Driving Simulation to see the difference.

Left: Think about the consequences...Don’t drink and drive.
Bloodmobile

Twice a year, Mentor High School students take a day to donate a part of themselves. The annual blood drive is sponsored by the American Red Cross. The blood is given to all of the Northeastern Ohio hospitals and to where it is needed most.

Every year an estimate of 600 students donate over 500 pints of blood, making Mentor High the largest bloodmobile in the state of Ohio. We receive awards from the Red Cross every year.

The criteria for the donor is seventeen years of age, and they must weigh at least 105 pounds. The donor should also eat a good, healthy breakfast before giving in order to make it a positive experience and to prevent any side effects. The most common side effect is some light headedness; however, after eating some, food the donor should feel fine.

M.H.S. has been participating in the bloodmobile for over twenty years. One pint of blood can save four lives; of the 500 pints of blood we donate every year, we help 2,000 people in need.

Mrs. Kirby, the current advisor of the event, says she's glad kids overcome their fear to do something for others in need. Mrs. Kirby emphasized, "I think we help more people in those two days with bloodmobile than any other activity."

By: David T. Svegel

Left: The nurse tells Stephane Hogan that this won't hurt a bit.

Below: Students chow down on free snacks for giving blood.

Above: Chris Ireland, Ian Mcgovern, Charlie Morgan, and Jason Furmanek, stand in line waiting to help save a life.

Above: Courtney Engler gets her blood pressure taken before giving blood.
Halloween

Becky Henning asks, "Mirror, Mirror, on the wall, whose the fairest one of all?"

The office is full of dwarfs. Hey, where's Sneezy?

Dead Prom Queen Maryann Artonavick comes back to life to visit Princess Shannon Runyeon.

Ann Rzepka decides to be a Southern Belle for the day.
On Wednesday, December 17, 1997, Mentor High's teachers Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Oleksak held a health fair in the learning center. Information was provided to the students who attended the fair by many different exhibitors. Among the exhibitors were the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, Life Bank and Brunner Medical. There were many interactive exhibits too. Lake Hospitals had a cholesterol screening station, heart rate and blood pressure station. There was even a sports rehab station, a computer calorie analysis and a station where visiting staff and students could check their body fat. For most students, the most memorable part of the Health Fair was health food samples local businesses like Sage's Apples, Great Harvest Bread Co., and Brueggers Bagels.

By: Patty Kozenko

Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Oleksak show their enthusiasm for all the time and hard work their students put into this year's Health Fair.

Senior Rich Kim and a fellow classmate enjoy a healthy snack.

Mmm...what can we do with all these yummy, healthy apples?

Huh? I've never seen that on my dinner plate at home...
'Tis the Season

On December 19, 1997 the halls of Mentor High were filled with Christmas Spirit (or maybe it was the fact that we had a two week vacation ahead of us). You could hear the carols being sung by the A Cappella choir throughout the school. Friends exchanged gifts or cards and many students were seen eating candy canes. Practically everyone, even the teachers, were celebrating the season. Many of us noticed that we had a light homework load and it was greatly appreciated! The drama department got into the act by performing the Christmas play "Miracle on 34th Street."

The National Honor Society, Key Club, and Spirit Club created miracles for other this holiday season. The National Honor Society donated 28 care packages to the Hope Chest. They also held a talent show at Heartland Nursing Home to make the holidays more joyful for the elderly. To cap off their season of giving, they also raised money for the Salvation Army. Key Club was honored by the Salvation Army with the Golden Bell Award for collecting the most money in a single day. Spirit Club adopted five children from Hills' Christmas tree and raised over $500 to take them shopping. The generosity and good will of the students and staff spread the Christmas Spirit from the halls of Mentor High into the community.

Melissa Naroski & Laura Robertson

Above: Erin Hickey and Ian McGovern wore their Santa hats to celebrate the holidays.

Bottom left: The choir went around bringing Christmas cheer to various class rooms.
Winter Assembly

Pep Rallies

During an INNOCENT game of musical chairs, Mr. Terlingo cracks up as he accidentally smashes Mr. Baxter.

T. Griffith giggles with the thought of having to put a spoon down his pants. J. Yodice finds it hysterical.

K. Galbos, R. Morrison, and P. Lamb respond to the call of the wild.

Some bully started to pick on the Cardinal, but never fear, Mr. Mentor was there.
Once again Mentor High Students gathered in the Student Center to prepare for the annual Senior Citizen Dinner/Dance. Since 1985 Mentor High has sponsored the Dinner/Dance; this year it took place on Friday, December 5th. Most Senior Citizens that participated in the evening were informed by the Senior Citizen Center. Many Senior Citizens look forward to this event and never miss a year. About 300 Senior Citizens arrived for the Dinner/Dance. An evening consisting of an excellent Mentor High dinner and a local Big Band is impossible to resist.

Nearly twenty board members and one hundred and fifty students volunteered their time to either to set up and serve the dinner, or clean the dinner tables afterwards. Many students even wore dance partners with the Senior Citizens. Some students attempted to encourage the Senior Citizens to try the "Macarena"; of course the "Electric Slide" was also played.

Throughout the evening all participants enjoyed themselves whether it was the dessert or the excellent oldies tunes. Participants are looking forward to next year's Dinner/Dance.

Becky Henning trots across the dancefloor with a new friend.

Swing your partner round and round...

Above: Mr. and Mrs. Sbrocco enjoy a night out on the town.

Left: Allison Scheer and Todd Bontrager share a little Christmas cheer with their dinner guest.
Take My Breath Away

Anthony Barresi

Jeff Brannon

Dave Cooney

Dallas McLaughlin

Snow King, Anthony Munson, stands proud with Alison Zieske.

Ed Pauline
Winter Formal

Steve Godek

Brian Horn

Mark Hruby

Ashwin Janakiram

Allison Szabo and Anthony Di'Bacco take time out from dancing to wave hello.

Missy Flaherty and Kellee Diabro display their lovely dresses.

During the Winter Formal, Jason Samsa lends a helping hand to his fellow classmates.

Anthony Munson

Brett Purmal
Above: Super K-mart's photo lab technicians help the Mentor Yearbook with the development of their pictures.

Right: After a long day at school, many students have part time jobs helping customers at Super K-mart.

K. Speith, M. Powell, G. Alberts, J. Ryman spend their afternoons at Burger King.
Thank You Mom

To all Cardinal Mothers
As students of Mentor High School, we thank you for the time and effort you have offered throughout the years. Instead of other obligations you have chosen to support us and our activities. Thank you for all you have done for us. You are greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Hoon always seems to be amazed by the students here at Mentor High. She has modeled her dedication for the school through her involvement as a Cardinal Mother.

Mrs. Ruland and Mrs. Miller step away from the concessions before halftime. These two ladies are found at numerous sporting events all year round.
Last year Mentor High School Theatre performed Crazy For You as its 1997 Spring Musical. The show, about a young man from New York falling in love with a country girl from Dead Rock, Nevada, was a huge success. The combination of great songs such as, “I’ve Got Rhythm” and, “They Can’t Take That Away From Me” combined with excellent tap dancing and an energetic, talented cast of students really made Crazy For You a show that brought a smile to everyone’s face.

The performances were held in the Mentor Fine Arts Center on April 18, 19, 25, and 26th. On all four nights the lower section of the auditorium was almost completely full, which is a lot of people if you know how many it holds. Standing ovations every night showed the cast of Crazy For You that the hard work really paid off.

To add to all that, at the Painesville/Mentor Rotary Awards on May 19th, 1997, Mentor High School received six of the seven awards given out for high school musicals, including Best Musical.

Overall, Crazy For You was a huge success and a lot of fun for the cast, crew, and director, Joe Lorek. If you missed this show, you missed out on a wonderful musical experience!

- Lauren Dougherty
You, and You... and You...

The Cast

Follies Girls  Stephanie grace, Michelle Counselman, Nadia Bishara, Stacy Firman, Beddie Edwards, Kelly McAtee, Shannon Bollman, Caryn Mamet, Kathryn Huey
Cowboys/Card Players  Al Price, Mike Robertsson, Jason Furmanek, Kevin Babuder, Jon Martin, Allen Kellogg, Matt Simmons
"Rhythm" Girls  Lisa Backes, Lauren Dougherty, Nicole Duke, Krista Galante, Laurie Goetz, Leigh Janiak, Casey Kaluza, Vanessa Loebsock, Pam Sies
"Slap That Bass" Girls  Karolina Babic, Sara Adoody, Melissa Burkhart, Leigh Ann Clowtis, Beth Daniels, Nicole Duke, Kristen Godec, Michelle Griesmer, Jennifer Jones, Melissa Vollmer

left: Tony Gonzalez and Jen Windle show their loving emotions to each other. The characters, Bobby Child and Polly Baker, respectively, were a mismatched pair who fell in love.

left: Claire Cahoon lays her charm onto Jared DeFife. Irene Roth used her girlish looks to manipulate Mr. Lank Hawkins.

center: Mark Vollmer and Shannon Bollman partook in the otherwise dead small Nevada town's happenings.

above: Tony Gonzalez is carried around by the beautiful "Follies Girls." The big city dance group ventured to Dead Rock, Nevada to help out Bobby Child.
Welcome to Our Town, a play performed by Mentor High Schools Theatre Department, this Fall. From atop the town’s cemetery, you could gaze down onto one of the most down-to-earth towns in New Hampshire... Grovers Corners. Two very important families, the Gibb and the Webbs, showed us their lives, and how true love shall prevail. This play gave the audience chills as well as the cast it consumed. Along with all the emotions on stage, there were at least one hundred and sixty-two million three hundred and seventy-two thousand eight hundred and thirteen times more back stage. With all the practice that had gone into this production, each member made themselves a home in Grovers Corners, and what had started out as a play had become our lives. The adrenaline flowed as we did our best each night, and each night we celebrated...

But the time had come, it was closing night, with the anticipation of putting on our show for the last time, and putting each and every possible ounce of energy into our characters, no one could hold back the tears. This was the time of our lives played out on stage, and the entire cast gave a flawless performance. Our hearts and souls reached out to our cast and the audience, and would not stop pounding. We were supposed to hold the tears until we went on stage, but our emotions took over... No feeling could ever compare to the final feeling our cast felt as the audience cheered. Then the lights came up; we still had each other, but when we had torn down the enormous set we had left a wonderful place.

- Matt Simmons and Casey Kaluza
top: While reliving her life, Casey Kaluza cried in anguish. Emily learned that, all too often, we don’t ever live life to the fullest.

far left: Lisa Backes spreads the town gossip to Pam Slea and Carolyn Brown. Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Webb were the mothers of George and Emily.

above: Matt Simmons weeps at the tombstone of his beloved Emily Webb died, leaving her husband George Gibbs shattered.

left: Casey Kaluza and Matt Simmons are served by Jared DeFie when they first fell in love. The Narrator, Jared, served to move along the story and fill in the gaps.
Little Miracles

Miracle on 34th Street was performed in A-Lec for the first time ever at Mentor High, under Mr. Couch’s first time directing as a staff member. With an over-sellout crowd both nights, the play was a success well beyond the cast’s dreams. With practice time cut back due to other plays and a cast consisting mostly of MHS rookies, we trekked through to make a performance worthy of MHS tradition.

There’s something special working under the lights in the little theatre. The interaction with the audience and the closeness of the stage makes a memorable, and wonderfull, experience for rookies and veterans alike. With nearly 30 sophomores, 10 juniors, and only 2 seniors in the cast, we pooled our skills in one the least practiced plays Mentor Theatre’s done in recent history. It was only through God’s grace and the little miracles that we pulled through.

Miracle on 34th Street now joins the rotation of the other three Christmas plays. Its first year as a Mentor High production is done and only in our memories. We’d like to thank all those involved, from Mr. Couch, to the techies, to the cast, and to the audience. Feliz Navidad....

- Aaron Linne

The jolly cast and crew of Miracle on 34th Street.

Sarah Paine and Beth Gosnik discuss the reality of St. Nicholas.
The Cast

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far left: Megan Geising and Krista Galante talk about their future, or lack there of, in the court system. The trial of St. Nicholas was a controversial one and brought Megan's character, Judge Harper, much media attention.

left: Alisa Manley is questioned during the trial by Tony Gonzalez. Tony Gonzalez's character, Fred Gayley, befriended and defended St. Nicholas throughout the play.


above: Michelle Greisner runs the sound board during a practice. The behind-the-scenes work is just as important as the onstage to getting the production done.
The Final

‘Night Mother is an incredibly powerful show, probably one of the most powerful shows I’ve ever been a part of. As Stage Manager, I’ve seen Leigh and Carla rehearse the show countless times. But through every run, I felt the same emotion and wonder despite the number of times I’d seen it.

The intimacy of a two person show and a small crew made the show that much more effective. Set design created a particularly interesting challenge. We needed a house that looked lived in. That means not just a couch and tables, but a fridge, a stove, and a sink.

The Mentor Theatre program is both impressive and easy to be a part of. If you didn’t get involved this year, go for it next year! There are tons of different activities to do. At the very least, come see the shows. You will be entertained.

- Claire Cahoon

Kathryn Huey and Michelle Griesmer take a break from their respective jobs. The play consisted of more students than just the two actors on stage.

Leigh Janiak and Carla Randau stand together as mother and daughter.
top left: Leigh Janiak and Carla Randau talk in their small, but efficient kitchen. The single set took up the expanse of the A-Lecture stage.

top right: Leigh Janiak and Carla Randau pose for their publicity shot. The play caused a spark of controversy due to its mature and thought-provoking ideas.

middle left: Carla Randau throws the pots and pans out of her cupboard in a frenzy of emotion. The characters of Thelma and Jessie Cates took the audience on a roller coaster of emotions and feelings.

middle right: Leigh Janiak continues to show Carla where everything will be after she is gone. Jessie wanted everything to be alright for her mother after she killed herself and used the night to clear up the problems the two shared in life.

Cast and Crew
Leigh Janiak
Carla Randau
Claire Cahoon
Jason Furmanek
Kathryn Huey
Michelle Griesmer

Jessie Cates
Thelma Cates
Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Manager
Lighting
Creative Minds

One of the Educational Goals of Mentor Public Schools is to develop the ability to create and appreciate beauty. The creativity that abounds with the halls of Mentor High often goes without notice outside of the art hall. The Creative Minds section is a brief look at the writing skills and artistic talent of some of the students at Mentor High.

The samples here reflect just a small minority of the creative minds here at Mentor High. Seniors, sophomores, and juniors all have an impact on the school with their imagination and talent. They stand for individuality, pain, and happiness. With these words and pictures, some say goodbye and some hold on. Enjoy the excellence that is Mentor High.

These are the days

These are the days we watch go by,
The days that stay with us till the day we die,

These times go by quick, these times go by fast,
After a while they live in memory, faded by the past,

Time goes on and the future draws near,
Some look ahead with excitement, some with fear,

A waste of time some would say,
But you can build your future no other way,

Without education you would move forward blind,
Leaving all your wishes and dreams far behind,

When we reach the end we think how sweet,
We moved forward and couldn’t be beat,

These are the days we remember, look back whenever,
For when these days are gone... they’re gone forever.
One Lane Road Ahead, by Ed Pauline. Acrylic.

"These are the days," by Bill Wilson.
The Call of the Erosh

As I lay in bed one night, I heard a peculiar sound
It was a kind of scream, and a kind of laugh and a bit like a growl

Then I started looking around
The next morning I asked my cousin, whose house I was staying at, what on earth it could be
I told him it was kind of a scream and kind of a laugh and a little bit like a growl
And he laughed at me

"The sound that you heard my dear cousin," he started grinning, oh no!
"That was kind of a scream and kind of a laugh and a little bit like a growl"

It happened to be the call of the Erosh"

An Erosh, I thought, that can't be good
Any animal that makes a sound that's kind of a scream and kind of a laugh and a bit like a growl

Might think of me as food

The next night when I was in bed the sound did come again
It was kind of a scream and kind of a laugh and a little bit like a growl

I got nervous and fled

I ran around the house screaming, my uncle stopped me of course
I told him I heard the call of the Erosh which is kind of a scream and kind of a laugh and a little bit like a growl
he laughed at me and said, "you are silly, the sound that you heard was a horse!"

"The Call of the Erosh," by Jessie Voyten.

Childhood Favorites at Rest, by Samantha Pressley. Pencil Drawing.
daddy
today you died
you left me
me your little girl
i have no one to protect me
and nothing matters
if i had ever reasons to die
it is now
i sit in our dark family room watch-
ing the colored Christmas tree
it's a time of loved ones
and my love is dead
no more evening prayers
no more romps in the leaves
no more waiting for you to come
home
but i wait
for my sentence to end
in which i have no one to cuddle
no one to protect me
no one to make me proud
i write this on the day you died
i died

well dear daddy
you're the only flaw in God's per-
fected plan
you left me with a mother i try
hard to love
but i hate her
you left a son whom you never
kissed
he's your spitting image
i cry and you're not here
i hate you for it
i spent my childhood hating my
mother for my father's death
i chase older boys who use me
and cast me aside
they took your little girl
do you hear me
have you seen me
i hurt
i hope to go numb
though there is nothing left
but i sit watching the Christmas
tree
drying my eyes


"daddy," by Noreen Ananea.
My Fourth

gazing at the stars
looking in your eyes
me holding you tight
keeping you warm in the cold

hearing the thunderous booms
of radiant reds
brilliant blues
and dazzling whites
listening to everyone screaming and cheering

your gentle kisses
your soft touch
the sparkle in your eye
stretched in the dark grass
wishing it would never end

Sun of a Beach, by Jess Richey.
Colored Pencils.

Illegal Parking, by Chris Ireland. Acrylic.
Agony, by Dan Bruckman. Painting.
The Calling

Escape from tomorrow
Fast forward the past
Let go of the sorrow
Fast
Smile till your cheeks explode off your face
Make everyone happy all over the place
Cry not a tear
Weep not a drop
Laugh till it hurts friends
Laugh all you’ve got
No time for sighing
Regretting what’s gone
Today is the season
Today is the dawn

Poets’ Manifesto

We the poets
We see the world through
adjectives
and golden dreams

We cut
paste
the beautiful cities of life

We make love to
“the doors of perception”
like journalistic
stain-glass pallets

Romanticizing the ugliness of beautiful things.

“The Calling,” by Matt Rodriguez.

“Poets’ Manifesto,” by Brandon Williams.
Old fashioned and worn out

Walry the snail comes to visit the poodles as he does every day with viddles and cakes to eat! He wears a suit of purple velvet because this is a special time for him. He dresses up for any occasion. Oh.

Lost Hamster, by Pam Kolbow. Graphite Pencil.

A Senior Looks At Lunch

Upon entering the roomy mess hall we begin our pilot episode. Sitting with friends, and smelling life mixed with french fires and chicken styx,

We begin a series of adventures, stories

Some of these series will remain while others die, but everyone plays a role.

As time rolls past, the plots thicken, people change, stories change. New roles, Old friends. Continued episodes and new conversation.

There is laughter, there are tears. Sometimes there is casting mid-season

But all is well, and will remain well.

Things wind down, and the conversation begins to lack. We're always talking plans

People disappear one day in May, and things must look bleak before they look bright.

So we make our final call, and lunch dies away.

Eight Balled Again, by Robert Bognar. Graphite Pencil.
Yearbook

Oh you didn’t know? To put together a yearbook is a year of deadlines, pressures, excitement, and disappointment. The goal of any editor is to make sure that the book they are working on is better than any book their school has done in the past - to raise the bar. And when you’re committed to leading a Bible Study, being a member of the numerous “homeroom clubs,” participating in the school plays, and trying to help lead the school through clubs like ICC, the challenge becomes even harder.

Without a doubt I feel this year’s book is the best that Mentor High has ever produced. The hardworking staff was willing to stay the extra hours and work hard to back up any slack I may have had due to illness, work, or any other of a multitude of problems.

I hope that in years done the road this book leaves you with memories and enjoyment as you remember your years in the hallowed halls of Mentor High. And, if you were to forget, then you better call somebody...

Aaron Linne
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Above: Scott T. Weber, our Taylor Publishing Representative. We couldn't have done this book without his help and support.
When the 1997-98 staff gathered for the first time, they didn't know what they had gotten themselves into: long hours, a lot of brain power and many tedious editing jobs. The staff of "Where We Stand" had good days and bad days, stressful and successful days, but most of all we've experienced the feeling of accomplishment.

I think the whole staff could agree that the yearbook was constantly a student-run production with a continuous flow of original ideas. Together, and I mean together, we pulled from each other's strengths to overcome our weaknesses, which enabled us to produce an award-winning book this year.

Holly Bugos, Editor-in-Chief

Throughout the year, many people contributed their time and talent to the yearbook. A special thanks goes out to the following individuals who helped bring meaning to "Where We Stand."

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To all of the students who stayed after school every Wednesday and are now ready to begin their own book.
The hottest news, entertainment, fashion and sports Zine just for students.

Princess Di

Will Smith

Brandy

Hanson

Pope John Paul II

Leonardo DiCaprio
**TIME** picks Andrew Grove, chairman of Intel Corporation, as the magazine’s Man of the Year. Intel is the world’s leading producer of microprocessors, the “brains” of personal computers.

On July 1 the people of Hong Kong celebrated the end of 156 years of British colonial government.

In an epic journey, Pope John Paul II meets with Cuban leader Fidel Castro as “a pilgrim of love, of truth and of hope.”

**News Report ’97**

- **June 12**: New 350 bill introduced that is designed to be counterfeit-proof.
- **June 26**: Unmanned cargo ship rams MIR space station in worst space collision ever.
- **July 17**: After 117 years, Woolworth’s closes the last of the company’s five-and-dime stores.
- **July 21**: USS Constellation, which defended the United States during the War of 1812, sets sail on its own for the first time in 116 years.
- **Aug. 6**: British Prime Minister Tony Blair shakes hands with Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams in the first meeting in 75 years between the leaders of Britain and the Irish Republican Army’s political arm.
- **Aug. 16**: Beth Ann Hogan becomes first coed in the 158-year history of the Virginia Military Institute.
- **Sept. 11**: Scotland creates its own parliament after almost three centuries of union with England.
- **Oct. 25**: Hundreds of thousands of women join in the Million Woman March in Philadelphia.
- **Oct. 29**: Stock market bounces back with single biggest one-day surge and record volume of 18 billion shares traded.
- **Nov. 18**: Bobby McGaughy gives birth to septuplets, only the second set known to be born alive.
- **Dec. 1**: A 14-year-old boy opens fire at a high school in West Paducah, Ky., killing three students and injuring five others.
- **Dec. 11**: Representatives from more than 150 countries gather in Kyoto, Japan, at a global warming conference to control greenhouse gases.
- **Dec. 16**: More than 600 Japanese children are hospitalized when affected by the flashing lights of a popular cartoon show.
- **Dec. 23**: Terry Nichols convicted of conspiracy in Oklahoma City bombing.

**El Niño**

El Niño — The Little Boy in Spanish — is an unusually warm body of water in the Pacific Ocean that has been credited with causing torrential rains, ice storms and other weather-related disasters across the United States.

British au pair Louise Woodward was found guilty of murder, but a judge adjusted her sentence to time already served and released her.
The world mourned as within a week Britain's Princess Diana was killed in an auto accident in Paris and Mother Teresa died at age 87 in Calcutta, India.

Chelsea Clinton joined other college-bound students and their parents in opening day celebrations at Stanford University.

October 27, 1997 - The U.S. stock market plunges 554 points, the worst drop since 1987. The next day stocks soar with a record 1.6 billion shares changing hands.

The Dow Jones

Passings

Comedian
Chris Farley

INXS singer
Michael Hutchence

Folk singer
John Denver

Fashion designer
Gianni Versace

Rap singer
The Notorious B.I.G.

Widow of Malcolm X
Dr. Betty Shabazz

The Notorious B.I.G.

John Denver

Gianni Versace

Michael Hutchence
Sports News

Evander Holyfield retains boxing title after Mike Tyson bites off part of his ear.

U.S. Women's hockey team takes the gold in the Olympics.

The Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup.

The Chicago Bulls win the NBA championship — again.

The WNBA takes to the court, and the air waves.

Michigan wins the Rose Bowl and the AP Poll as the Number One college football team — an honor shared with the University of Nebraska in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll.

Michelle Rafter puts Australia back on the tennis map by winning the U.S. Open.

Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods dominates the Augusta National golf course to win the Masters.

The Florida Marlins capture the World Series and pitcher Livan Hernandez wins MVP.

John Elway and the Denver Broncos triumph over the Green Bay Packers in Superbowl XXXII.

Extreme sports catch hold in new competitions. Snowboarding makes first appearance in the Olympics.

Tara Lipinski

Tara Lipinski wins the Olympic gold medal in figure skating.

Skateboarding
**Top TV**

- E.R.
- Seinfeld
- Veronica's Closet
- Friends
- Monday Night Football
- 60 Minutes
- Touched by an Angel
- NYPD Blue
- Ally McBeal

**Buffy the Vampire Slayer**

Buffy is just an average teenager saving the world from the undead.

**Veronica's Closet**

Kirstie Alley stars in the zany comedy about life in the lingerie business.

**Touched by an Angel**

"Touched by an Angel" offers a warm look at three angels and their wry encounters with humans.

**Ally McBeal**

Attorney Ally McBeal's misadventures make for the surprise hit of the season.

**The X-Files**

The popular "X-Files," starring David Duchovny, wins a Golden Globe award for best dramatic series.

**Party of Five**

"Party of Five" brings a family's struggles to prime time.
Mike Meyers brings the 60s back to life as the zany Austin Powers.

Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones are busy keeping aliens under control in this hit spoof. **Men in Black**

I Know What You Did Last Summer
More scary adventures for teenagers.

James Bond is back in the latest techno thriller. **Tomorrow Never Dies**

"Scream 2" continues the hit streak.

Steven Spielberg's movie offers a moving look at a slave rebellion in colonial America. **Amistad**

Director James Cameron's "Titanic" is the blockbuster hit of 1998 with a record-tying 14 Oscar nominations. **Titanic**

Brad Pitt meets the Dalai Lama in this sweeping adventure. **Seven Years in Tibet**
Old words with new meanings on the World Wide Web

- **Attack** - an attempt to bypass a computer's security
- **Cookie** - a transaction token sent by a web site to a browser
- **Crash** - a sudden failure of the computer
- **Flame** - an online message intended to insult others
- **Java** - the special computer language developed by Sun Microsystems for web browsers
- **Sniffer** - a program that captures data across a network
- **Spam** - flooding a user or site with a huge volume of irrelevant email
- **Surf** - cruising the Internet for cool stuff
- **Worm** - a program that reproduces itself across a network

Are you taking care of your digital pet?

The newest design from Volkswagen harks back to its oldest design — the popular Beetle of the 1960s and 1970s.

**Riven**

Riven is but one of a host of popular interactive computer games.

**New Beetle Gallery**

DVD is the hot new technology that puts full-length movies on CD-ROM.

**VW Beetle**

The burger wars heat up again as Burger King launches Big King and a new recipe for french fries.

**Burger King Fries**

Fashions sport bright colors and often a retro look, suggesting styles from the 1970s.

**Retro 70s**

**Teen People**

People introduces its new teen edition.