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Take a minute before you rampage through your yearbook to figure out what these pictures mean. Most people just look back at what their friends wrote or what their teachers said, but not many people really take the time to see how these pictures will keep you sane. The photos on the next 250 pages will help you make high school events and friends last for your entire life. They spell out the craziness of the halls, the fear of the upcoming test in chemistry, the joy in getting a lead, and the love that exists between friends. In just one picture of a Mentor Cardinals football game, fans can be seen screaming for their team and hardworking players who are determined to win. We hear all the time from our parents and teachers that these are the best years of our lives, yet we refuse to listen. Once you reach your senior year, though, with the many college choices and career options, you begin to realize that the little things mean a lot. The hugs, the cheers, and the smiles mean more than any report card or acceptance letter. Flip to any page and take in a picture like a good book or a wild movie, and you’ll see that this has been a year to remember.

Some time in the future—this summer, after college, or 50 years from now, you’ll be able to look at these pictures and have memories flow through your mind, and a smile might come to your face. Images will jump out at you, and you don’t have to worry if you can’t describe them because these pictures are More Than Words Can Say.

Shaun Reitman

Right- Artwork done by junior B.J. Walland.
Above: Many seniors use their artistic abilities to show their support for the Cardinals at the Lake Catholic game. Both guys and girls wore body and face paint in hopes of winning the biggest game of the year.
Below: Because school begins at 7:20 a.m., a sleep deprived Sara Eisenbaum dozes off during Mr. Greene's chemistry class. On the flip side, many agree that getting out at 2:30 is a plus.

Right: The Senior Class shows its school spirit by trying to shout out "Mentor" the loudest. The Class of 2000 won the contest and took away the first place cardinal.

Yearbook editor Kelly Webb explains to Shaun Reitman how to type in names for the yearbook. They were trying to meet an upcoming deadline.

Above: Before the homecoming parade, seniors Karen Stika, Katie Snyder, Jackie Hruby, and Casey Davis cuddle together. These volleyball players were there to be in the parade and to support their team.

Chemistry students Dave Piloz, Shawn Potter, and Jose Rivera work together to finish an assignment. Working in groups often helps students to better understand confusing concepts.
Left: Juniors Heather Baxter and Kim Wazlavek re-create part of the colorful Indian culture through their poster. It was one of the projects that Mr. Wolski used to promote teamwork this year.

Below: The Fighting Cardinal Marching Band plays the national anthem before the Valley Forge game. The Mentor High choirs also sung the anthem, making it a fun event.

Left: Senior Lynne Jennings sings and dances to a Britney Spears song. She was taking a brief break from working on the yearbook.

Above: Senior Katie Ftinger's excitement over being nominated for homecoming queen is obvious as she throws candy into the crowd during the homecoming parade. Each member of the homecoming court was in the parade for all spectators to see.

Above: During the homecoming parade, the girls cross country team members willingly throw candy to the anxious public. The homecoming parade is just a way for the sports teams and clubs to show their involvement in the school.
Well, here we are — the end of our senior year! The countdown we had started so many years ago is now dwindling down to nothing as we quickly approach graduation day. It will not be long before we say our final goodbyes, leave our family and friends, and go off to college or to our new jobs. It will not be long before we are thrown into life’s reality only to discover that it is completely different from the sheltered ideas we had from the time we were young children. We will soon look back at our days at Mentor High and realize it wasn’t so bad; it was actually one of the best times of our lives. We will also realize how much our lives have changed in the past three years. We will notice how each year we gained so many new friendships and didn’t discount the old ones. Finally, we will recognize that all of the chaos and frustrations of high school are things to be missed. Whenever we are lonely in the future, or just reminiscent, we can think back to these exciting days at Mentor High with fondness and remember that these were the days. These were the days that defined our character and, thus, defined the rest of our lives. In this way, in our hearts, we, as the Class of 2000, will never part; we will live on as we create our own lives that we began here in high school. All the work and effort we have put into our lives over the last 11 years of school have finally come together in our senior year — the Light at the End of the Tunnel.

Jen Zaleski

Right: Artwork done by junior B.J. Walland.
Above: Our Senior Class officers Roslyn Steward, Anthony DiBacco, Katie Savage, and Shaun Reitman flash a smile as they creatively pose. The pose lasted only a few moments before the October cold sent them anxiously back inside.
Class Clown

Mike Romito & Julie McCormack

If you could swim in any food or liquid, it would be:
1. Jello
2. Pudding
3. Soda Pop
4. Whip Cream
5. Noodles

Most Artistic

Adam Walker & Shawn Koenig
Most Likely to Be President

Tony Morales
Catherine Irwin

The most important thing you've learned in 12 years of school is:

"After 18 years, most students still don't know how to walk."
— Sarah Plunno

"Sleep deprivation."
— Brad Thomas

"How to treat people with respect."
— Kevyn Kistner

"To learn your locker combination."
— Jenny Tomazic

"Don't care what other people think."
— Anonymous

Most Musical
Instrumental

Joe Plut
Becca Reichert
Most Gullible

Rob Mann
Heather Kohn

Favorite Types of Music
Any 23%
R&B 13%
Rap 9%
Alternative 7%
Classic Rock 4%

Most Athletic

Chris Mitchell
Sandy Lewis
Friendliest

Anthony DiBacco
Carlene Oliverio

The quote you live by is:
"We're all swimming in the same bowl of soup."
— Kristen Prijatel
"They may not remember what you said, but they will never forget how you made them feel."
— Jennifer Kelly
"What the world needs now is love sweet love."
— Ken Sowers
"It's better to keep your mouth shut and let people think you a fool than to open your mouth and confirm it."— Mark Twain
— Trisha Sanders

Most Musical
Vocal

Ben Werth
Tessa Fraser
Best Laugh

Sean Lynch
Katie Stewart

Seniors’ Favorite Types of Chewing Gum
1. Winterfresh
2. Extra
3. Big Red
4. Trident
5. Bubble Yum
6. Ice Breakers

Most Talkative

Jim Shapiro
Liz Hecker
Prettiest Smile

Josh Blood
Britney Haws

If you had one wish, it would be:

“That I didn’t need any wishes.” — Haleigh Bruch
“To live in a palm tree.” — Christina Cmarik
“To be able to look back on my life someday and be extremely content.” — Anonymous
“The sock snatchers in my dryer would become extinct.” — Jen Pertz

Most Likely To Walk Into The Wrong Class

Sam Cordaro
Karen Stika
Best Dressed

Mike Sivik
Allison Guild

Top 3 Things Seniors Can’t Live Without
1. Friends
2. Music
3. Food

Most Likely To Be Famous

Joe Rhomberg
Kristen Sell

Kevin Spall
Tiffany Spiegel
Chissy Spinello

Tim Spisak
Richard Spiegel
Zachary Isbell
Stafford

Adam Stalker
Ryan Stonish
Eric Stanton

Matt Stanton
Karen Steele
Judy Stepanek
**Most Quiet**

Joe Twizel  
Stephanie Turner  
Michael Turovsky

Dan Dombos  
Lindsay Granger

**Top 5 Fast Food Restaurants**

1. Burger King  
2. Taco Bell  
3. Arby's  
4. Wendy's  
5. McDonalds

**Biggest Flirt**

Kissy Valencic  
Alec VanVeghel  
Erick VanVeghel

Adam VanBoxel  
Jacqui Vanek  
Core VanKoughut

**Seniors**
During the fall pep assembly, the "chosen ones" from the boys and girls soccer teams participate in a game called the spoon race. The cross country team took first place while the soccer team followed, and the volleyball/football placed third.

Above: Trying to stay just a little dry before they take part in the parade, seniors Dan Rozowski, Matt Nesba, and Lynne Jennings huddle underneath Matt's coat. Despite all of the bad weather, there were still many appearances from the clubs.

Left: Seniors Tiffany Copeland, Anita Ticak, and Elizabeth Deering taste the school's milkshakes during lunch. An hour in the Student Center is a helpful and much anticipated time in the day for many students.

Left: Senior members of the Powder Puff team are all smiles after their 6-0 victory over the juniors. Julie Redenshek, celebrating with her fellow teammate, Lara Volk, scored the only touchdown in four years.
Unchained Melody
1999

Below: Senior Erica Hughes smiles after being crowned Homecoming Queen. Mentor's 1998 Homecoming queen, Charity Beverage, looked on as Erica began her reign as queen.

Right: Seniors Robyn Haines and Kim Seaholm decide on what particular snack they prefer. Junior Dave Pillar was more than patient to wait while the girls made their choices.

Right: Under the arch of the silver and red balloons, these students took a break from dancing. It was only a few minutes before they got back onto the dance floor.
Homecoming Court

Kim Secholm
Robyn Holmes
Carlene Oliverio

Katie Frithinger
Nicola McClosky
Corie VanKorngut

Lindsay Kish
Katie Savage
Anita Jexas
Right: Senior Tiffany Copeland practices her lines for “Lend Me a Tenor.” Tiffany said she enjoyed having a lead in the play, but the memorization, at times, was tough.

Right: Senior Jamie Blattner and the Mentor High band marches with trumpets high at the Homecoming parade. Despite the rain, they marched to see the football team defeat Cleveland Heights.

Right: The girls cross country team decorates its float for the Homecoming parade. The girls transformed their truck into a cardinal and won the award for the best overall float.

Above: Senior Becky Brady looks up as she gathers books from her locker. It was one of many stops that students make at their lockers throughout the day to relieve the heavy load of their books.

Above: The nine girls from the Homecoming Court stick around for a quick picture before the parade. It was one of the few dry moments of the day.
And Last But Not Least...

Shannon Brocken  Kristen Cayfield  Natalie Dillon  Todd Fowler  Sirena Gill  Amanda Kropko

Raylene Luberger  Joseph Millon  Anatoly Nudelman  Amy Orlando  David Parker

Not Pictured


Seniors 49
Everyone says that the junior year is the most important. It is the final full year that colleges will see; it is the year that counts. But it is only our second year at Mentor High, a year when we want to be able to have a little fun. Besides, college is over a year away, right? No longer sophomores, but still not seniors, the members of the Junior Class often feel stuck in the middle. We are glad that we are not the youngest any more, but we still are not the oldest. It's an ironic time because we long to be able to go back to elementary school days where recess and talking with our friends were the highlights of the day. At the same time we cannot wait to graduate from high school and move onto college. We are beyond that starting point, but still many months from graduation. We are so close, yet so far.

The Class of 2001 is a class turning toward the future. Many students take the PSAT test in early October and then begin to take the SAT and ACT tests shortly thereafter. Many begin to decide what colleges to apply to and begin visiting the campuses. It's time to finally start thinking about what we want to do, and what career path we are going to choose. Others take advantage of Mentor High's vocational programs and many elective classes. But everyone is focused on one common goal: making it through the junior year.

At the same time, the Junior Class is busy having fun. The junior year is the first opportunity many students have to provide their own transportation to and from school instead of taking the bus. Many are members of clubs and sports at Mentor High; others use their time to work and perform community service. There are so many activities available to students that there is a place for everyone in Mentor High School extracurricular activities.

The Junior Class is a caring group with bright futures. Even though no one really knows exactly what the future holds, the real world still lies ahead, and we are finally almost there.

By: Sarah Brown

Right: Artwork by junior B.J. Walland.
Above: Jen Copes is horrified to see a photographer as she stops at her locker. It's not that big of a deal unless your locker is really atrocious.

"So close but so far"
Junior Miranda Mason shows off her musical talent and school spirit by playing for the Mentor High School band. "But I don't even play the clarinet," she said.
Best Actor
1. Ryan Phillippe
2. Adam Sandler
3. Robin Williams
4. Freddie Printz Jr.
5. Matt Damon

Best Actress
1. Julia Roberts
2. Sandra Bullock
3. Jennifer Love Hewitt
4. Meg Ryan
5. Pamela Anderson

Gabrielle Busch
Chris Byers
Patrick Callahan

Ann Campbell
Vincent Capasso
Rachael Carrabine

Evan Carrish
Amy Casanova
Jessica Cecerre
Adam Cervenka
Melissa Chaikarelis
Jennifer Chamberlain

Tony Chapman
Jay Christopher
Mattie Church
Aimee Ciora
Joshua Ciszcon
Lindsey Clair

Shawn Clair
Brenna Clark
Erin Clark
Katherine Collier
Amy Collins
Giuliana Conti

Heather Coonce
Alex Cooper
Jennifer Copes
Sarah Corban
Nicole Corbett
Wilfredo Corral

Timothy Coursen
Ryan Covert
Jonathan Cramer
Eddie Crissinger
Anthony Croaker
Rebecca Crow
Junior Lindsay Felten attempts to distinguish just exactly what she is eating. Although all students can bring a lunch, many prefer to buy the cafeteria food.
Mason Harransky
Adam Harris
Alan Harris
Victoria Harting
James Harwood
Bryan Havran

Vanessa Haws
Teah Heath
Kelly Helmerick
Michael Helsel
Aricka Henderson
Shannon Henderson

Patrick Henk
Angela Herrick
Rachael Hersch
Cheryl Hetrick
James Hickey
Corry Higgins

Courtney Hillis
Danielle Hitterbrand
Shana Hindley
Christopher Hine
Dustin Hirst
Michael Hobbs

Laura Hockenberry
Meredith Hodulik
Jessica Hoffmeyer
Kimberly Hohler
Kimberly Holbrook
Sandra Hood

Todd Horn
Matthew Horvath
Mike Howe
Charlene Howells
Tiffani Hrapko
Jim Hribar

Shawna Huggins
Erica Hundorfean
Daniel Hunley
Marcia Hunsicker
Todd Huntington
Emily Hurayt

Juniors
What is your most embarrassing moment at MHS?

"Walking into the men's room"- Anne Starkey

"Dropping my lunch in the middle of the cafeteria"- Anonymous

"Last year I went to the wrong class and got to the right class twenty minutes later"- Dominic Buccilli

Chad Hutson
Robert Hutchens
Kevin Hutchins
Heidi Hutchinson
Gregory Hynes
Anthony Iorio

Asneha Iqbal
Tiffany Irwin
Tara Issa

Jonathon Jaska
Brent Janezic
Michael Jankowski

Stephanie Jarosz
David Jenkins
Michelle Jiberno
Kyle Jones
Melissa Jones
Michaela Jones

Brian Joslyn
Jessica Juker
Antoinette Jusko
Melissa Kakias
Jason Kamp
Jennifer Kaperak

Dana Karp
Melissa Kasunic

Nikola Katic
Damien Kieldel
Robert Keiper
David Kelly

James Kelly
Melissa Kelly
Sean Kelsh
Jennifer Kingsmill
Gregory Kirby
Nicholas Kirincic

Kara Kish
Lauren Kisley
Junior Katie Feser plays Uno during a free mod in the Student Center. Junior year is the first year that students do not have to stay in study hall.
Juniors Amber Algeri and Laura Hockenberry take a moment to sample some of Laura's banana pie. One of the best parts about creative foods class is eating the homework later.
Raymond Richter
Daniel Ristau
Jose Rivera
Joshua Robb
Rachel Robey
Jim Robinette
Joshua Robson
Bobby Roesch
Joshua Rogers
Kimberly Rogers
James Rohrich
Elizabeth Rome
Caitlin Rose
Sarah Rosplock
Sarah Roth
Judith Ruff
Ashley Ruple
Christopher
Rupprecht
Eric Russ
Brendan Russell
Craig Sams
Scott Santee
Melissa Satyshur
Jenna Savoca
Brian Scates
Brian Schatz
Matthew Schollenberger
Emily Schultz
Amanda Schulz
Jeffery Scott
Lauren Scott
Rebecca Sechrist
John Seifert
Daniel Sepetauc
Joseph Severini
Stephanie Shepherd
Olivia Sheppard
Jeffrey Shirer
Amber Short
Andrew Short
Christopher Short
Matthew Shriver
Junior Josh Robb plays senior Rob Crombie in a game of Magic: The Gathering. Students without mods 15-16 classes have the option of leaving school or relaxing in the Student Center or library.

Deana Swaney
Michelle Szabo
Troy Szabo

Frank Szappanos
Alexis Szczepanski
Benjamin Szymanel

Katie Tafel
Michael Tankovich
Carissa Tate

Amanda Taylor
Ron Taylor
Dawna Teachout
Steven Testa
Christopher Thomas
Nycole Thompson

Ryan Thompson
Michael Thornhill
Jacquelyn Thurier
Kevin Tirak
Kevin Toth
Megan Toth

Christina Touartt
Kyle Trent
Amanda Trenton
Lori Tuscano
Robert Urban
Matthew Van Epps

Nicholas Vanderschel
Jennifer Vandeveer
Carissa Vanek
Shannon VanHuss
David Varhol
Briana Victor
Gina Victor
Nathan Voracek
Ryan Vovk
Sarah Wagner
Bradley Waldman
Scot Wallace
Robert Walland
Jessica Walsh
Peng Wang
Tim Ward
Devon Warman
Amber Warnick
Robert Warren
Steven Washock
Jessica Watson
Nicole Way
Kimberly Wazlavek
Genevieve Webb
Nicholas Weber
Laura Webster
Carissa Weis
Amy Welch
Crystal Welsh
Erik Werley
Christopher Whitaker
Heather Wieczorek
Cameron Wienhold
Geoffrey Williams
Jennifer Williams
Katherine Williams
Lindsey Willman
Kimberly Willisay
Carolyn Wilson
Mark Wilson
Jeffrey Wing
Jeffrey Wise
Joshua Wohlgemuth
Luke Wolf
Suzanne Wolf
Brandon Woods
Kelli Woods
Heather Wright
Coke or Pepsi?
Coke-41%
Pepsi-53%
None-3%

If I had a million dollars,
I’d...
Buy a car-44
Spend it-39
Save it-24
“Buy an exotic pet like a llama or an emu.” Jen Vandeveer
“Id buy everyone a puppy.” Anonymnous

Jen Zappola helps prepare the set for the Parent Preview of “Lend Me a Tenor.” The Parent Preview is the first time every show at Mentor High is put in front of an audience.
Not Pictured

Kristin Abramczyk
Martees Almond
Stephanie Anderson
Michael Andre
Julia Anisimova
Nikki Arraj
Matthew Ashby
Jennifer Bajc
Patrick Barbara
Amy Barko
Kimberly Basile
Andrea Bowman
Glenda Bowman
Nicholas Brugh
Timothy Buck
Ashley Cain
Therapy Cerne
Peter Chongris
Ronald Churluk
Nicole Clark
James Conomy

Anthony Criado
Eddie Crissinger
Brian DeWolf
Lawrence Dea
Benjamin Detling
Christopher Dinger
Michael Dingsu
Lindsey DiPinto
Lisa Donaldson
Richard Dorsey
Zachary Duffin

Keith Duncan
Shannah Edmisten
Sara Eisenbaum
Dion Elie
Jennifer Ellul
Keith Fedoruk
Danijel Filipovic
Kathryn Fink
Patrick Flanagan
Karen Fleece
Carla Fleming

Adam Frankenberry
Robert Fratus
Nicholas Galnic
Jamie Geizer
Kevin Gerald
Joseph Gladding
Justin Gollin
Mark Gorney
Kimberly Grano
Bradley Grdina
Matthew Grunden
Adam Hadesh
Michael Hale
Franklin Harmon
Kelly Harrison
Candice Henderson
Sarah Hennessy
Jeanette Hennig
Michael Herrick
Nicholas Higgins
Lorie Hill

Jennifer Manson
Christopher Marria
Matthew Marshall
Robert Miller
Angela Mitroi
Gregory Mjenich
Wesley Murphy
Frank Murray
Christopher Myers
Jeffrey Myers
Christina Noss
Frank Paratore
Eric Pavelka
Melissa Peckis
Carlos Pino
Jonathan Pittsinger
Malte Poten
Victoria Ray
Bryan Ricciardo
Brandy Ripley
Lee Ann Ropos

Christopher Stewart
Nicholas Stockhaus
Matthew Sumrada
Kristofer Suter
Tiffany Swidas
Alexandria Sylvia
Aaron Szalay
Zelma Tackett
Candace Taylor
Shawn Taylor
Bobby Thomas
Brian Thomas
Blake Ticknor
Tatjana Topalovic
Kevin Toth
Elizabeth Tozzi
Mark Travis
James Underhill
Shannon Van Huss
Robert Vukancic
Joseph Watson

Anthony Chappell
JASON CINDY

Robert Hill
Jessica Hinebaugh
Kim Hohler
Brandon Hommel
Cassie Horton
Emily Hutton
Heather Irvin
Jami Johnson
Nathan Johnson
Valerie Kasunic
Jamal Keith

Melissa Ruminiski
Jeremy Rusbasan
Christopher Rutti
Nicholas Sabatini
Kendelyn Sarli
Glen Schnars
Daniel Schneider
Sarah Schultz
Lawrence Seghetti
Charisma Shanaberg
Timothy Sheldock

Brian Wehagen
Holly West
Jody Willard
Kelly Williams
John Wolf
Carl Yax

Linda Smith
Michael Snyder
Keith Sommerstad
James Spooner
Jennifer Sprock
Melissa Stadler
Ricky Stansbury

Senior Erica Gaskins, junior Laura Smolinsky, and sophomore Amanda Manocchio take a moment from a soccer game to smile for the camera. Many juniors participate in one of Mentor’s athletic programs.
Right: Junior Stephanie Haase answers the question “What’s for lunch?” Juniors are allowed to spend any free mods in the lunch room.

Below: Sophomore Katie Noga helps junior B.J. Walland attach his bald wig, which was worn to portray his character, Mr. Saunders, his wig refused to stay on, so they had to resort to rubber cement to keep it in place.

Above: Lamont Andrews and Carrie Smith, both juniors, take a second from chemistry class to pose for a quick picture.

Left: Focusing on the game, junior Angie Herick thinks, “I hope I get good cards.” The end results were stunning as she went on to win the game of Uno.
Above: Junior Jim Hickey looks up from a car magazine. Junior year is the first year students are permitted to drive cars to school.

Below: At 7:30 in the morning, junior Josh Robinson looks excited to begin a new day at Mentor High. Many people are seen sleeping at this time and believe 7:30 is much too early to begin school.

Do you prefer Coke or Pepsi?
63% like Pepsi
36% like Coke
1% like Mr. Pibb

Austin Powers One or Two?
47% liked Austin Powers
53% liked the sequel

Left: Bryan Brown, a junior, utilizes homeroom to get some last minute studying done. Although some schools around the country and right here in Mentor are beginning to get rid of homerooms, many times it has come in handy.

Who is your favorite Beatle?

1. Ringo Starr
2. Paul McCartney
3. John Lennon
4. George Harrison
left: Juniors Jeremy Young and Danniele Meglen dance as senior Ben Werth sings during a "jet" song. The Jets and the Sharks were the two rival gangs in the Spring musical West Side Story.

below: Junior Jeron Nemes helps sixth grader Casey Honard clear plates at Camp Hiram House. Jeron was one of ninety-six juniors and seniors chosen to be counselors over the course of six weeks.

What's Your Favorite School Subject?

1. History
2. Chemistry
3. Electives
4. Math
5. English

Larissa Gallan, a junior, sings during Mentor's first karoke day. The event was sponsored by Student Council and was very entertaining.
Beginning Of A New Era

Entering a new school is always a little scary at times. Sophomores at Mentor High are pretty lucky though because opportunity is knocking at several doors. Your tenth grade year isn’t just about starting over again, it’s about exciting new experiences, meeting tons of new people, extracurricular activities suited to anyone’s desires and much, much more. At times, Mentor High seems overwhelming, but there are always friendly, outstretched hands to help.

Our sophomore year is our first year together as a class. We are no longer divided; we are beyond cheering for just Memorial, Ridge, or Shore. Now we stand together, as the Mentor High Class of 2002 for the first time. Our new found friends come from many different elementary schools, areas and backgrounds, but we still begin this new challenge together. No longer in junior high, but still so far from graduation, we take on the next three years together.

It is also a year when we begin to decide our futures, what kind of person we want to be. Mentor High offers so many choices, so many opportunities to each and every student. We decide what programs to join and what classes to take. We decide which clubs we want to be members of.

We know we will see many changes during our three years of high school. Some friends will leave; yet others will take their places. We will see two other classes graduate and two classes begin anew. We will see changes to the school and the area itself, as a well as changes to ourselves. But every change has its purpose and every change will help us grow.

Our sophomore year is a time of many changes and many beginnings. As we move beyond our pasts and step into the halls of Mentor High as the Class of 2002, we are becoming the Beginning of a New Era.

Right: Artwork by junior B.J. Walland

Sophomores
Above. Completing some of the many tasks, Mrs. Kohn takes on during the day, she patiently responds to her students. It was only one of the stressful days that teaching has taught her to endure.
There are many activities that sophomores participate in gym during their tenth grade year. One of the units in Physical Life Orientation is table tennis.
If you had wings for a day
where would you fly?
Anywhere that I could be
myself and not get judged
for it.

Christina Blivins
I would fly to fantasy land
where all the crops grow
Emily Sydenstricker
The moon!
—anonymous—

Alexander Bell
Edward Bellus
Joseph Bencar
Bonnie Bently

Steve Berardinelli
Kevin Bergen
Michelle Betteys
Justin Bina

Meghan Biro
Kathlyn Birr
Jillian Bishop
Benjamin Blakeslee
Christina Blivens
Mark Bobeczko

Jeffrey Bojc
Cynthia Bolden
Joseph Bontempo
Anthony Bova
Michael Bowen
Robert Bowens

Jenny Boyle
Charity Bregy
Tiffany Brewer

Brian Brooks
Jacquelynn Brown
Joseph Brown

Jaimee Brumfield
Douglas Brunskole
Matthew Bryan
Jason Buckley
Ryan Bucurel
Jennifer Budzak

Grant Burchell
Kelley Burger
Josh Burich
Alanna Burke
Kristin Burlee
Alec Byrum
Storing lunch for later prepares for another invigorating day at school! The lunch was appreciated after a long day.
Patrick Dunn
Richelle Dykstra
James Dziemianzuk
Anne Eble
Lauren Eble
Kelly Elig

Robert Elmore
Scarlett Englebrecht
Thomas Enright
Garett Estadt
Alicia Evanson
Shanna Fatica

Lewis Felker
Tracy Fellenstein
Frank Ferrato
Jessica Fisher
Patricia Fishleigh
Danielle Fitos

Erin Flagg
Andrea Fleschhauer
Eric Forbes
Glenn Forbes
Kristen Fornadel
Matthew Fortuna

Amy Foster
Kelly Foxworthy
Kathryn Frakes

Zacharia Frankenberry
Christopher Franz
Steven Franz

Michael Frederick
Becky French
Alexander Frissell
Bryan Fry
Anna Fullmer
Candace Furnish

Brooke Galbos
Ryan Galise
Arthur Galion
Brian Gamble
Joshua Gardner
Danyel Garisi

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Sophomores
If you were offered a free Volkswagen Beetle, which color would it be?
(In order from most likely to least likely)
1) Green
2) Yellow
3) Silver
4) Black
5) Red
Below: Studiously working, this mod 3-4 Sophomore English class tests their limits of knowledge.
Above, Christina Marko and Diana Schriber take over the guards stand for the afternoon. They later find that they like the authority.
Devlin Kaiser
Keenan Kalina
Melanie Kalmukos
Kara Lee Kaseda

Kimberly Kaser
Ronald Kasunic
Jennifer Katien
Jennifer Kay

Sean Keegan
Brooke Keiter
Ashlee Kern
Hollie Kernya
Heather King
Matthew Kirchner

Michael Kirk
Erin Klayman
Michael Klima
Gina Klinger
Shannon Kucaric
Trevor Knaus

Jason Knotts
Daniel Koehler
Kristina Koehler
Mary Koenig
Carrie Koman
Katherine Kominek

Scott Kondik
Jeremy Konrad
Tiffany Korell
Catherine Koscik
Frank Kosec
Melinda Kovach

Katherine Koval
Michael Kovalkevich
Jeanna Kovalski
Rudy Kozan
Mary Kozenko
Amber Kozlovich

What movie is closest to your own life?
“Milo(cat) and Otis(dog)”
Alex Frissel
“Clueless”
—anonymous—
“Dazed and Confused”
Lewis Felker
What is the most embarrassing story that your parents tell all of your friends?

My aunt likes to tell my boyfriend stories about my dad when he was little. He used to take the tires off the Hot Wheels cars and stick them up his nose, a couple of times he got the tires stuck up his nose and they had to call the fire department to come and take them out.

—Anonymous—
Zorana Levi  
Michelle Lieb  
Renae Lillash  
Thomas Linsenmeier

Joseph Loparo  
Joseph Lorek  
Joanna Lui  
Peter Lukas

Michael Lurie  
Joanna Luthardt  
Brian Luzzar  
Christopher Lyman  
Christine Mackey  
Justin Maine

Nolan Majewski  
Jennifer Malizio  
Michael Malone  
Terri Mangano  
Amanda Manocchio  
Christina Marko

Jeffrey Marous  
Thomas Marous  
Marie Marshall  
Amanda Marshall  
Alicia Martin  
Justin Martin

Sean Martin  
Margaret Mason  
Kelly Matter  
Robert Mattiuz  
Jessica Mauzy  
Timothy Mayer

Meghan MccAdams  
Chelsea McCoy  
Cameron McElroy  
Heather McElwain  
Sarah McGrath  
Timothy McGrath

Favorite Female actresses  
1) Julia Roberts  
2) Drew Barrymore  
3) Meg Ryan

Favorite Male Actors  
1) David Boreanez  
2) Brad Pitt  
3) Matt Damon
While waiting for swim practice, Chris Hodges realizes just how little sleep he got the night before. Moments later swim practice began.
Leah Motz
Kristen Mueller
Mark Mallowney
Brett Murphy
Christopher Murphy
Kelly Murphy

Megan Murray
Michael Musarra
Stephanie Nameth
Sandra Nared
Kelly Nelson
Scott Nelson

David Netzel
Shaun Newcomer
Jaison Newring
Joshua Nichols
Heather Nicholson
Cecelia Nielson

Kathryn Noga
Melony Norman
Anne Novogurski
Christopher O'Connor
Aaron Oliveri
Erin Oppenheim

Harry Oschip
Brian Otte
Michael Owens
Stephanie Oznowich
Robert Pachinger
John Pakeltis Jr.

Matthew Panthani
Kate Paquette
Chris Paris
Scott Parker
Angela Parmortor
Meera Patel

Nirmal Patel
Ryan Patete
Nathan Patrick
Charlene Paul
Lauren Pauline
Val Pazemis

Sophomores
In a flash, Sophomore Brian Gamble wakes up from a homeroom nap. Many students find homerooms or the Student Center a place to make up on lost sleep.
Above: Zorana Levi takes a quick rest before her tennis match. Girls tennis season spans from August to October.
Stacey Sokalski
Jason Sorgen
Matthew Soyka
Shaun Spence
Jeremy Springer
Megan Stack

Vaughan Stafford
Tommy Stakich
Susan Stansbury
William Starcher
Jonathan Starzynski
Adam Strauss

Jodi Stefanik
Stephen Steh
Andy Stevens
Natalie Stout
Gretchen Streiff
William Stricker

Andrea Strike
Erik Strobel
Jason Stropko
Daniel Stryjewski
Stephanie Suhadolnik
Chad Surckla

Amanda Susa
Cheryl Suszynski
Christopher Swanson
Ryan Swisher
Nichole Switzler
Emily Sidenstricker

Nichole Talbo
Tomas Tatarunas
Jarrel Taylor
Joy Taylor
Leonard Taylor
Joseph Teachout

Sonja Tenerove
Elizabeth Terelle
Erin Terrell
Bryan Thomas
William Thomas
Ashley Thompson

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Sophomores
What is one of your most embarrassing moments here at MHS?

When I was walking down the hall in the biology wing, all the sudden I looked into one of the door windows and something was peering back at me, it was Mini Me. I screamed at the top of my lungs.
Not Pictured

James Anderson  
Michelle Angelo  
Lawrence Artzner  
Edward Ballus  
Kevin Bargem  
Sherry Beba  
Brad Bentley  
Cassidy Bittner  
Nicole Bohinc  
Aslynn Bole  
Laura Boles  
Kimberley Bolog  
Anthony Caic  
Nicole Calvert  
Clarence Cook  
Kendall Cook  
Michael Cook  
Gina Copley  
Michael Corbett  
John DelNostrro  
Kevin DeMatteo  
Kenneth Dickson  
Mark dull  
Stephanie Ecker  
Anthony Ferenczi  
Janja Filipovic  
Thomas Fitzgerald  
Gerald Fleece  
Heather Gragg  
Brett Gravens  
Ryan Grille  
Joseph gunnne  
Cristal Harting  
Daniel Jacobson  
Robert Javorek  
Calie Jeske  
Justin Johnson  
Kyrstyn Kadunc  
Joseph Kerniskey  
Ronald Kirkland  
Joshua Knesevich  
Timothy Kocevar  
Jillian Kohi  
John Kovach  
AlesfaKovacic  
Christopher Land  
Hannah Lee  
Derek Leiter  
Melanie Leverette  
Leah Lovill  
Stephanie Mach  
Dino Maio  
Tiffany McCord  
Joseph Michel  
Clinton Mitchell  
Nathan Neath  
Leah Nowak  
John Pomplas  
Sarah Powell  
Marko Puljic  
Richard Rein  
Cynthia Reynolds  
Erin Rowan Trudy  
Salvadore  
Bethany Santavicca  
Christopher Sayers  
Justin Severa  
James Spooner  
Rodney Spurlock  
Kristen Swidas  
Nicole Tarach  
Christopher  
Turner  
Phil Tsakires  
Tiffany Torosian  
Gordon Thomas  
Nicholas Taylor  
Gene Taylor  
Sinisa  
Ubirapipovic  
Keith Vance  
Brian Yax  
Donald Ziemak

Sophomore head towards the sophomore locker bay to put away his books and bookbag. All sophomore lockers are located on the first floor of B-wing.
Sophomores hear the two minute warning bell and wait in the hall for the actual bell to ring. Sophomores usually split their lunches with a study hall.

Above: In a school the size of MHS, it is easy to get swept away in midday traffic. It is so nice when students help in keeping the school clean.

Above: Pushing her way through the masses, Jessie cope calmly makes her way out to her bus. She was startled by an oncoming herd.
Below: They do the hokey pokey! What fun was had in the locker bays between classes.

Below: Sleeping on the job is Janja Filipovich. She was hard at work for the ladies in the attendance center when she dozed.

Above: Starting off the morning with a walk around the building, Alex Frissel gets a start on the day. He was on his way to another exciting day of German. Guten Tag!

Above: V-8, does a body good. Robert Hickey started the morning off with a good breakfast.
Generation Gap

They create your first impression of a brand new school year and they are there to see you off when the bell sounds for the final time. The Mentor High School faculty creates the centerpiece of your high school experience, and while it is an experience revolving around skills that students will carry through the rest of their lives, high school is about more than thermodynamics, integrals, and Shakespeare. It is about growing and seeing many parts of life for the first time. At times, it seems that our faculty is handed the hardest requirement of all. Teachers face the constant question of just how to bridge the gap between the generations. It is said that the more things change, the more they stay the same. Things are changing every day, but there are always those things that we discover to be constant, even after the passing of a generation. Our teachers will continue to prepare us for our imminent entrance into the “real world” that lurks somewhere outside the high school walls. The generations to come will follow the same narrow path. Every teacher was a student once, and when that idea slowly begins to seep in, you cannot help but wonder if the fabled generation gap is but half as large as one would make it out to be. It takes a special person to step into the shoes of a teacher, and it is for this undying dedication that our faculty deserves all the appreciation that we can muster. MHS faculty, thank you for the years of education that you have granted to us, and may you continue to fill that gap for generations to come.

Right: Artwork by Junior B.J. Walland
Janet Perry nearly topples while trying to retrieve papers from underneath her desk. This was only one of the numerous events and comments that made that day a laugh.
Administrators

Below: Jim Greene crops Mr. Butler's ID picture for his tag. He was only one in the long line of faculty receiving their IDs that day.

What Are Some Of Your Nicknames?

— "Crash" is Mrs. Bontempo. This nickname resulted when she crashed into a telephone pole when she was 16.
— "N.B" (Not Blonde).
— "Lizzard."
— "Mr. H" is Mr. Harmon.
— "Kane-Dog" is Mrs. Kane.
— "K-Dog."
— Many of our faculty responded that they didn't have any.

Camera-Shy Administrators:
Janice Kraus
Lynda Sadowski

Bonnie Budziak
Jim Greene
Joanie Hines
Gale Leonard
Max Ness
Beverly Smith
Jeffery Teringo
Top Row: Larry Disbro, Asst. Superintendent, Personal; William Hiller, Superintendent; Arthur Kless, Board of Education President; James Metz, Treasurer. Bottom Row: Valerie Federico, Board of Education; Charleen Gawronski, Board of Education; Judith Keller, Board of Education.

Sally Carver and Kristin Callender examine their new photo IDs inside the main office. The ID tags were first worn by teachers, and later the students also received them for various purposes.
Counselors

What Cartoon Character Are You Most Like?

—Roadrunner on the first days of school because Wiley Coyote (the students) is chasing me around for schedule changes. (Mr. Leu)
—Ziggy because nothing seems to go right, but he always is looking for the bright side.
—Calvin from Calvin and Hobbs.
—Snoopy. (Mr. Allen)
—Charlie Brown because it always seems like he is at the short end of the stick. (Mr. John Greene)
—Cathy. (Mrs. Bontempo and others)
—Macgyver.
—Superman.

Mr. Quigney helps with stacking chairs for the Senior Citizen Dance 15-16. The dance had a record number of senior citizens who enjoyed the dance.
Ms. Bowers straightens her desk after teaching her A.P. Chemistry class electronegativity. She later turned over the class to Mr. Covetta when she left on maternity leave.

For his economics class, Steve Couch uses his usual satirical humor in the computer lab to talk with two of his students. Teachers use the computers available for internet assignments in class.

What Is Your Favorite Part Of Teaching?

—Summer vacation.
—Creating questions.
—Making a difference.
—Seeing them understand and even enjoy math (Mrs. Bontempo).
—The kids.
—Seeing the lightbulb when they finally see the light.
—Seeing the seniors in their caps and gowns (Mr. Harmon).
—Watching creativity.
—Relating to the students.
With a pile of worksheets, Jayne Dervay attempts to coax the temperamental copy machine to work for her. The copy room is a place where one can find almost any teacher waiting to copy more homework.

What Are Popular Excuses In Your Classroom?

- There was a fight in the hallway. (Mrs. Kane)
- I left my homework in my friend’s car, and he or she is absent today. (Mrs. Bontempo)
- My baby brother ate my homework.
- I had to work.
- I didn’t understand that problem.
- I left it in my locker.
- I forgot there was a test.
- I didn’t know that I was failing.
- My homework went through the washing machine.
- I’m late because I got stuck by a train.
- I missed the bus.
Tom Horvath is pleased with the recent success of his class and prepares to have them graph inequalities. The students also enjoyed knowing what they were doing.

Reading the morning announcements gives Scott Kowalke a small chuckle before homeroom. In F-7, the announcements are read to catch students up on the latest events.

What is one thing you always wanted to ask a student?

—Why body piercing and what is next?
—Why did you become a student?
—How do you honestly feel about me, without holding anything back?
—Will you remember this class 10 years from now?
—Are you sure you signed up for this course?
—Who dresses you?
—Why do you try to do everything at the last minute?
—What does ‘partying’ mean?

Mitch Korcheck flips through his tests and homework to find Laura Robertson’s paper. These were often used for review.
A Really Embarrassing Moment Would Be When...

—A former student asked me if I dated my students.
—I randomly teased a girl about losing her boyfriend, and she had.
—Getting my tie caught in a movie projector.
—When I dressed up as the Great Kornak and the principal came unannounced to observe the class.
—On the first day of school, I fell backwards into a trash can, and on the last day of school my students asked if they could laugh now.
—Sliding on a slippery spot and spraining my ankle in front of my class.
—Ordering 12 gross of compass pencils when I thought there were only 20 in a gross.
—Tripping up the stairs and dropping my papers all over the place.

Sporting a Jar-Jar mask, Alan McDorman, along with Lisa Scharf, roam the hallways mischievously. They had just startled Mr. Wolski's 15-16 class and were headed downstairs to find another victim.
It's Mole Day! Amy Rodelger celebrates by having her mole teach the class. He was delighted to share each $6 \times 10^{23}$.

Watching the biology lab across the hall, Tom Swank is entranced by the dissection. It brought back memories of his biology class and the things they had to dissect then.

What Are Unique Remarks You Have Said Or Received?

—None stick out because my foot is always in my mouth.
—I told my students I was laying the smack down. Or was that snack?
—When my students use inappropriate language in class, I like to say, "That is not an art word." Then one student said, "Well, then kiss my art."
—When a student came in, he said he was late because of the fog. I responded, "The fog is not the only thing that is dense."
—It is better to remain silent and to be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.
—I once told the class that the next problem was really "cheap." I meant to say it was tricky.
What Are Some Memorable Moments?

— When a former student wrote an English paper about me, I read it and cried in front of my whole class!
— Watching the wall of the back of the room ripple like water during the earthquake.
— When students come back years later and thank you or let you know that you were right.
— When I received Student's Choice Teacher of the Year award in 1996-1997 school year.
— When I found a German chocolate cake on my desk, ate it, and later discovered that it was a cosmetology student’s homework from Brush High.
How Do Students Change You?

— They keep you young.
— Great ones make me enthusiastic, crabby or noisy ones make me angry.
— They help me see things from a different perspective.
— Their feedback, positive and negative, alters how I approach teaching. Their questions make me think and discover new ideas.
— Keep me up later grading papers and completing grades.
— They motivate me.
— Keep me wanting to show up for work every day.

Sonja Robinson grades conscientiously through her mountain of papers while supervising her study hall in B Lecture. This helped her avoid the late nights that come before interim deadlines.
Dennis Mackey assists his students in C computer lab during 15-16. They were using a program that gave them a better understanding of business.

During a Thanksgiving feast, Sherrie Zagorc glances over and starts to warn her students that their oven is still on. It was a feast to remember with punch, turkey stuffing, and much more.

While teaching about equations, Greg Lohrey glances at his lesson plan. That day the class was learning about variables.
Not Pictured Teachers

Lisa Bowers  
Donna Catavolos  
Deborah Covelli  
Christine Domin  
Kathy Fellows  
Michelle Kane  
Margie Kintz  
Melissa Kirby  
Donna Kohn  
Bob Krizancic

John Namciu  
Franci Pauline  
Jane Richmond  
Janet Rieger  
Andy Sabo  
Linda Sedmak  
Mary Steelman  
John Tredent  
Joann Tsevodos  
Penny Welshans
Left: Mark Rotar kicks back during his planning period of contentment. His comfortable position lasted only until the chair started moving.

Ron Rose assumes his normal position in the cafeteria 15-16 with his chocolate milk. He planned his classes andfigured grades during this useful time.

Above: While munching on chocolate cake, Mitch Korcheck patiently awaits the end of the day in his red high socks. These were worn to commemorate a baseball player.

Tom Ramsey demonstrates centripetal force by whirling a plastic bucket of water around. He succeeded only in dousing himself.

Janet Perry calls a parent about a student's absentee rate in the frazzled Attendance Center. The Attendance staff later savoured the taste of the muffins on her counter as a reward for a day well done.
Aldous Huxley once said, "Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you." Life as a student at Mentor High has left us with many experiences. Managing our many activities with our school work has given most of us a peek into what life will be as adults. Probably the most we have learned didn't come from physics class or Meals in Minutes, but rather it came from learning from each other in all the things we do.

From high school sports to other activities like our music program, the memories we will remember from our lives as students does not come from working by ourself but instead, from learning how to use team work in school and in life. Every senior athlete may or may not remember all of his victories, but he will always remember that last day of practice spent doing what he loved. Our school's musicians will always remember the trips they took for competitions, the fun they had with their friends. It is these experiences that have defined our lives until this point.

What have we accomplished as students? Besides participating in the thousands of hours of community service and donating the thousands of pounds of food for Harvest for Hunger, and taking the dreaded SAT's and ACT's over and over, our greatest accomplishments are our experiences that have made us more apt for success in the future. Our lives have been filled with complexity and simplicity, happiness and sorrow, but, most importantly, learning and failure. All of these many aspects of our student life, even more than the great education we received, they contribute to making us more experienced and intelligent people who are better prepared for the future to come.

Mike Nemeth
Above: Junior Larissa Galan checks to make sure that the karaoke machine is working properly. Student Council members helped during lunch mods to make sure that Karaoke Day ran smoothly.
A Night To Remember
Prom '99

On Friday, May 21, 1999, many students minds were not on their school work. Many girls left school early to have their hair done or their nails painted. Guys washed their cars and picked up their date’s flowers.

At eight o’clock that evening, the many clean cars and limos arrived at the La Malfa Party Center, ready to have a good time. The dance floor soon filled to capacity, as everyone danced the night away. When the theme song, “Stand By Me,” played through the speakers everyone sang at the top of their lungs.

As the music faded, everyone knew that it would be a night to remember, a night which would contain an abundance of memories that would remain in everyone’s minds for years to come.

Right: Sara Guarnieri and Elizabeth Deering model the latest prom fashions. Long dresses were the fashion of the year.

Below: Before entering the dance floor at the La Malfa Party Center, Dave Kollmorgen hands his prom ticket to Harry Fishleigh. Harry and many other students volunteered their time to make prom more enjoyable.

Right: Jen Zappola is “swept off her feet” by Kathryn Greaves. The disc jockey that night played a variety of hit songs, ranging from rap to country, including the Electric Slide.

Below: Katie Savage, Christie Erdman, Katie Ensinger, Lynne Jennings, and Megan Gilbert show some leg. Lynne said, “Girls just wanna have fun!”

While taking a break from dancing, Michelle Lorber, Jim Niewladomski, and Roxanne Raflgan smile for the camera. Last year’s was the largest ever, with 1,121 people in attendance.
A Different Ball Game
Powder Puff

On October 6, 1999, the girls of Mentor High were given an opportunity to show the guys how football is played. A team of juniors and a team of seniors were selected to compete against each other.

In past years, a group of guys dressed as cheerleaders, but this year guys volunteered as coaches.

On game night it was extremely cold, but it did not dampen the spirits of the players. In the second quarter, Julie Redenshek picked up a fumble and ran to the endzone, scoring the first touchdown. The touchdown was the first score in four years. The seniors beat the juniors, 6-0.

Below: Mike Urban, Brandi Kempert, Kelley Steri, Brian Godek, Lindsey Kish, Lindsey Kirkland, and Courtney McKnight show team spirit. Mike and Brian helped as coaches and with their assistance the seniors won.

Left: Juniors, Kim Wazlavek and Kelly Baker, prepare for the big game. The juniors played well, but could not defeat the seniors.

Left: Kristen Sabe, Fran Buehner, April Passerallo, and Patty Kozenko smile despite the weather. It was extremely cold that night.
Painting The Town Red
Mentor VS. Lake Catholic

The football game between Mentor High Cardinals and the Lake Catholic Cougars is considered the most important game of the year to many students. The students ordered t-shirts, decorated their cars, and hung many signs throughout the school.

On Friday, Sept. 3, 1999, fans filled the stands on both Mentor and Lake Catholic sides. The weather was still warm enough to wear short sleeves. Students wore t-shirts with Mentor logos. Others painted letters in red, black, and white on their stomachs or chests to spell out supportive messages for the Cardinals.

Spirits were high, and many students remained standing and cheering for the entire game. Mentor was the first to score, with Scott Kish making a touchdown. Mentor Cards played hard but, unfortunately, lost to their rivals 14-10.

Due to violence and tension between the schools, this football game was the last for a few years for the football teams.

Below: Mentor High students show enthusiasm. Students hoped that the Mentor football team would beat Lake Catholic for a second year in a row.

Right: The Cardinal’s offense lines up in an attempt to score against Lake Catholic. Although the team played hard, they were unable to beat their rivals.

Right: The crowd shows their team spirit. The Lake Catholic vs. Mentor football game draws the largest crowd of any Mentor High sporting event.

Right: Students from Mentor High School line up to spell out “Go Mentor Cards!” Guys painted letters on their chests while the girls wrote letters on their stomachs.
Throughout elementary school, we looked forward to one thing... 6th grade camp. This year, 96 high school students were able to create memories for hundreds of 6th graders and recreate their 6th grade camp experience. Many remember it as one of the best times of their life.

MHS students travelled to Hiram House Camp with hopes of impacting lives, helping teachers and missing four days of school. The teachers were very appreciative of the hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm all the MHS counselors gave to their students.

Counselors aided Hiram House staff with activities such as fishing, boating, stream study, challenge course and arts and crafts. Everyone sat around campfires, ate smores, and won the camp record for the game “Impulse.” The counselors were taught the “Banana Song,” and the 6th grade campers got hyped up about “Paco’s Tacos.”

For MHS students, it was long, hard work. Getting 20 students to bed on time is as challenging. Although students had to make up all of their missed work, Mr. Schweitzer granted students one day for every day that they were at camp to make up assignments.

Below: Senior Chad Weinman helps a 6th grader with her catch of the day. High school counselors were supposed to be role models for the campers.

Above: Junior John Seibert entertains campers with his trumpet playing. Campers and counselors were welcome to play “Revelry” in the morning if they were willing to wake up early enough.

Above: Kristen Sabe smiles after returning from a canoe trip with the 6th graders. Luckily, she stayed in the boat while she supervised the campers.

Above: Jill Connor and Matt Hopes eat lunch with campers. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner were spent in the cafeteria, and the most awaited meal of the week was “Paco’s Tacos.”
Sing Your Heart Out
Karaoke Day

Below: Senior Jim Belfiore executes a tricky dance move to impress the crowd of cheering students. Karaoke was held during lunch mods.

Right: Senior Jim Bonetempo, sophomore Melanie Leverette, and sophomore Candice Fernish look over the list of songs. There were over 120 songs available.

Below: Student Council president, senior Tony Morales, prepares a song to be performed. Karaoke was popular, so not everyone was able to participate.

Above: Seniors Kristen Cortelli and Alisa Manley sing "Wannabe" by the Spice Girls on Karaoke Day, Nov. 19, 1999. Each song performed cost $1.00 and was sponsored by Student Council.

Right: Senior Brian Godek serenades sophomore Katie Birr during lunch. He sang "You've Lost That Loving Feeling."
Young at Heart
Senior Citizen Dance

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., Mentor High students welcomed 385 senior citizens to the Mentor High School Student Center on December 3, 1999, for the Senior Citizen Dance that is held each year at Mentor High. It was a day that many senior citizens looked forward to as a chance to interact with students, dance, and enjoy a meal. Nearly 100 students helped decorate the Student Center and serve food. They also danced to the music of the Senior Citizen Band, which played music including "Achy Breaky Heart." Students and seniors also danced the "The Chicken Dance," the "Macarena," and the polka.

Many senior citizens were very happy with the students' efforts. One commented, "It was great!!" while another said, "We especially enjoyed the opportunity to interact with the students." One senior told Mr. Greg Allen, the advisor of Future Leaders of America, "The students were terrific!"

Above: Sophomores Chris Kreider, Harry Oschip, Jason Schmidt, and Dani Leone prepare the night's meal. The seniors were treated to a dinner of chicken, mashed potatoes, salad, and apple crisps prepared by the MHS cafeteria staff.

Above: Mentor High students and senior citizens dance the night away. The dance was an annual event sponsored by the Future Leaders of America and was a chance for the senior citizens to talk, dance, and eat with each other and students.
In Northern Ohio, young people donate an estimated 25 percent of the blood needed to treat patients. "And nobody does it better than MHS students," exclaims Mrs. Melissa Kirby, who has organized the Bloodmobile at Mentor High for the last 10 years.

This fall, 300 MHS students donated blood. The donated blood saved 1,048 patients because every pint can save four people. So with the help of the American Red Cross, MHS students donated 262 pints of blood! The blood is given to newborn infants in intensive care, burn patients, hemophiliacs, cancer patients, and accident victims. In order to meet the needs of the 65 hospitals in Northern Ohio, an average of 900 people must donate a day.

Many students also helped with signing in donors in front of the gym. When students entered the gym, Red Cross workers took their temperature, pulse, and blood pressure, asked questions about medical history, and took a drop of blood from the ear or finger.

Below: Junior Jose Rivera manages to give a smile while having his blood pressure taken. Students must be 17 years old and weigh at least 105 pounds to donate blood.

Above: Seniors Lindsay Granger and Robyn Haines check in willing blood donors. Over 300 students took time out of their day to help in this worthy cause.

Below: Doug Scott, a senior, prepares to give blood. Blood donations provided by young people, including MHS students, are vital in meeting the needs of the community.

Above: Senior Raylene Luberger nervously waits for her blood to be taken. The American Red-Cross, the community, and all the patients were thankful for all the help.
Every Little Bit Helps
Harvest for Hunger

Left: Bill Tanski, Mike Negrelli, Chris Myers, and Mike Fellenstein stop to look at food piles collected for Harvest for Hunger. It may look tempting guys, but this food is for United Way.

Far left: Boxes brought in by MHS students lined the hallways during the food drive. Altogether, Mentor High School collected 40,000 pounds of food for United Way.

Above left: Gina Teloroli and Megan Mittman, surrounded by boxes, organize food. With so many students helping, the task went by quickly.

Above: Jason Bolczak and Raylene Luberger begin to put individual food items into large boxes to be shipped for Harvest for Hunger. The most donated food item was Ramen noodles.

Left: Emily Surckla and Tony Morales help each other pack food in boxes. The event was run by Student Council.
King of the Ball

Anthony DiBacco

Right: Senior Anthony DiBacco is named Snow King. This year, for the first time, Mentor High had a tie for Snow King. Congratulations Anthony and Zdenko Sulc!

Far right: Seniors Robyn Hill and her date Jerry Vasilakis dance together at Winter Formal. This year's theme was "I Knew I Loved You."

Right: Senior Dan Michaud gets wild and crazy after stripping off his tie. This year's dance was held February 19, 2000, from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.

Zdenko Sulc

Senior Chad Weinman shows off his dance moves in the center of a circle of people. The special effects of the dance included fog and a screen that showed music videos or students dancing.

130 Student Life
On January 29, twenty-nine American families met twenty-nine French students at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Most families brought balloons or stuffed animals to welcome their guests. The French students came from a Catholic school in Versailles, a city near Paris, France, and stayed with their American families for three weeks. During their stay, the French students visited the Rock n' Roll Hall of Fame, the science center, the art museum, Niagara Falls, and the zoo. They also went tobogganimg, attended a Cavs game, took a tour of Cleveland, and shopped at Aurora Farms. They attended Mentor High School and had the chance to experience new classes such as orchestra and choir and also attended more difficult classes such as chemistry and math.

Right: The 29 French students and their hosts gather for a group picture. The students and families joined on February 2, 2000, for a potluck dinner in the Mentor High School cafeteria.

Far above: Gregoire, from the Versailles Homestay Program, learns about American history at the Western Reserve Historical Society. The French students enjoyed the hands-on learning.

Above: Nathalie, Sophie, and Clemence camp out at the Western Reserve Historical Society. The French students went on many field trips to learn about American culture.

Above: Pauline, Maud, and Cyril show their photographic side! In between parties, shopping, and field trips, the French visitors found time to spend in school.
Far left: Mr. Tom Ramsey's physics class watches as Vishal Patel runs up the stairs. The class was experimenting with horsepower.

Left: Sophomores Dana Tuccillo, Melissa Salamon, Karen Pizzuti, and Gina West stroll the hallways before homeroom. Those who arrive early to school often walk through the halls with friends or sit in the cafeteria.

Above left: Seniors Lindsay Granger, Jenny Tomazik, Roz Steward, Kristen Prijatel, and Morgan Kupp relax at the annual Future Leader's picnic. Future Leader's members played volleyball, ate hot dogs, and made sand sculptures.

Above: Senior Shaun Reitman makes a face. He was helping with the American Red Cross blood drive.

Above: The girls gymnastics team displayed a banner during the Winter Pep Assembly held January 28. The girls also awed the crowd with their skills.
Smile for the Camera

Left: Seniors John Kernya, Sarah Shilisa, Kristen Kirby, and Chad Todd take a break from the duties of Sixth Grade Camp. Although having a good time is part of the job for the counselors, it was not hard to do!

Above: Seniors Erin Vayo and Lindsay Kish take care signing people in during the Bloodmobile. They made sure students were qualified to donate blood.

Above right: Senior Nicole Needham relaxes with a can of juice after giving blood. Many students took a few minutes to recuperate after donating blood.

Right: Senior Dave Riedel shows off his catch of the day. Fishing was one of the activities the counselors helped out with.
Left: Junior Mark Wilson shows the camera his best mad-scientist grin. Mark was one of the many students who dressed in costumes for Halloween.

Below: Juniors Amber Warnick and Julie Steinbrink discuss the menu with senior citizens. They were two of many students who helped to make the annual Senior Citizen Dance a success.

Left: Sophomores Nikki Nelson, Dawn Shandle, Genis Wegand, and Joanna Luther smile at Better in Mentor Days. The annual festival had many rides, games, and food vendors set up on Mentor High grounds.

Left: Katie Frato, National Merit Finalist, and National Merit commended scholars, Tiffany Copeland, Kelli Webb, Matt Stanton, and Scott Schmucker pose with Mr. John Schweitzer. In order to be recognized, the students had to score extremely high on their PSAT's.
Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Benjamin Franklin once said, “Well done is better than well said.” Mentor High School sports teams have lived up to Franklin’s motto; they have proven that actions speak louder than words. Our opponents can “talk” all they want, but when Mentor arrives, no matter what the sport, our actions prove us to be the school on top.

The long traditions of Mentor High School athletics continued in the 1999-2000 seasons. Just like our volleyball team, coached by our award-winning Mr. Rich Woodman, our athletic teams don’t rebuild; they reload! Proving ourselves as the feared competition in the Lake Erie League (LEL), our school’s athletes strove to achieve success in every endeavor. Of course, this meant long hours of commitment, sacrifice, and hard work six or seven days a week. To those not in sports, they wonder why we do it. While maybe the girls cross country team (whose motto this year was “We don’t know why we do it, but we do it well”) doesn’t know either, deep down the rest of us know it is because of a special love of competition and companionship. Those two words define the true benefits of high school sports. While our school had many superstars who shined in competition, we had just as many great athletes who shined as leaders, uniting teammates and solving team problems. There, we learned the benefits of sports in high school; athletes experienced success and experienced adversity, both of which only help build a more successful scholar-athlete.

Our sports teams proved on the field, in the water, and on the mats that actions do speak louder than words. But we also proved to ourselves that we could do it, working hard and building friendships playing the sports we love.

Mike Nemeth

Right: Artwork by junior B.J. Walland
Above: Several seniors show their school spirit at the Mentor-Lake game by painting their bodies and bringing a large stuffed dinosaur to the game. The boys dressed the animal in a Mentor jersey and passed it around the stands to keep the crowd pumped up.
Running Rings Around the Competition

The boys track team had another successful season. The team had a dual meet record of 5-1, increasing the team's all-time record to 411-106-3. Coach Green surpassed Loogan Reese as the most successful track coach in Mentor High's history with his 141st victory. Coach Reese had a record of 139-33-1. The team ended up as tri-champions of the L.E.L. and District runner-up.

Jason Caldwell placed second in the State meet when he threw a school record 177'7" in the discus. Jason has been undefeated in the discus for two years and has won the L.E.L. discus championship three years in a row. He added the shot put title to his list of accomplishments this year and also placed seventh in the state meet with a throw of 54'6".

Right: Brian Weinikamer takes to the air as he propels himself over the pole vault bar. Brian was an All-L.E.L. selection and a regional qualifier in pole vaulting.


Brian Krall manages to clear the high jump bar. The bar was set at 5'04", giving Brian his best height of the year.

Anthony Frate jumps the 110 M. High Hurdle. He ran it in 16.2 seconds, his 1999 best time.

Above: John Nared soars over the pit on the final flight of long jump. In addition to the long jump, John also did pole vault and ran the 100 M. Dash.

Left: Jon Ruland begins the final sprint in the 110 M. High Hurdles. John narrowly beat Anthony Frate for the event's best time, with a 16.1 seconds time.

Senior Jason Caldwell is honored to be chosen as the Boys Track Featured Athlete for the second straight year. He began throwing shot and discus when his junior high football coach encouraged him to try out. "Mr. Baker talked me into it, otherwise I never would have tried it," Caldwell said. As a sophomore, Jason won E.L.I. honors and as a junior he was All-State in discus and shot and was runner-up at States in discus. Jason also set the school record with his discus throw of 177'7" at States.

Jason is motivated by Michael Jordan. "He put his all into every game he played," Jason has overcome many injuries, including a severely burnt leg, broken nose, broken feet, a dislocated shoulder and several sublocated shoulders. Despite his injuries, Jason has continued to excel in track.

This fall, Jason accepted a scholarship to OSU for football. He is still undecided if he will continue in track.

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The 1999 Girls Track campaign was a very successful one. The girls only suffered one defeat in their dual meet record. For the first time in history, the girls won the Mentor Invitational. The next week they finished second at the Euclid Relays. The Lady Cardinals finished second in the L.E.L. to Cleveland Heights. The girls were third place as a team at Districts. The Lady Cardinals also sent girls to Regionals in the 3200 M Relay, the 800 M Relay, the 1600 M Relay, Shot Put, High Jump, 800 M Run and the 100 M Dash. Both the 3200 M Relay, run by Kim Seaholm, Lindsey Corbett, Christy Paine, and Val Gefert, and Becky Rittenhouse, who set the school record, in the 200 M Dash qualified for States. School records were also set in the 1600 M and 800 M Relays, as well as Shot Put, set by Courtney Willman.

Right: Clearing another set of hurdles, then junior Lisa Lewis keeps her eyes on the finish line. The Girls Track team won the Mentor Invitational for the first time this year.

Below: One of the members of the girls track team just clears the high jump bar. Mentor qualified one of its high jumpers, then senior Kristen Kahn, for Regionals, where she placed seventh.

Kim Seaholm, a senior, is the school record holder in three events: the 200 meter dash, the 4 x 200, and 4 x 400 relays. However, she was not always such a standout runner. She first started running track in seventh grade because lots of her friends were participating. Although she was "not the fastest," she enjoyed track and stuck with it. Kim most enjoys being able to work together as part of a team where everyone gets along. She also likes the sense of accomplishment she gets from track. After this year, Kim plans to attend college but is still deciding whether or not to continue with track.

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Above: Chrissie Spinello strides around the first turn in her leg of the relay. Another relay team, consisting of Kim Seaholm, Lindsey Corbett, Christy Paine and Val Gefert, qualified for States.

Above: Sprinter Erin Vayo makes the final strides towards the finish line. The team, thanks to the help of Erin and others, placed second in the L.E.L.
The year 2000 Mentor High Baseball team will be returning a senior dominating lineup. This year's team will consist of seven starting position players, out of all the starters we have two four-year varsity players and seven three-year varsity players. This year's team has a challenge ahead of them and that challenge will be to win a state title.

Above: Members of the JV team gather before the start of practice. When the teams can't practice outside, they practice inside the gym.

Ryan Campola discusses how much he will be pitching in the upcoming season with one of the team's coaches. Ryan had an E.R.A. of 3.88 for the 1999 season.


Sports
Below: Members of both the Varsity and JV teams stretch before their practice. The team practices every day, regardless of the weather.

Senior Aaron Stupica

He will catch, pitch and play first base. He is our team leader and captain of the year 2000 Mentor High Baseball team. Coach Taylor has only praise for senior Aaron Stupica. Aaron started playing when he was two with his father and his brother. He enjoyed playing so he joined an organized league when he was six and has been playing ever since. His favorite memory of last season was a game against Chardon, when he hit a grand-slam, a three-run homerun and had nine R.B.I.'s. Aaron believes “the slow nature of the game allows for strategy between opposing players.” Aaron plans to continue to play baseball in college.

Above: Aaron Stupica leads the teams in their stretches while the coaches update the teams on the new practice schedule. Aaron will be captain of the 2000 team.

Left: Adam Stalker starts to throw the ball to his partner on the other side of the gym. Adam had a batting average of .315 for the 1999 season.

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Covering All the Bases

The 1999 fast-pitch team finished the season with an overall record of 15-8 and an impressive 9-3 record, to contend for one of the top spots in the L.E.L. The team pulled together to combine for a team batting average of .352. Leading the way and receiving the Most Valuable Offensive Player and all Lake Erie League Honors was Randi Rico with an average of .592. Pitchers Jaime Carrabine and April Fry worked together to strike out 107 batters and had a combined E.R.A. of 1.67. Jaime set a school record for lowest E.R.A. with her 1.43 and was also voted team M.V.P.

Senior Kelly Cook and Randi Rico both received Player of the Week awards while seven other varsity players were named 1st or 2nd team honors for both the Plain Dealer and the News Herald. These team members include seniors Katie Stewart, Rose Cunningham, Kelly Cook, and Randi Rico and juniors April Fry, Danielle Lazar and Jaime Carrabine. Emily Dopuch, who was hurt and taken out early in the season, stood by her team. With her dedication and devotion, she still managed to take the team’s leadership award.

The 1999 season came to an abrupt end with a disappointing loss to Mayfield in the sectional play-off. Returning team members are anxiously awaiting the 2000 season. They hope to continue the success with another winning season while filling the gaps of the six graduating seniors.

-Jaime Carrabine

Right: Becky Macura, one of the juniors on last year’s team, line drives a ball up the middle. Becky ended the season with a .368 batting average, the seventh highest on the team.


Below: Danielle Lazar, a junior on the 1999 team, takes a practice throw to first before the start of the inning. Danielle played second base for the team last year, her second season on the varsity team.

Senior Jaime Carrabine first began playing fast pitch softball in seventh grade because she had become "bored with slow pitch." Jaime made Mentor's junior varsity team as a sophomore and the varsity team as a junior and is expected to return for her senior year. She credits her dad for inspiring her because "he always goes after the goals that he sets." Jaime's favorite memory of softball is "beating Lakewood for the first time" during her sophomore year. Jaime plans on attending college, possibly at Mercyhurst, and continuing to play softball.

Above: One of last year's juniors, Melissa Baker, fields a grounder and takes it herself at first. Melissa also helped the team offensively, driving home 17 R.B.I.s, the third highest total on the team.

Left: Outfielders Randi Rico, Jen Kaperak, and Casey Davis take a moment to prepare for the start of the next inning. The girls' excellent defense in the outfield helped lead the team to an overall record of 15-8.

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The Mentor High tennis team is an ever-improving and ever-growing team. While conditioning is not always on the agenda, we spend quite a bit of time on the courts, although we may freeze. Our junior varsity team has grown with new younger members, and the varsity team (with Phil Metz, who won the State title in 1999) has had a decent record. With the talents of Jason McGinnis and Chad Mihalick in our singles lineup (2nd and 3rd respectively), the teamwork of 1st doubles Jason Surovy and Scott Bruhnner, and the 2nd doubles members Zach Williams and Jinu Hwang, the Mentor High team set out on yet another season. The occasional absence of players required that freshman Brad Porter play the role of 2nd doubles, where he held his own, and either Zack or Jinu would move to 1st doubles. The improvements, clever positioning, and teamwork can be attributed to the excellent coaching of Mr. Namciiu, who made sure we practiced. Other than certain setbacks on account of the shortage of players and the not-so-decent weather, we showed great team spirit and hard work, especially Jason Surovy. It just gets better every year.

Jinu Hwang

Right: Jason McGinnis, then a sophomore, moves in for an overhead kill. This was Jason's second year on the varsity team.
Below: A freshman practices his net game preparing for the big match. Freshmen often take advantage of their opportunity to participate on the high school teams for the first time.

Above: Scott Brunner, a sophomore on last year’s team, serves to his opponent. This was Scott’s second year on the varsity team, having been one of the few freshmen to make the varsity team.

Above: Chad Mihalick, one the sophomores on the team last year, practices his serve before a big match. The boys team practiced as a team while others took advantage of private lessons offered at Hilsley Racquet Club and other places.

Left: Jinu Hwang, one of last year’s juniors, returns a forehand during a rally. This was Jinu’s third year of Mentor High tennis but his first on the varsity team.

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Sports
The Ball Is In Your Court

The key word for 1999’s girls tennis team was “fun.” Replacing our top three players proved difficult, but the team had a blast trying. All eight varsity players were new to their positions, but the team was led by senior Anjulika Singh. Anjulika’s spirit and organization proved to be invaluable to the younger players. Earning their letters this year were Kendra Porter, Serena Jennings, Amy Laughlin, Michelle Zgonc, Zorana Levi, and team MVP Jennifer Malizio. Rounding out the line-up was junior Lindsey Demeter, our first singles player. Although the team wins were hard to come by, the experiences shared will last a lifetime.

Right: Kendra Porter cross-steps to block the opponents return after her partner and fellow senior, Serena Jennings, serves. As a result of this action, the first doubles won the match against rival Lakewood.


Below: Junior Lindsey Demeter readily awaits her opponent's return. Lindsey played first singles this year for the varsity girls team.

Sophomore Jen Malizia just began playing tennis a year and a half ago but has already won the honor of M.V.P. for varsity tennis and the L.E.L. award. Jen's favorite memory of tennis was advancing to the third round of sectionals in the 1999 season. Before each match, she wears a "special pair of socks and eats a lot of junk food" to serve as her good luck for the game. Jen admires Serena Williams "because she is so young and is a fair player, as well as the winner of the 1999 Women's US Open. After high school, Jen wishes to play tennis for a college.

Above: Sophomore Zorana Levi practices her serve. This was Zorana's first year playing for the varsity team.

Left: Senior Anjulika Singh aced one of her serves in a practice game. Anjulika, along with Lindsey Demeter, were the only two returning lettermen this season.

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Sports
Keeping the Ball Rolling

The Mentor Boys varsity soccer team put together a great season in 1999. The team battled its way to an impressive 12-1-3 record in the regular season and an overall record of 15-2-3. They were L.E.L. co-champions and set a new school record for shutouts in a season with an amazing total of 13, giving up only eight goals, another school record. The team also managed to defeat rival Lake Catholic for the city championship, won the sectional champion, and finished the year as District runner-up. The varsity team was composed of 14 seniors, four juniors, one sophomore and two freshmen, and 11 of those team members were returning lettermen. Several players earned special honors or recognition. Named to All-L.E.L. and/or All-Greater Cleveland teams were Josh Bernot, Mike Gentile, Brandon Kozar, Mike Svilik, Mike Rohn and Todd Huntington. Rob Koehler, Bob Koeth, Rob Brewer, Josh Bernot and Mike Svilik were named to the All-Ohio Academic team, and Mike Gentile was selected to the All-Ohio Soccer team. It was a great year filled with many team and individual accomplishments.

We would like to thank our outstanding coaches for their help and support throughout the year. Coaches Mackar, Wardeliner, Skilton and Elwell all provided knowledge and insight that helped us develop as both soccer players and individuals. Also, thanks to our great fans who helped make this year so memorable. Especially for the team's seniors, it was a special year that won't soon be forgotten. Thanks for the great memories.

-Josh Bernot

Right: In the "city championship", senior Brandon Kozar fights to get the ball from Lake Catholic's Chad Schuetz. Brandon was only the second four-year letter-winner in Mentor High's history.


Below: Midfielder Eric Hasson, a senior, scans the field using his “Ninja Vision.” For the last few years, the boys soccer team has taken part in an exercise where each player must spot Coach Mackar before the coach spots him in an attempt to improve their field vision for the games.

Senior Mike Gentile first started playing soccer at the age of seven and has had many memorable experiences since. These include winning the state championship in his travel league when he was in the fourth grade and, of course, starting as a defender on the MHS team for the past three years. One of Mike’s inspirations over the years has been Michael Jordan because “he is a star athlete who always rises to the occasion.” Some things that Mike does to help himself rise to the occasion are always having his lucky $0.82 with him before every game and keeping the same bag since he started playing. Mike feels very fortunate to have had many opportunities and honors playing soccer for MHS, which he considers to be an overall “good experience.”

Above: Senior Mike Sivik looks to pass to a teammate downfield. Mike “Buzz” Sivik was both a team captain and third-year letter-winner this year.

Left: Seniors Mike Gentile and Josh Bernot celebrate after Mike scored another goal. Mike scored six goals this season and is 21st on the all-time scoring test.

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The varsity girls soccer team finished the 1999 season as the champions of the L.E.L. The team's record was 12-4-1 and 8-0-0 in the conference. The team had impressive victories over state powers North Olmsted and Magnificat. Leading the team were co-captains Tessa Fraser and Corie Van Korn gut. Van Korn gut led the team in scoring with 15 goals and 7 assists and finished her career as the fourth leading scorer in team history with 60 goals and 24 assists. Sophomore Brittany Lawrence controlled the midfield and was second on the team in scoring with 12 goals and 9 assists.

The team had a very impressive defense led by seniors Tessa Fraser and Erica Gaskins and juniors Jen Kaperak and Tatum Fraser. The team tied a school record for consecutive shutouts with 5. Senior goal- keeper Kathryn Greaves and junior goalkeeper Kim Grano were instrumental in the teams 11 shutouts on the season.

The JV team finished the season undefeated for the first time in school history with a record of 12-0-2. Leading the way for the team were juniors Carlissa Vanek, Lindsey Gilbert, and Anne Starkey and sophomores Alyssa Albert, Keri Cameron, and Aubrey Anderson.

Right: Defender Tessa Frasier, a senior, throws the ball back into play after it had rolled out-of-bounds. Tessa received an Honorable Mention All-Greater Cleveland award, along with senior Erica Gaskins and juniors Tatum Frasier and Kim Grano.


Below: Defender Mandy Manocchio, a sophomore, takes a few practice kicks before the game. The team has a certain routine to go through before every game, including practice kicks and warm-ups.

Senior Corie Van Korn gut first started playing soccer when she was four years old in a rec league. Because of how long she has been playing, she most remembers all the friends she has made throughout the years. Corie admires “everybody I play with” going by the motto “play hard for team and for yourself.” She has been recognized for her soccer talents by winning many awards, including the Ohio North Olympic Development team, L.E.L. Player of the Year, Best Offensive Player, News Herald Player of the Year, first team for the Plain Dealer, and Second Team All Ohio. Corie is currently playing for the Cleveland Cobras and plans on attending Kent State next year and continuing soccer there.

Above: Showing her team spirit, junior Anne Starkey waits for the game to start. The JV team was undefeated this season thanks to the efforts of Anne and others.

Left: Junior Julie Gravagna runs the ball as it rolls out-of-bounds. Julie, one of the team’s forwards, was the fifth leading scorer on the team this year with 7 goals and 7 assists.

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The boys cross country team had one of its finest seasons in 10 years. The team was ranked in the top 15 in the state coaches' poll all season. The team was very competitive in all the major invitational meets it ran in, winning six championships and one runner-up. The team placed second at the Mentor Invitational, losing by only one point to Solon, winning the Walsh Invitational, Villa Angela/St. Joseph Invitational, Lorain Heptagonal, McQuaid Invitational, L.E.L. championship meet, and district championships. The highlight of the season was winning the prestigious McQuaid Invitational in Rochester, NY, which is the third largest cross country meet in the country. Also, the team won its second straight league championship and third straight district championship. Todd Moyers qualified for the state meet as an individual and placed forty-seventh overall. Other varsity team members were Mike Jones, Brian Halan, Andy Guild, Bryan Harmon, Chris Hine, Alan Strancar and Dave Piedrahita.

Right: Chris Hine, a junior, pushes ahead of the competition as he moves into the final mile of his race. He finished the race with an impressive time of 17:24.

Above: Junior Todd Moyers tries to maintain his lead during the varsity race. Later in the season, Todd made a strong showing in the State meet with a time of XX:XX.

Above: Mentor JV runners gain a commanding lead at the Mentor Invitational. The JV team took 5 of the top 10 places at this meet.

Above: At the fall pep rally, members of the boys cross country team perform their pre-race cheer before the entire school. This was the second year the team showcased this cheer at the annual pep rally.

Left: Freshman John Reichert crosses the second mile mark in the Mentor Invitational JV race. John placed 11th at this invitational.

Junior Todd Moyers first began running cross country in ninth grade after the assistant coach told him to give it a try. Now, assistant coach Jim Lefler is his inspiration. "He may not be the fastest person; but he is out there running, and I figure that if he can do it, so can I." The night before each meet, the team and Todd gather to meditate together. This year, they won the McQuaid Invitational, the third largest meet in the nation, for the first time. Todd has also found personal success, as he made a trip to the State meet this year and also won the Player of the Week honor for both the News Herald and the Plain Dealer. Todd wishes to continue to run for the rest of his life because it is "a great stress reliever, and it is fun." Finally, he "would just like to say thank you to Coach Jim Lefler. He will be missed by all."

Boys Varsity X-Country Invitational
Mentor Invitational 2nd
Garfield Pentagonal 4th
VA/SJ Invitational 1st
Lorain Heptagonal 1st
McQuaid Invitational 1st
Medina Invitational 4th
L.E.L. Meet 1st
Districts 1st
Regionals 6th
The 1999 girls cross country team finished another strong season, continuing the tradition. The strength of this year's team was depth. Twelve different girls ran in the top 7. The team was lead by junior Valerie Gefert, who was first for the team at every invitational. The girls conquered the hill and won the VA-SI (McDonough) Invitational. They placed a respectful eighth place at the McQuaid Invitational, which is one of the biggest in the country. The Lady Cardinals finished second in the L.E.L. but turned it around and captured their fifth consecutive district title. The girls missed returning to States by two places, finishing in seventh place.

Right: Junior Melissa Satyshur strides down the final stretch at the Mentor Invitational. The meet is held yearly at Garfield Park.

Above: Senior Chrissie Spinello and junior Jen Vandeveer push themselves toward the finish line at the Mentor Invitational. The girls, as a team, placed third at their home meet.

Above: Keeping each other motivated, seniors Katie Grimm and Tiana Plungas run together at practice. The team practiced every day, running between 25-40 miles a week.
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Above: Rounding one of the final turns, senior Katie Grimm quickens her pace as she notes the runners behind her. This was Katie's fourth year running cross-country for Mentor High.

Middle Left: Wearing their “team” shirts, juniors Melissa Satyshure and Shawna Kovach practice their jumping abilities instead of their running skills. This year the team made matching tank tops in an attempt to boost team spirit.

Left: Trying to amuse her teammates, senior Jenny Tomazic wears the Skittles box as part of an inside joke on the team. The joke is directed towards the girls’ coach, Mr. Butler.

Junior Valerie Gefert first started running cross-country in seventh grade when “one of my friends from swimming told me about it, and I thought it would be fun.” Since then, she has been to States twice, as both a junior and a sophomore, and been chosen to the All-Star Cross-Country team in the News Herald. Valerie enjoys running because of the “competitiveness and the team unity of it. We all rely on each other and have a great time.” One of her favorite memories of cross-country is her trip to States with the team her sophomore year. She hopes to be back at States next year as a senior and to continue running in college.

Girls X-Country Invitational
Mentor 3rd
Walsh 3rd
VA-SF 1st
Cloverleaf 5th
McQuaid 8th
Medina 8th
L.E.L. meet 2nd
District meet 1st
Regional meet 7th

Sports
The 1999 Mentor football team came into the season with the motto “More Than 10, 11 at Home.” Coach Trivisonno’s troops spent a devoted summer conditioning and preparing for the campaign. The Cards opened with a 28-0 win over Glenville, shut down a dangerous Tarblooder offense that would ultimately play Lakewood in the play-offs. Tight end and Ohio State recruit Jason Caldwell snagged two touchdown passes from quarterback Jason Bratten.

The next several weeks tested the mettle of the team as Mentor’s last-minute drive to beat Lake Catholic fell short, and the Cougars escaped 14-10 in front of 8,000 fans. A week later, the Cardinals took a tough loss to Region champ Solon. The Comets rolled 49-21 en route to a 10-0 season. Week four saw Mentor rout Valley Forge 49-0. The Cardinals scored on their first six possessions, led by seniors Anthony Frate, Scott Kish, Andrew Hart and Sean Lynch. Shaker Heights and Euclid eeked out wins over the Cardinals, 20-10 and 28-21 in overtime, putting Mentor at 2-4, backs against the wall.

The Cardinals answered the call, however, defeating Cleveland Heights 24-10, Lakewood 24-13, Garfield Heights 21-6 and Elyria 38-27. With a 6-4 record, the Cards once again reached state play-offs. Shaker Heights ended the Cardinal season, 42-0.

Right: Senior tailback Anthony Frate dodges Glenville defenders as he tries to run down field. Anthony had 15 catches this year for 293 yards and 3 touchdowns.
Below: Coach Steve Trivisonno and the team lay out their plans for the next offensive attempt. The team ended the season with a final ranking, done by the Ohio High School Athletic Association, of 6th.

Senior Anthony Frate began playing league football when he was 7 because his older brother and Dad played and "it rubbed off and I became interested in it." Now he looks up to his brother because "he played here too, but I never got to play with him; I only watched and saw how hard he worked, and it rubbed off on me." Before each game, Anthony makes sure to put his pads on in the same way, wear the same t-shirts, and listen to the same music. His rituals have won him many honors, including the All News Herald team, All L.E.I., Lake County Touchdown Club, Team M.V.P., Offensive Back of the Year, team captain, Fox 8 Player of the Week, News Herald Player of the Week, and Plain Dealer Player of the Week. Next year, he plans on attending college and possibly majoring in education because "I want to coach, at least so I can work with people." Finally, he would just like to say, "Coach Trivisonno is bringing the program back where it needs to be, and he is doing a great job."

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Left: Sophomore Ryan Nichols waits on the sideline for his next turn on the field. Although all the players might not have the opportunity to play in every game, they are always dressed and on the sidelines supporting the team.
Aspirations of another trip to the State championships for the 1999 Mentor Cardinals volleyball team took a severe blow during the summer when three-year letter winner outside hitter Sandy Lewis tore her ACL and was out for the season. Taking the news in stride, the young spikers accepted the challenge and began building for another championship year. Led by senior setters Katie Snyder and Casey Davis, senior middle hitters Becky Macura and Jackie Hruby, and senior defensive specialists Liz Hecker and Karen Stika, the Cards began the season with poise and confidence. The team was running well on all six cylinders entering the Rocky River tournament where outstanding junior outside hitter Jennifer Metz went down with an ACL tear against Rocky River in the semifinals. The team displayed great resolve by defeating the Pirates in two games and taking state runner-up Magnificat to three games before ultimately losing the tournament championship. Juniors Sara Miga and Carrie Smith, along with sophomores Emily Albanese, Jennifer Budziak, Lindsey Corbett, and Katie Koval, helped round out the squad. As each week passed, the neophyte squad gained in confidence, and by the end of the season played the two-time State champion Cincinnati Mt. Notre Dame extremely tough in the semifinals of the Stow tournament. Even though they lost, the Cards showed they could play with the best. The Euclid District was once again friendly territory for Mentor as the Cardinals flew through the District and won its 12th consecutive District championship with a 15-2, 15-2 victory over the Mayfield Wildcats. The season concluded with a defeat at the hands of the regional champion Austintown Fitch Falcons in the regional semifinal. Our final record was 18-8. Best of luck to seniors Casey Davis, Liz Hecker, Jackie Hruby Sandy Lewis, Becky Macura, Katie Snyder and Karen Stika. Your contributions to the Mentor volleyball tradition have been immeasurable. May you all find happiness in life.

Senior Katie Snyder sets the ball for Jacki Hruby, a fellow senior, in hopes of returning the ball over the net. The girls finished the season with an overall record of 18-8.


Below: Members of the junior varsity team prepare to return the ball by getting set in the crouched position. The JV team finished the season with a final record of 19-3.

Senior Katie Snyder began playing volleyball in fifth grade to practice with her sister, who was on the Ridge Jr. High team. Since then, Katie made it to the State Final Four in 1998 for Mentor High, where the team beat the State champs in the semi-finals. But it hasn’t always been easy, as she missed the summer and pre-season of 1998 with mono, and then injury kept her out for another week. During the 1999 season, she hurt her knee but “played through the pain.” Before every game during the national anthem, she “prays to God and asks him to help me do the best I can do and to keep everyone from injury.” Katie has won over 10 honors for volleyball, including team co-captain and News-Herald Player of the Year. She plans to continue playing in college while majoring in marketing. Katie “would like to thank her family, friends, and coaches for their time, effort, and support to put her where she is today.”

Above: The members of the varsity volleyball team line up for the “Star Spangled Banner” and team introductions. The line is part of the team’s pre-game ritual to get themselves ready for the upcoming game.

Left: Sophomore Emily Albanese gets ready for anything that may come over the net. The crouched position is crucial in volleyball to allow the player to move quickly and easily towards the ball.

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The 1999 Mentor High golf team had a storybook season. With only two returning lettermen, the golf team captured the L.E.L. title with a 19-1 record over second place Normandy. Jeff McDonough, the team’s MVP, set a school record with a 4-under par 32 on the front nine at Shaker Heights Country Club. Kevin Boyle’s dramatic double-eagle on the ninth hole at Quail Hollow Resort’s Weiskopf Course was not only the first ever recorded by a Mentor High golfer, but also helped Mentor win a tie-breaking match against West Geauga to finish with a 22-2 record overall.

The golf team qualified for Districts by finishing third in the State Sectionals at Fairway Pines. Jeff McDonough led the Cards again with a 77 and missed a trip to the State tournament by a mere stroke.

The 1999 golf team had six lettermen this year, and they were Dave Kollmorgen (co-Captain), Jeff McDonough (co-Captain), Tony Morrell, Kyle Trent, Kevin Boyle, and Joe Meglen. The junior varsity finished with an 11-4 record and was led by MVP Josh Nichols.

Congratulations to both Jeff McDonough and Tony Morrell, who were named to L.E.L. ALL-Conference Team. Jeff McDonough was also named to the News-Herald All Star team and was named 1999 News-Herald Player of the Year.

Above: Sophomores Erin Samson, Jen Boyle, and Dana Moorhead take a break from the course to grab a bite of pizza. This year was the girls’ first year of competition.

Senior Tricia Faust lines up her drive from the tee. Tricia was the captain of this year’s team.
Right- Senior Dave Kollmorgen of this year’s golf team swings the club to warm up for the course. The team had a 19-1 record and won the I.E.I.

Below- A member of Mentor’s golf team lines up the putt to par the hole. This year’s team qualified for Districts through the State Sectionals.

Junior Jeff McDonough and his lucky hat led the Mentor boys golf team through a great season. McDonough, The News Herald Division I Player of the Year, plans on making Tiger Woods “recognize” his skill after he plays through college and then turns pro. Jeff just wants Mentor High to give a “little respect” to the the golf team “because who else is going to walk around in the sun for two hours hitting a white ball?”

Senior Tricia Faust would like to thank her grandma for her never-ending support through this year’s golf season. The varsity captain and holder of the MVP title is particularly proud of herself as well as the entire team for their great performance against rival school Jefferson as every player on the team turned out an award-winning performance. Faust would like to remind Mentor High School that “with time and patience comes perfection.” Certainly words to live by.


One year ago, five girls were determined to play on a girls golf team and, unaware of the challenges ahead of them, began to make their dreams a reality for Mentor High School. In 1999, the girls golf team took on another challenge: the challenge of taking a brand new team, all new to the game of golf, and change them into a winning team by the end of the season. In the first year of competing against other schools, the girls golf team had a very good start to the beginning of many seasons to come. The girls continued to improve each game and had their lowest match against Jefferson (224-242). The team’s season record was 4-6. The team was led by senior captain Tricia Faust and also consisted of first year sophomores: Dana Moorhead, Jen Boyle, Erin Samson, Erin McKinley, and Erin Perme.
Heads and Shoulders Above the Rest

This year's boys basketball team saw many wins this season. They were rated No. 1 in the News Herald and No. 4 in the Plain Dealer polls plus were ranked No. 1 in the L.E.L. The boys worked very hard this year and lost only four games. Though they made a few errors, they learned from their mistakes. For example, when they lost against Cleveland Heights by a mere eight points, they made a vow never to let that happen again. Afterwards, when Cleveland came to Mentor, Mentor won by 14 points. A few other tense games were the games against Shaker Heights, rival Lake Catholic, Euclid, VA-SJ, and, of course, St. Ignatius. Winning against St. Ignatius is never an easy task, but the boys did it, winning by a score of 77-75. With the help of Coach Krizancic and Coach Grants, the plan is to win no matter what it takes.

Right: Senior Ryan Wood tries to get past his two defenders from Elyria. Ryan was both a starter and a co-captain of this year's team.


Below: Senior Nick Radabaugh and junior Rick Martucci scramble for possession of the ball. Mentor finally won the game by a large margin.

Above: Senior Nick Radabaugh makes a drive to the hoop in a game against Elyria. Top scorer Radabaugh led the Mentor High varsity team through a winning season.

Left: Moments later, an angered Elyria player explodes at Radabaugh. This game against Elyria was an intense one as many players were involved in such "skirmishes."

Senior Nick Radabaugh began playing basketball in the fourth grade because he "always had fun playing in his driveway and wanted to try playing in a league." Nick, MVP for the Walsh Shoot Out and top 10 scorer in the area, strives to be like his idol Michael Jordan by embodying the same winning spirit on and off the court. Nick's lucky shorts and t-shirt, which he wears for every game, have helped him to play his best this year. This News Herald Player of the Week plans on continuing his basketball career at a four-year university next fall.

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Sports
Above the Rim

As the Lady Cardinal basketball team approached the start of its 1999-2000 season, no one knew what to expect. There were 14 players on the roster, including one returning starter and two returning lettermen. The season got off to a rocky start when they were defeated by West Geauga, but, during the course of the next few games, the Lady Cards managed to pull together and play up to their full potential. They grabbed "W"s from such opponents as Shaker Heights, Riverside and Euclid. One of the major highlights of the season was playing at Gund Arena. Although they lost to Garfield Heights in overtime, the experience was definitely not one to be forgotten.

In the middle of the season, the girls were on a six-game winning streak, defeating teams such as Mayfield, Lakewood, Cleveland Heights and Valley Forge. However, the streak ended when they were beaten by rivals Elyria and Eastlake North in hard-fought games. The season ended with wins against Mentor's Lake Catholic Cougars and Chagrin Falls. Their final record was 13-7, and the Lady Cards claimed second place in the Lake Erie League. The girls basketball team was led by seniors Julie McCormack, Jackie Pirmat, Becky Macura, Kate Anderson, Lisa Durchik, Candice Musiek, and Jen Kolenc.

Kate Anderson

Below: Senior Jen Kolenc quickly follows the opposing North player who has possession of the ball. The North team beat Mentor when the two teams met in the regular season.


Below: The heated play pauses once again as the referee must call another foul on one of the North players. Mentor had a final record this year of 9-5 in the L.E.L.

Below: The seniors of the Mentor High varsity basketball team pose together with Coach Kevin Snyder one last time before each will move on. The seniors are from left to right Jackie Pirnat, Julie McCormack and Lisa Dorchik in the first row and Candice Musiek, Jen Kolenc, Becky Macura, and Kate Anderson in the second row.

Above: Senior Jackie Pirnat jumps to grab the ball while junior Laura Smolinski tries to avoid her. This tournament game was held at Perry High School against North.

Left: Senior Julie McCormack prepares to shoot from the foul line. Julie was the leading scorer for the Mentor High School girls basketball team this year.

Above: The girls stop the action for the referee's instructions. The girls team met North in its first game of the Division I Girls Sectional Tournament.
Alive and Kicking

The boys and girls swimming and diving teams entered a new era under the guidance of Coach Victor Senn. In his first season, Coach Senn saw a tremendous amount of both personal and team improvement. Teams who beat the Cardinals during the dual-meet season were no match when it came to the all-important postseason. The Mentor Cardinals earned a lot of respect and attention after strong showings at both the L.E.L. Championships and the Northeast Sectional Championships. In fact, the Lady Cardinals earned Mentor High its first Swimming Sectional Title in school history! With so much time and effort put forth towards this season (the average swimmer puts in nearly 30 hours of practice and travel a week due to not having a home pool) it was thrilling to see such tremendous performances all year long. And, fortunately, the swim program has only just begun to form an identity.

A special thanks goes out to all of seniors — Kellee Disbro, Katie Fritinger, Megan Gilbert, Heather Kohn, Robyn Mahmet, Kristen Prijatel, Morgan Rupp, Kristen Sell, Holly Swan, Dawn Wiese, Ken Brown, Matt Roesch, Ben Werth, and Zach Williams. We could not have done it without you, and we will miss you. Thank you for being such a strong foundation on which our team can now build. Good Luck!

Senior Zach Williams practices his freestyle in one of the team’s many evening practices. The team practices at Cleveland State University’s pool because there is no pool in Mentor to accommodate them.

Below: Senior Ben Werth flips “head over feet” during a practice while junior Val Gefert and others watch. After Ben showed off his moves, the girls followed suit and also practiced such flips.

Above: Senior Kristen Prijatel comes up for a quick breath. She is the LEL record holder in the 100 free.

Above: The swim team listens to Coach Senn during practice. He is a first-year swim coach at Mentor.

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3rd out of 7 L.E.L. Championships 3rd out of 7 4th out of 24 Sectional Championships 1st out of 14

Senior Kristen Prijatel began swimming as a “Pinigator” when she was nine years old. Over the next eight years, she toughed it out through tendonitis in her rotator cuff to become four-time MVP as well as the current holder of the LEL record for the 100 free. Kristen plans on majoring in biomedical engineering as well as continuing her swimming career after high school. She would like to wish good luck to her coaches and teammates and thank them for a great year.

Senior Zach Williams, inspired by his best friend Steve, began swimming when he was 5 years old. Williams always wears the same goggles to every meet for good luck, and it must work as he currently holds the record for the 400 free relay. He loves the big meets because of the “huge amounts of people to talk to and meet.” In the future, Zach would like to continue his swimming career at a four-year university and major in business. He would also like to wish the best of luck to the underclassmen for next year.
This year's MHS ice hockey team started the season with great expectations of winning the Blue Central Division in the Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League. Having won the division four times before, the team was in the hunt for most of the season. Losses to eventual champion Euclid and Hudson early in the season turned out to be exactly what the Cardinals did not need, finishing third overall in the division. Mentor's final season record was 14 wins, 12 losses, and 2 ties. Some of this year's highlights were beating Lake Catholic in overtime, beating the top Baron Cup seed, Elyria Catholic, in overtime, and beating Hudson in a must-win game to get into the Baron Cup.

Right: Several members of the team help goalie Todd Carlson guard the goal against the scoring attempts of the opposing player. Todd had an 86.4% save rate this year, the highest on the team.

Below: Seniors Matt Neath and Marc Pugsley try to block the player from Western Reserve. Pugsley was the leading scorer on the team with 11 goals and 19 assists.

Above: Senior Brian Halan tries to skate past the defender from Western Reserve. Brian was the second leading scorer on the team with 14 goals and 14 assists.

Left: Sophomore Jay Sherman takes the puck down the ice. The hockey team practices every day after school at the Mentor Civic Ice Arena.

Senior Brian Weinkamer first went to the rink to watch his dad play ball hockey when he was "very young." He enjoyed it so much that he began skating in an after-school program, and joined the house hockey league one year later. Brian has been a starting defender on the MHS team for the last three years and finally as team captain, as voted on by his teammates. His favorite memory of the season was a game against No. 1 seeded Elyria Catholic in the Baron Cup. In the 4-3 overtime thriller, with Mentor pulling out the win, he "left it all out on the ice." Next year, Brian plans on attending the Ohio State University College of Engineering and possibly playing club hockey. He would also like to send a special thanks out to Coaches Smeltz and Freddy.

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Congratulations on your 5th place finish at States!!!!!

The Mentor High gymnastics team had a magnificent season. The team was very deep with 8 seniors and 4 strong young team members. Mentor fought a hard battle to remain district champions and to advance to State. The team advanced to state for the fourth straight year. Mentor had their best showing at State this year, taking fifth place for Ohio Gymnastics. Senior Kristen Kirby had the honor of being district champion and advanced to State in the all-around, floor, bars and vault. Mary Koenig advanced to State in the all-around and vault. Senior Kim Seaholm advanced on the beam and vault. Also, senior Chrissy Spinello advanced on floor and Rachel Taggert, a senior, advanced on the vault.

Right: Most of the 1999-2000 gymnastics team proudly display their fifth place trophy. This was Mentor's best showing at states to date.

Above: Riding in style, the gymnastics team makes their way to another meet. The girls had a 4.2 record this year.

Above: The seniors of the team take a break with their coach. There were 8 senior on the team, including captains Rachel Taggert and Kristen Kirby.

Left: The team gets ready to make their entrance at the winter pep rally. The gymnastics team is one of the many winter sports teams recognized at the pep rally.

Left: Seniors Erin Vayo, Sara Bowen, Lindsay Granger, Kristen Kirby and Sarah Shisila have fun on the way to one of their meets. The team practices every day at their gym.

Gymnastics

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The Mentor wrestling team had a stellar year under new first-year head coach Ken Skilton. After a dubious start at Kenston, Mentor rebounded with a sixth-place finish at the powerful Midwest Classic. The sixth-place finish is the school’s best finish ever. The team continued to improve, taking fourth at the 40 team Brecksville Holiday Tournament. After a 42-15 setback by nationally ranked Maple Heights, Mentor easily cruised to its second consecutive L.E.L. Championship with a 6-0 L.E.L. record and a season record of 11-3-0.

Individually, the Cardinals had four state-ranked grapplers: Keith Pollack (112 lbs.-4th), Joe Giavan (119 lbs.-11th), Mike Ashby (140 lbs.-12th) and Jared Mills (215 lbs.-9th).

This year’s featured athlete is senior 215 pounder Jared “The General” Mills. The General won the Midwest Classic defeating a two-time state champion from Alabama ranked 8th in the nation. Mills took 3rd place at the Brecksville tournament, losing an overtime match in the semifinals. The General recorded 49 takedowns while being taken down only twice. Jared scored 59 near fall points and has yet to be put on his back. This year, Jared was 26-2, heading into the last week of the season.

Right: Nes Janiak, a senior, “goes for the stick” in a match against Lakewood. Mentor won the Lakewood match with a final score of 74-0.

Above: Junior Keith Pollack does a reverse for a half pin against an opponent from Lakewood. Keith qualified for states this year.
Far Below: Junior Mike Jones performs a headlock for a pin. This year, Mentor sent three wrestlers to states.

Below: Freshman Billy Rockwell prepares to wrestle his Valley Forge opponent. Mentor Varsity Wrestlers won the match 39-21.

Junior Mike Ashby lifts his opponent on a double-leg take down. He was state ranked 12th in the 140 pound class.

Senior Jared Mills began wrestling in eighth grade to keep in shape for football. Since then, he has gone on to win the "most improved wrestler" award, all LEI, all News Herald, All Plain-Dealer, was the Mid-West Classic Champion, and is a state qualifier. However, all of these awards do come with their price; he has bursitis in his right knee, a bad left knee, stitches in his lip, and pulled tendons in his elbow. Mills would like continue his wrestling career at a four-year university and would like to thank his coach, Coach Capel, for his support.

Wrestling
Row 1: Varsity Wrestling Cheerleaders
Row 2: L. Jennings, N. Hufenfield, Junior Varsity Wrestling Cheerleaders, M. Evans, J. Fisher
Row 7: Coach Skilton, Coach Lamana, Coach Sears, D. Moorhead, E. Terrel, B. Evans, Coach Naddock, Coach Capel

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Below: Both squads of the 1999 football cheerleaders stand at attention together on the sidelines for the national anthem.

Above: The varsity wrestling cheerleaders show their support for the Mentor wrestlers. Mentor is one of the few schools in the area that has wrestling cheerleaders.

Above: The basketball cheerleaders perform a dance for the crowd at the winter pep assembly. The school holds three pep rallies a year, one for each of the athletic seasons.

Right: Senior Kim Seaholm, one of the varsity football cheerleaders, gets ready to cheer the Mentor team during the Lake Catholic rivalry game. Mentor lost the tough game with a final score of 14-10.

Below: The football squads perform a cheer to excite the crowd. The squads travel to each game to cheer MHS athletes.


Right: Junior Todd Huntington concentrates on the pass to one of his teammates waiting downfield. Todd was one of the Plain Dealer Players of the Week and an L.E.L. All Star.

Below: Zach Williams, a senior, shows off his "flippers" for the camera. The swim team practices using such gloves and other devices so their speed will improve when they swim without them.

Above: Members of the 1999 varsity football team practice throwing during a practice. The team does weight-lifting the summer before the season in order to be ready for the games.

Right: Desiree Misseldine and Sarah Thomas, seniors on this year's cross-country team, relax with other team members before the Mentor Invitational. The meet is a Mentor tradition, held every year at Garfield Park.
Below: Jen Vandeveer, who was a sophomore on the 1999 team, pushes herself through her leg of the relay. Mentor's 3200 m relay advanced to States in the 1999 season.

Right: Jaime Carrabine finishes her delivery to the plate during her pre-game warm-up pitches. Jaime set a school record for lowest E.R.A. in the 1999 season.

Right: One of Mentor High's Varsity Football players catches a warm-up pass from a teammate. The team had a record of 6-5 this year, meeting their goal of "More Than Ten."

Right: Senior defense man Brian Weinkamer helps guard the Mentor goal while blocking the player from Lake Catholic. Brian was the captain of the hockey team this year.

Right: Both Varsity and Junior Varsity Football Cheerleaders perform a dance at the fall pep rally. The two squads entertain the crowds at the rallies and at every football game.

Above: Keeping his eyes on the ball, Phil Metz prepares to return the volley. Although a member of the class of 1999, Phil deserves to be recognized for his accomplishment; he was the state champion in 1999.
Join the Club!

Practices, planning, preparation, and panic. So much takes place here at school. "No, the tree goes here, and the rock over there." "Oh no — why won’t the computer work?" "We need more streamers for Spirit Club!" Comments such as these are heard behind the scenes of high school life.

Great decorations for club-sponsored events, magnificent performances delivered by the mock trial, and even the production of the MHS yearbook. Thought, time, and effort are all required to produce things such as these. Then at the end of the year, when everything falls neatly into place, we know it has been worth all the effort.

Without all the extra effort and endless hours spent, most of the events and accomplishments would not be as special to everyone. Let us not forget the people who have helped us when we needed it the most. Thanks to everyone; we couldn’t have done it without you.

By: Serena Jennings and Stacey Phillips

Right: Artwork by junior B.J. Walland
Mentor High School students devote hundreds of hours each year to the betterment of the community. Abby Lewis, Sarah Brown, and Ashley Kuhlman delivered food one day after school to a local Ronald McDonald House.
Maggie Mason designs the pieces for a new game invented by other members in the club. Mark Wilson joined her and helped form the game board to try the game out.

Below: Senior Joe Deitrick helps keep score while waiting for his chance to reenter the basketball game. It was typical that the “B” league would play first and the “A” league for the title of best.


Chris Myers, a junior, studies the lane carefully before releasing the ball; he bowls a strike. Chris enjoyed his time at Palisalides Bowling along with others Mondays after school.
Who says school is all work and no fun? It can be enjoyable as well ... or at least outside of school! We have a great time with all of the intramurals and club activities that keep us going all year around. If you love the sport but don’t have the time for all of the practices, intramurals is the way to go. From bowling to basketball, we have activities to satisfy every athlete’s tastes. Get ready for some action!

Valerie Lasko

Left: Junior Mitch Harper makes a break away and rushes towards the end zone. Although he advanced, Mitch was stripped of his yellow flag before reaching the safety of the end zone.

Left: The sweet hopes for the winning point are realized when a teammate sinks a great jumpshot. On the court they had lots of fun, as well as learning the values of sportsmanship.

Below: Junior Caitlin Rose demonstrates her great technique before releasing the ball during intramural bowling after school. She went on to score high points and help lead her team to victory.
Below: Proudly displaying their sign, Jen Vandeveer, Matt Van Epps, and Allen Yee announce their excitement about the upcoming happenings of the evening. Future Educators and Future Leaders Club sponsored a dinner followed by bingo or lessons for the internet.

Above: Senior Erin Vayo distributes Famous Amos Cookies for the Senior Citizens Dinner. Following the dinner, a record number of senior citizens danced the night away with Mentor High students.

This group of students waits outside the Ronald McDonald House to pose for a quick picture before entering. They went with the intent of serving others and to cheer up visitors who were soon to come.

Below: S. Jennings and K. Fritinger.


Buckeye Boys State
Clubs & Organizations

Buckeye Girls State
In every aspect of life, leadership skills are essential. We are fortunate that Mentor High School has many clubs and organizations that can better students in becoming successful leaders of tomorrow. These clubs create leaders and develop skills for college and future careers. Student Council, Future Leaders of America, Buckeye Girls and Buckeye Boys State are all examples of clubs that build leadership skills. Throughout every career there must be a person that will take the initiative to take control. These clubs work to manifest the leadership abilities of the students before they enter adulthood.

Jessie Lamb & Purvi Patel

Left: Students and seniors dance the night away at a dance Future Leaders put on for the community. Everyone that was present had a lot fun; there was even a record number of people at the dance.

Bottom left: Junior Alex Sylvia sings her heart out during Karoke Day. Student Council arranged this event for the enjoyment of the student body.

Below: In their free time, Kim Wallace and Lauren Graham help volunteer their time by selling food at a stand for FLA. This event helped earn the club extra money.


F.L.A.

Student Council Officers

Clubs & Organizations
Peer Groups

Below: Emily Surckia, Andrew Greene, and Amy Lefler relax on a Wednesday after school with popcorn and soda. They watched a foreign film as part of an A.F.S. after-school activity.

Below: Senior Ken Sowers takes a moment to reflect on his last day with Mentor High’s Bible Study. Even though he graduated seventh semester, he encouraged those present to keep Jesus first in their lives.


A.F.S. P.A.L.S.
Of all the things to do at Mentor High, AFS, PALS, Spirit Club, and Bible Club are the ones that help students lift each other up and have fun doing it. AFS (American Field Service) introduces the students coming here from other countries to other students as well as to the diverse culture of Northeast Ohio. They host parties, sledding excursions, after-school movies, and more. PALS sets up tutoring sessions for students during their free time in hopes of helping their grades. Spirit Club decorates our school with the brightly painted posters cheering on our teams and demonstrating our support. Bible Club meets weekly to encourage each other as Christians and discuss and debate everyday issues from God’s point of view as demonstrated through the Bible. Each in their own way unites students in smaller groups in hopes of bringing more overall unity.

Serena Jennings
and Stacey Phillips

Below: Holding a useful Spanish-English dictionary, Junior Lauren Raymer explains the perfect tense to Stacey Phillips. This was a part of the PALS tutoring program at work.

Senior Emily Surckla conducts a Wednesday morning AFS meeting. She discussed the upcoming plans for the viewing of a foreign movie.

Above: Judy Stefanik, Serena Jennings, Lauren Clausen, Christine Leonard.
Service to the Community

Right: Seniors Dustin Majewski and Chad Wrenn discuss ideas the Ecology Club is presenting about the upcoming rock climbing trip. The club also talked about the plans on how to better our Earth and school.

Below: Tara Harmon, Christine Kozan, and Shawn Felter listen intently at an Ecology Club meeting about plans for a rock climbing trip. The Ecology Club meets every other Wednesday and regularly recycles.


Community Service
Clubs & Organizations

Ecology Club
While other students make plans to go to parties on weekends, the members of National Honor Society, Community Service Club, Future Leaders of America and Ecology Club were making plans on how to better our community. Finding ways to make a difference is just a part of their jobs. These groups make special trips to help other students learn about the environment and the specific needs of others. Even though they are not outwardly rewarded with money or medals, they get to see the joy in others' faces and the feelings of accomplishments.

Serena Jennings and Stacey Phillips

Left: Junior Lauren Raymer and Senior Anita Ticak get their hands dirty while washing the mountain of dishes. This was only part of the clean up after the Senior Citizen's Dance.

Below: Mr. S. McLaughlin looks at a calendar to set a date for the Ecology Club to go rock climbing. It's become an annual event for the club.

Senior Matt Hopes cooks hot dogs at the Ronald McDonald House. The Community Service Club visits the house to help cook dinner for the visitors.

Above: Will get the photo ASAP!!!

Future Educators Association

National Honors Society

Clubs & Organizations
Service to the School

Right: Junior Emily Hurayt pauses in the hallway for a picture while on an errand from the main office. She said that aiding is lots of work but fun too.

Below: Junior Vanessa Novak has become a great help in the Unit 11 office during mods 15-16. The copy machine is a daily necessity for teachers and office staff.


Athletic Office Aides

Clubs & Organizations

A-V Aides
Below: Senior Raylene Luberger works on the theater section for the Mentor High School homepage. She finally completed this and others as a B-52 computer lab aide.

From stuffing envelopes to grading papers, many Mentor High student aides are lending a hand and their study hall in order to help out the staff. Students can earn between 1/4 and 1/2 credits per semester. Students who choose to be aides can choose between helping out teachers in the main office, in the unit offices, in the nurse’s office or the audio visual room. No matter where they aide, the help is appreciated greatly.

Sarah Brown

Below: A student willingly gives up her study hall during 15-16 so she can help out in Pupil Services. Many students have helped out the staff this way throughout the entire year.

Below: Sophomore Lauren Debeljak takes time out from a busy day of high school life to help Mrs. Sargent out in the clinic. She was getting some files organized, just one of the many things clinic aides do to help.


Main Office

Clubs and Organizations
Service to the School

Right: Sophomore Bill Stricker makes good use of his free mods by volunteering in the Athletic Office. He answered the phone with a friendly voice and assisted the person in need.

Below: A student takes advantage of a spare moment to do a little homework. She was working hard on her chemistry homework.


Guidance Office Aides

Cubs & Organizations

Attendance Center
Left: Sophomore Meghan Smulski tries to find a name for the Unit 10 Office. It can be very challenging to locate a student, but Megan beat the odds.

Bottom Left: April Fry, a senior rapidly gets ready to file an important message. Messages such these can hold important facts that are necessary in Unit 11.

Below: Sophomore Brian Luzar assists the Unit 12 Office by helping write passes and then delivering them to various twelfth grade students. He is not always welcomed with open arms by the recipients.


Unit 10

Unit 12

Unit 11

Clubs & Organizations
Right: Junior Jen Vandevert discusses the possibilities of the case and its presentation with one of the team’s legal advisors. This year, the Mock Trial team has three legal advisors from the community who donate their time to helping the students.

Below: Senior Melissa Benedict listens to Mr. Glarus explain the scores from the Academic Decathlon scrimmage. They analyzed their strengths and continued to study for the 10-subject examination.

Above: Members of Mock Trial including Co-Captains for Mock Trial—Seniors Mike Nemeth and Kellie Webb.

Above: Academic Decathlon: Clubs & Organizations

Mock Trial

Law Club
The great minds of Mentor High racked their brains in the various academic clubs and competitions provided, ranging from Academic Decathlon to Model U.N. These clubs require rigorous work and research above and beyond that already mandatory within school. To make this all possible, students sacrifice countless hours of free time. All of the hard work and dedication pays off, and we are all proud of our many academic accomplishments!

Valerie Lasko

Far Left: The Academic Decathlon team concentrates on the infamous jazz section of the test. This event, held at Hiram College, helped prepare students for the state competition on February 5.

Senior Bob Koeth listens carefully to the questions before he replies. He played a witness for Mock Trial this year in the Terry Turner v. Raetown School Board case.

Below: M. Stanton, G. Telaroli, K. Wilson, M. Nemeth

Above: The Science Olympiad Team works together filling out charts with various bits of information. Later, they rewarded themselves with enthusiastic smiles upon the successful completion of their project.

Model U.N. Science Olympiad

Clubs & Organizations
Voices of MHS

Right: Senior Laura Robertson takes a break to decorate the yearbook office, but became the Christmas tree herself. The yearbook staff meets every day during 1:5-16.

Below: Kellee Disbro, a senior, reads the announcements for the scholarships available. Throughout the week, scholarship information was placed within the scholarship drawer located in A-19.


Cardinal Notes (Yearbook)
Below: Senior Laura Robertson checks off yet another task to continue completing the spreadsheet during yearbook. Because she was one of the senior editors, she also completed senior polls and surveys in addition her other duties. She has many tasks to complete in a short amount of time.

Every day a handful of students express Mentor High and what goes on inside its walls. WMHS and Cardinal Notes provide this information through the form of either morning announcements or the yearbook. The crew in T.V. Productions, with the help of Mr. Scott Kowalke, broadcasts the information about latest club meetings or scholarships. Cardinal Notes, the official name of our yearbook, records our high school moments in time. Carrying a camera, rearranging designs, and running around the school for numerous types of information are only some of the tasks that the staff does throughout the year. So when you pick this book up in 20 years and dust it off try to remember the people who started your day at 7:20 am and captured the moment that you hold in your hands.

Valerie Lasko

Below: Giving a frustrated sigh, Brenna Clark rearranges her spread on her computer. She was an editor of Student Life along with Lynne Jennings for yearbook.

Below: Row 1: Jenny Tomazic, Kellee Dabro Row 2: Valerie Lasko, Nicole McClosky, Blair Frei, Kristen Kirby, Matt Kilot, Colleen Gilmour, Vince Capasso.

Above: Jenny Tomazic adjusts the sound levels for the morning announcements. Jenny was one of the T. V. Productions students who donated her time to help with the announcements.
Auto Body I

Top row (left to right): Mr. H. Keenan, K. Arko, N. Katic, J. Strackel
Middle row: J. Yanesh, J. Myers, E. Fielder, K. Duncan, C. Bissett
Bottom row: D. Filipovic, T. Loomis, J. Myers

Auto Body II

Left to right: Mr. H. Keenan, B. Kearan, E. Van Veghel, B. Effer, M. Trimboil

Auto Service I

Left to right: P. Smith, P. Chongrila, M. Bailey, R. Vukanovic, S. Peterson, N. Frechette, P. Kissig
Auto Service II

Left to right: B. McCarthy, R. Schultz, J. Stoneman, K. Herman, G. Munn

Computer Info.
System I

Top row (left to right): R. Covert, J. Kamp, N. Stockhaus, A. Bernes, E. Bair
Bottom row: J. Hribar, M. Raico, V. Keppshaw, J. Graf, D. Varhol, K. Szer

Computer Info.
System II

Left to right: J. Doli, S. Laiing, B. Lubbers, D. Manley
Commercial Art
Left to right: A. Orlando & K. Strang

Computer Int. Mfg. I
Top row (left to right): D. Gardner, C. Bock, B. Scales
Bottom row: E. Crissinger, G. Busch

Computer Int. Mfg. II
Top row (left to right): J. Pepek, G. Busch, M. Mele, K. Spall, C. Polcar
Bottom row: J. Romanik, J. Rospko, B. Kish, S. Kish
Cosmetology Juniors
Top row (left to right): G. Victor, A. Collins, T. Topalovic, S. Roth, G. Kramer
Bottom row: H. Wright, E. Garra, T. Booker, N. Ayres, C. Weis, A. Cain, N. Arraj

Cosmetology Seniors
Top row (left to right): J. Hakiewicz, J. Dryja, M. Barac
Bottom row: N. Schneider, C. Wright, L. Nighswander

Criminal Justice I
Top row (left to right): A. Harris, C. Byers, K. Massey, S. Bass
Bottom row: C. Borsini, T. Irwin
Criminal Justice II

Left to right: J. Rustnak and J. Duke

Early Childhood Edu. I


Early Childhood Edu. II

Electronics I

Top row (left to right): C. Liptak, M. Travis, F. Szapponos, C. Drone
Bottom row: B. Szymanski, J. Vujicic

Electronics II

Top row (left to right): M. Feldenstein, J. Niewiadomski, J. English, M. Decker, C. Hommel
Bottom row: M. Willett, J. Otten, M. Leppelmeier

Horticulture

Top row (left to right): K. Kallina, J. Blood, D. Woodworth, L. Verhegge, S. Anderson
Bottom row: J. Stone, J. Pinkerton, M. Jiborno, M. Nerone, J. Kozenz
Graphic Arts I

Top row: Mr. T. Fiebig, J. Brown, N. Dicenzo, B. Thomas, L. Dea.

Graphic Arts II

(Left to right): M. Benford, Mr. T. Fiebig, D. Novak, C. Sullivan, J. Yeager.

Office Specialists I

Top row (left to right): K. Fleece, J. Thurier, Mrs. P. Haskell, L. Clair, R. Carrabine.
Office Specialists II
Left to right: K. Canfield, S. Wojcik, A. Fry, K. Lovely, R. Boyd.

O. W. A.
Top row (left to right): M. Capretta, D. Thornton, C. Corbin, N. Roeder, K. Kadunc.
4th row: K. Gozawin Perc.

O. W. E.
Top row (left to right): B. McGing, M. Hayward, J. Barnes, E. Pavelka, T. Buck, N. Sabatini.
O. W. E.

Top row (left to right): J. Geizer, C. Dingel, Mr. R. Fred, A. Frankenberry, C. Montgomery, M. Gorney, M. Doyle, D. Francis.

Practical Nursing

Left to right: K. Sarli, C. Gragg, R. Yates.

Practical Nursing

Left to right: A. Zaun, L. Boesch, A. Clara.
Left: Senior Laurle Miles begins her first day of aiding in the Athletic Office for Office Specialist II. This program allowed her to have first-hand experience in an office setting.

Left: Senior Brandon Keenan works on a car during his vocational class. He is among the many students who choose to get a hands-on type of education.

Above: Mrs. M. Kirby instructs her preschool class while her vocational class Early Childhood sets up for the next activity. In the classes, both the children and the students of MHS are taught important lessons regarding education.
A lot of changes have been going on in these activities. The advisors and students involved are constantly adding new activities and rearranging programs to make the arts better and better. Mentor Theatre has started new methods of advertising to increase the number of people coming to shows. The choirs went through some major changes this year, switching to auditioned choirs and adding a new choir, just to name a few. Mr. Bob Amendol has been taking the orchestra to new levels since his arrival last year. People puts lots of effort and time into these programs, and the music, performances, and art that come from show that work.

All of the time put into this is worth it, though. Many people find it enjoyable to spend the time practicing, well maybe not during Theatre’s week-before performances. For many students, when they are with these groups, they are with their friends. In Top 25, people even miss practices because they don’t get to see their friends. Another reward from all of this is the satisfaction of hearing the audiences after you have just finished a concert. And all the hard work is finally recognized.

The arts give the students a wonderful opportunity to become more creative and original. Many students take advantage of all the different programs offered in the arts to allow them to try and do something different than what they experience every day in math and English. It allows them to express themselves.

Right: Artwork by junior B.J. Walland.
Above: MHS Choir sings the 'National Anthem,' accompanied by the Marching Band at the opening of the Mentor vs. Glenville football game. The choir sang for two of the home games this year.
Right: Senior Claire Cahoon strikes a pose for the audience during the prologue of *West Side Story*. For this show Claire, a natural brunette, had to become a blonde.

Below: Seniors Jessie Soyka, Bethany Maine, and Tami Schnigenberg help put together the props table for the show *Lend Me a Tenor*. This was just one of the jobs the prop crew had to do.

Above: The drum line leads the band onto the field for its half time show. Every football game day, the drum line played their cadence and marched around the high school during the morning announcements.
Below: The pit watches the drum majors to keep in time with the rest of the band. The pit is made up of all the instruments too hard to march with and carry.

Below: Senior Jenny Zaleski gets her instrument out of her case to prepare to tune it for the Christmas concert. This year, the orchestra has taken a more active role in publicizing its concerts. Posters were put up all over the school, and announcements were made every morning.

Above: Adam Dorsey and Tiffany Copeland share a passionate moment on stage. Before any stage kiss, the actors and actresses involved go through weeks of practice to make the kiss less awkward.

Left: Mentor Top 25 joins together in small groups to form kick lines. This was the second year Top 25 was lucky enough to have Michael Weaver as its choreographer.


And the Band Played On
MHS Bands

Right: The flutists and saxophonists concentrate on moving and playing at the same time. The Marching Band learns all of its songs at band camp held at Edinboro College.

Below right: Members of the 1999 Marching Band move in step with each other and the music. Marching Band is open to any member of the MHS band program; the alternative is to play with Varsity Band.

Right: The Marching Band lines up in a classic "M" formation to play the 'National Anthem.' The band plays at every football game and even travels with the team.

Practice Makes Perfect
Marching Band

Top 25 has had quite an eventful year this year. After we had the time of our life performing our 50’s show on the Celebration Carnival Cruise ship last summer, we switched gears to Dancin’ Through the Decades. Our show this year celebrated different types of dance from the Charleston to hip-hop, choreographed by Michael Weaver. We had our big fall show October 30, 31 and November 1. It was also the frist year for Top 25 to be a competitive show choir. We also travelled to Chicago where we competed against show choirs from all over the country at the end of March. We hope to end the year off with another exciting tour.

Becca Reichert

Upper Left: Senior members Laura Robertson, Rob Brewer and Bethany Maine sing Christmas carols for a business Christmas party. Because of all of the Christmas parties, December is usually a very busy time for Top 25.

Left: Top 25 members strike the last pose of the 90’s medley. This year’s show was more challenging than last year’s because of all the different varieties of dance to learn.


Abov: Members of Top 25 hold the finishing pose of ‘Miami Rhapsody.’ The lifts, though not that difficult, are a great way to “wow” the audience at the end of a number.
Like Music to My Ears

Groups are constantly making improvements. This year, however, was a year of big changes in the choir program. Dr. Keith Touchton decided to add a new women’s choir, called Chanticleer. The choirs were also changed to become auditioned groups like the bands at the high school. This does require some extra work at the end of the year for Dr. Touchton, but this offers the opportunity for students to be placed with people of equal abilities. Ms. Beth Karchefsky also took on the responsibility of directing Mixed Choir as well as continuing her work with the bands.

A Cappella Choir


MHS Choirs

Chanticleer


Mixed Choir


Below: Jamie Blatner warms up before the winter concert. Members of the band often join the orchestra for their concerts to provide a full range of sounds needed for many pieces of music.

Orchestra

The Mentor High School Orchestra has had quite a successful year. They had the opportunity to participate in the Fiesta-val National Contest this past spring in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. There they competed against orchestras from all different parts of the country. A great time was had by all!

Not only were the members of the orchestra busy playing in national competitions this past year, many of them also participated in other orchestras. Twenty-four of them performed in the Mentor Mannheim Chamber Orchestra, which is also directed by Mr. Bob Ambendol. Five participated in the Northeastern Ohio Regional Orchestra, and six are members of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra.

Hopefully next year, the orchestra members will be just as productive and will have just as much fun as they did this year.

Jenny Zaleski

Above: Senior orchestra member Jenny Zaleski warms up by doing a quick run through of one of the orchestra's selections before the concert. This was Jenny's ninth year as part of the school orchestra.
Above: Orchestra officers Patty Kosenko—President; Amanda Trenton—Historian; Kim Mele—Treasurer; Jenny Zaleski—Secretary; Matt Yoke—Vice President.

Below: Members of the orchestra take a moment to prepare before going on stage. The members of the orchestra all have different methods of preparing for concerts.

Face the Music


Above: Katie Frato and Gwen MacFarland concentrate on their playing. They were part of the string quartet that played for the Senior Award Night.

Right: Senior Nikki Scaperato hands out programs and collects donations at the annual winter concert. The money collected goes toward new music and other such needs of the orchestra.
Far Below: Riff gives the Jets a pep talk before they head off to a rumble with the Sharks. Because of the lack of men to fill up the cast, some girls were asked to play the part of men in the show.

Below: Maria's friends gather around to prepare her for her make-believe wedding after she finishes singing "I Feel Pretty," a song about being in love. Her friends are unaware that she was not singing about Chino, but Tony, from the Jets.

For the first time ever, Mentor Theatre sold out a production of the spring musical, West Side Story. It was only fitting that it be the first sellout due to the reputation of the musical. For this show, Mentor Theatre used an advertising company, which gave them ideas such as using a TV commercial, a new Mentor Theatre logo and flyers on pizza boxes. The large audiences were a result of all the extra work and the quality of the performances of the cast.

West Side Story, the modern-day version of Romeo and Juliet, opens with a rumble between the Sharks, a Puerto Rican gang, and the Jets, an American gang; this sets the scene for the rest of the musical. Maria falls in love with Tony, a member of the Jets. However, the feud between the two gangs keeps them apart. Maria's older brother Bernardo is the head of the Sharks while Tony's best friend Riff is the leader of the Jets. Another rumble between the gangs results in Bernardo killing Riff. Then Tony, who is just there to stop the rumble, strikes out against Bernardo and kills him. Even after this horrible deed, Maria still finds it in her heart to forgive Tony. But the fight is not over yet. Tony is then killed by Chino, the man Maria is promised to, while Maria watches. Yet, despite the tragedy and heartbreak that Maria has experienced, she is still able to set aside her hatred and finally bring the two rival gangs together.
Below: Maria and Tony imagine how good it would be if they could just get everyone to approve of their relationship. Jen Zapolla was cast in a lead role despite being a so-called “rookie” of Mentor Theatre.

Below: Anita sings “A Boy Like That” with Maria. In the song, she pleads with Maria to stick with Chino, “one of her own kind” rather than love a boy like Tony, who killed her own brother.

West Side Story

Sharks
Bernardo ............. Tony Gonzalez
Maria ................ Jennifer Zappola
Anita ................. Krista Galante
Chino ................. Greg Duy
Pepe ................... Matt Roesch
Indio .................. Ryan Rittenhouse
Luis .................... Josh Martinez
Anxious ............... Jon Cleveland
Nibbles .............. Chris Schwartz
Juan ................. Jeff Baron
Toro ................. Adam Dorsey
Rosalia .......... Jennifer Jones
Consuela ............. Claire Cahoon
Francisa .......... Robyn Mahnet
Teresa .............. Sara Guarnieri
Estella .............. Jillian Heimbburg
Margarita .......... Laura Robertson
Somewhere Girl ...... Amanda Abbott

Adults
Doc .................... Jared DeFife
Lt. Shrank .......... Rob Walland
Officer Krupke ....... Matt Kilor

Tech Heads
Stage Manager .......... Mandy Moran
Asst. Stage Managers . Lindsay Johnson, Julie Tylecki
Lighting .............. Michelle Griesmer
Sound ................... Kathryn Huey
House Manager ........ Melissa Benedict

Above: Baby John, played by Jared Jeselneig, dominates over Anybodys, Melissa Burkhardt, as the Jets squabble for the ball. Irony in the casting left Baby John to be played by this 6'2" first-time actor.
Far Below: Making up after a big fight, Tito Merelli tells his wife how they will soon take a break from all of this traveling. This was Jen's second role in a mainstage production; in both shows, she was cast as Maria.

Below: Everybody is confused as they try to figure out exactly what is going on and who is in the bathroom. Adam required as much assistance as possible during his transition from the character Max to Tito.

The second Friday performance of Lend Me A Tenor was a monumental event as Joe Lorek made a surprise appearance as the hotel manager. A jammed door that separated the two rooms of the set caused a lot of improv on the part of the cast. Mr. Lorek came to the rescue with a screwdriver to fix the door. Although the stress level on stage was high, the audience found the whole situation amusing, and some even thought the whole thing was planned.

Lend Me A Tenor is a confusing yet humorous play. The basis of the play is a misunderstanding that occurs when the famous opera singer, Tito Merelli, is mistakenly thought dead due to overdosing on tranquilizers. Merelli comes to Cleveland to star in the Cleveland Opera's performance of Othello. After he is found "dead," Saunders, the owner of the opera house, fearing that the show is doomed, convinces his daughter's boyfriend, Max, to take Tito's place. The show goes wonderfully, and no one suspects a thing until Max and Saunders discover that Tito is not dead. This causes nothing but confusion with three different women (Julia, the chairman of the opera guild; Diana, the soprano in Othello; and Maggie, Max's girlfriend) and an opera-loving Bellhop, all of whom are star-struck with Tito. The confusion causes Tito to think he is going crazy, so he returns to his wife, Maria, to take him away from all of it. He is just sick of the opera life.

Above: After finally resolving the problem, Diana convinces Saunders to take her out to eat. The play closes with the cast performing a summary of the show in 85 seconds.

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Below: Saunders pounces on Tito, trying to revive the drugged man. After the many times they rehearsed this scene, Shaun was finally able to make it through without laughing.

Below: After breaking into Tito’s room, Maggie and Julia find out about the maniac who tried to break into the opera house. Later, Maggie would find out that the maniac was Tito and that Max really can sing.

Lend Me a Tenor

Above: Maria seethes with anger as she discovers Maggie hiding in her husband’s closet. This incident drove Maria to leave Tito.

Above: Saunders believes Maggie’s story after finding the picture of Tito with “To Maggie, a beautiful, kind, and loving person” written on it. Just because it really wasn’t true doesn’t mean Daddy has to know about it.

Above: Production Staff cont.

Props: Cheryl Kostura, Bethany Maine, Laura Robertson, Jessie Joyka, Jenny Zaleski
Lights/Set: Brandon Dubensky, Angie Herrick, James Kelly, Ashley Kuhlman, Jessica Link, Josh McDaniel
Sound Effects: Amy Bartko, Mike Fendo
Costumes: Make up: Kellee Disbro, Chrissy Mackey, Katie Noga, Kristen Sell, Christina Wright
Sets: Asynn Bole, Mike Fendo, Anna Fuller, Angie Herrick, Jerry Matter, Kathryn Stieffl, Cole Wilson, Dan Wright, Christina Wright
At the beginning of the year, all Mentor Theatre participants were informed that all of the usual activities except the two main stage productions were cancelled due to the "Work to Rule" policy instituted by the teachers union. One of the events to be cancelled was the Christmas Play. However, thanks to the Mentor Theatre parents, the play was saved. The Christmas play performed this year was the holiday classic It's a Wonderful Life. To many families, sitting down together to watch this movie on TV is a tradition. This year, they also had the option of coming down to Mentor High School to see the story of George Bailey performed live on the stage of A-lec.

Right: Senior Lara Volk attends a party in honor of George Bailey, for all of the work he has done for the Bedford Falls. The Christmas play was performed on December 10 and 11.

Right: Potter, played by junior L.C. Samms, practices his evil grimace before going on stage. This was his first performance with Mentor Theatre, but he then went on to have a lead role as the narrator in Into the Woods.

It's a Wonderful Life

Above: George Bailey, Brandon Dubransky, tries to show off to Mary, Elizabeth Yoke, by throwing rocks into the windows of an abandoned house. Both Elizabeth and Brandon were MHS rookies before this play.

Above: Elizabeth Yoke and TJ. Thompson apply all the make-up necessary for a stage production. Because the Christmas play is put on in A-lec and not the Fine Arts Center, the classrooms surrounding A-lec are used as dressing rooms for the cast.
Left: Senior Beth Streiff puts a final coat of paint on the sets to cover up the seams. Mr. Mark Rotar designs all of the sets for Mentor Theatre.

Below: The member of the International Thespian society Troupe 6. In order to become a thespian, students must have enough hours on stage as well as in tech.

Mentor Theatre

Left: Members of the cast of Lend Me a Tenor join hands for the circle. Before every show, Mentor Theatre puts on there is a meeting in the circle.

Upper Left: Officers and advisors of Mentor Theatre. Clockwise: Danielle Meglen, Mr. Tim Couch, Mr. Joe Lorek, Amanda Abbott, Kristen Sell, Sara Guarnieri.

Above: Students involved with Mentor Theatre show their creativity by posing for a picture.
She steps softly, out of the depths of night on glittering teardrops, that move stealthily amongst the conquest of dreams.

She comes to steal my soul; but I can hear, can anticipate her moves.

I can see her form cast in the shadows of the night and so I wait.

And before she settles on my form, I take her hand and place my heart, and soul within.

Glitter

David Jenkling
Old Man
Wisps of gray hair cover
Old, rusty gray eyes.
His hearing is starting to falter
His speech is starting to die.

The shrouded figure stands up
His tall, black shadow fills the room.
He once was a frightening figure.
A weaking, he became too soon.

He starts to limp to the door
The sunshine fades in his eyes
The pipe that once billowed smoke
Will not be lit on this night.

He creaks open the door
The birds begin to scatter

The dog, old with age,
Looks up without a wimper.

The man takes a seat
In an old, swinging chair
He looks as a jogger passes by
Waiting for someone to come and visit.

Day turned to night
Night turned to day

The man kept on swinging
No one knows why
The paper boy delivered his papers
The old man stayed still.

Clouds began to roll in
The wind began to blow.
The old man figured what the heck
Took out his pipe for one last smoke.

The mask of death was upon him.
He knew it was all too true.
He petted his dog one more goodbye
Took one more glance at the world.

Sleep came upon him
His eyes fluttered shut
Never again
Would he see

Junior Erik Werley
Never Give Up

When times feel like they will never get better,
Don't give up. When you feel lost and lonely,
Like the world has let you down,
Never give up.
When you become fearful of life,
You must never give up.
At the end of the tunnel,
There is a light.
There are many tunnels in life.
Some are short.
Others are long.
Even though the tunnel seems
Like it will never end,
You must never give up.
You are not alone.

Junior Tiffani Hrapko

Below: Artwork by senior Roxanne Radigan

Above: Artwork by junior Gwen MacFarland.
Below: Artwork by sophomore Maureen McNeely.

Alzheimer's
His Fog
swirling, choking, hiding, concealing, confusing his mind.
His Doors
locked and chained, they are forever closed to him.
His Memories
going or gone, never to return.
His Tears
sliding down his cheeks, he is supposed to know.
His Anger
bubbling and frothing to the surface, he cannot understand.
His Emptiness
leaving him in a world where there are no words.

Her Confusion
entering her life, never to leave again.
Her Despair
settling in her heart, she knows he will be gone.
Her Denial
settling in her mind, she thinks she is nothing without him.
Her Sadness
envelopes her, her husband is walking dead.
Her Hopelessness
because he no longer knows who she is, what they have shared.
Her Emptiness
leaving her in a world where there is no love.

Senior Susan Fuchs

Above: Artwork by sophomore Aslynn Bole.

Above: Artwork by junior Lindsey Rhoades.
For all of you yearbook critics out there who think we never listen, this section is for you. It is one of our attempts to rectify one of the most common complaints. "There weren't enough pictures of me." Now we give you the opportunity to fill an entire page in the yearbook with pictures of you, your friends and family, artwork, messages to friends, or whatever else you can design. These pages can also be designed by parents for their children. It gives them the chance to embarrass their kids forever by putting those awful baby pictures in print for all of the students to see.

This is the second year we have included Buy-A-Page as a part of the yearbook. The popularity is growing. We have a set number of pages available for sale; last year we were worried about being able to sell all of them. This year, however, we had to turn people away because we didn't have enough pages. Students can find information about buying a page in a letter sent home at the beginning of the school year. So a word of advice to next year's seniors: act quickly.

It is now the students' time to take their turn at designing a part of the yearbook and make it really a part of them. We can see what goes on outside the walls of this school, or what was happening long ago. Where we have come from. Hopefully, we can keep this section going with more students designing pages and sharing the good times had by all through the years we have spent together.

Laura Robertson

Right: Artwork by Junior B. J. Walland
Above: Picture is from Senior Monica Windle’s page. It was taken on her trip to Germany this summer participating in the Friendship Exchange.
AMANDA ABBOTT
It seems only yesterday that you were a small boy
Waving good bye from the school bus
On your first day of kindergarten.
Now you're a man waving good bye
On the first day of the rest of your life.
We are so very proud of you, of what you've accomplished in school and with your music,
And who you've become. A responsible, dependable, loyal, funny, sweet guy. You have always been a caring, loving child,
Taking care of your sister, wanting to be like your dad, spending time with your mom, every girl's favorite shoulder to cry on.
The military has always been a part of your life, from being born in a Navy Hospital to being Cadet Commander in Civil Air Patrol where your love of flying was nurtured. It just makes sense that you are a part of the Air Force National Guard.
As you go off to Boot Camp and later college at Bowling Green I know you will continue to make us proud. You have such a bright shining future. Maybe even the cockpit of an F-16!
We know you'll go so very far
No matter which road you choose
You'll be in the air before you know it!
We love you forever
Mom, Dad and Katie
Lisa,
Watching
You grow through
Through the years has been such
A pleasure! You can’t
Imagine the joy you have
Brought to our family. May
Your life be full of happiness,
And as wonderful as you have
Made ours. We love you; and
We will always have the
Great memories of watching you grow
From our little girl into the
Fine young
Woman you
Now are.

Love,
Mom and Dad
Kindergarten Senior Year

Top Hat, Top 25,
Every Baby Sitters Nightmare,
Lend Me A Tenor.
We are proud of you.
Love. Mom and Dad.
You'll always be my best friend!

You know too much!

Mandie Crysler

Katie Ecker
KELLEE DISBRO

We were with you in the beginning,
We cheered you along the way,
And now we are all here for you on
your graduation day!
Take with you all the memories,
Remember the fun you had,
Cherish your friends and family,
And you will never be sad.

With Lots of Love, Mom & Dad
Strength is found by persevering in the face of adversity, by knowing when to be gentle, and when to be fierce.

Love Mom

Through the years!

Congratulations Stephanie!
Steve
Havel

Stephen Michael Havel

KNOW THAT...

You have made us very happy and proud
You have the ability to achieve anything that you desire
We wish you the best of luck in everything that you do

May God Bless you and keep you healthy and safe
Love,
Dad, Mom, Anthony, Christopher, Amanda & Jonathan
We're so very proud of and happy for you, Bryan! Now there's no telling what you'll be creating after attending OSU's College of Engineering School of Architecture!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

boxcar races...hyenas...
Buchenwald...underseas...

NO MATTER WHERE THE FUTURE TAKES US, THE PAST WILL ALWAYS BRING US TOGETHER. NEVER FORGET THE STARS (ESPECIALLY THE BIG DIPPER) WILL ALWAYS CONNECT US. THANK YOU TO ALL MY FRIENDS, I LOVE YOU GUYS! YOU'VE ALL IMPACTED MY LIFE IN AN UNIMAGINABLE WAY. I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!

LOVE ALWAYS,
KATHRYN ANN ALBENA GREAVES

Kathryn Greaves
Paul Havens

Paul Havens

Congradulations!
You have made
me very proud.

Love and hugs
from your
family:

Mom, Bagpipe, and Abernathy
CONGRATULATIONS MATT
WE'RE VERY PROUD OF YOU

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, MEAGAN & GINGER
SHANNON M. KALLAY

YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY!

CONGRATULATIONS!
LOVE, MOM, JOE, GENNY, NICOLE
& CHRIS

Adam James-Lee Kastning

To the teachers at Mentor from pre-school to
High School, SORRY. I know he was a
handful but I wouldn't want to change a thing.
Let's hope he puts his good humor to work now.
To the class of 2000, what a great group of friends.
May you follow your dreams and have much success.
Keep your memories always of the good times you
had with Adam. I enjoyed having you all over to
the house and all the great birthday parties over the
years. Lots of happiness to each one of you.
Don, Rickey, and Nicole Kastning

P.S. Way To Go Adam!!! Love Ya.

Adam Kastning
I want her to always handle life with:

Courage,

Dignity,

Class,

Fortitude,

We are very proud of you!

I want to name her Jacqueline
7-8-82

A positive example of humanity.

2000

Jacqueline Kiplinger

Kristen Kirby
This past summer, you became part of the Walt Disney World family as a Cast Member at "Pirates of the Caribbean". On behalf of your co-workers, family and friends, CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE, and "May all your dreams come true".

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FROM FLORIDA: Jason, Tina, Brad, Sarah, Christopher, Nathan, Brian, Josh, David, Alina, Roberto, Diana, Michelle, Karen, Liz and all the Disney Characters.

LOVE AND BEST WISHES FROM YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Mom, Dad, Samantha, Stacy, Grandma, Janet, Tom, Michael, Beth, Frank, Jennifer, Sarah, Katie, Aunt Barbara, Uncle Mike, Aunt Libby, Tom, Brandon, JT, Steve, Nathan, Joe, Brian, Nick, Becky, Larissa, Jackie, Aven, Tammy, Kaylee, Mary, Holly and all of Wickliffe Lanes.

WE LOVE YOU STEPH!!
ANDREA MARIE MARTIN
"No less a miracle the day you were born, may God always guide you on the right path. We are so proud of our future teacher!" Love & God bless,
Mom, Dad, Alicia, & Harry IV

Jessi,
We are so proud of you and All your accomplishments. Watching you grow from a little Girl to a beautiful young woman Has brought us so much happiness. You light up our lives. Reach for the stars. We love you,
Dad & Mom

Jessica Meditz
Well, looks like its time to face the real world soon. We've had a blast this year, but there's lots more fun to be had after school is over. To my dear, close friends, I must say..... I love you all. To Master Roshi and the Eternal Dragon Chick (Morgan and Erin), just remember: you're my girls. We've been best friends since those extremely strange days at Headlands, and we always will be. And don't forget the melon balls. *^* James, sorry for making all those weird handles for ya, like Vegeta, Boy of Destiny and Spamboy. But you knew it was just playing. I'm really glad we met. You helped make gym class at Shore more tolerable, and you're a really great friend. Then there are those that I've only met in the past few years: Chelle, Steve, Sean, Jenn, Erin, and so many others who have helped me through this experience known as high school. I know I can be annoying, talking about anime and Richie all the time, but thanks for putting up with me. o.-

Luv ya,
Felicia
(Eashie, Vamp2, V-babe, Videl, and all them other names!)

One last chance for you to see my anime drawings.... o.-
Becca Reichert
Laura
Robertson
We are very proud of you! You've finally made it.
Love your family
Chrissie,
We are very proud of you.
We wish you the best in your future endeavors.
It's true, the years do fly by.
We love you.

Mom and Dad

To My Big Sister
Katherine

Congratulations on your high school graduation.
You are such a wonderful sister.
God bless you as you look forward to college.
I love you very much.

XXXOOOO

Olivia

(Mommy, Daddy and Alex too!)
When you were young, we gave you roots.
Now that you’re grown, we give you wings.
Go out and soar, take on the world -
It’s time to do amazing things!

CONGRATULATIONS, RYAN!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Kristin

Carly,
We are all very proud of you.
Walk in the Light
Follow your Dreams
Reach for the Stars!!!
Love you, Dad,
Geoff, Lin
Brittany and

Carly Snyder
Michael Urban

February, 28 1982 was cold and snowy. But the first time you smiled it brightened the day like it was summertime. And through all the years your smile has touched a lot of people. Keep smiling because no one could have asked for a better son than you. We are proud of you, good luck in all you do. With all our love, your family
Tons of vacations, tons of fun!

Love keeps us together!

Once a performer, always a performer... Watch out NYC, here comes Mo!

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"I'll Be In Touch"
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