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Left: Seniors Joe Bukovec and Mike Kulikowski try to impress the ladies in Tom Ramsey’s physics class. They showed their “Greek” side by wearing togas on Halloween.

Above: Junior Jenn Thrower tries to hide from the camera. A yearbook member caught this shot during Jeni’s free mods in the Student Center.

Above: Junior Laura Yeckley tells the story of The Foolish Tortoise to the pre-schoolers. Laura is part of the Early Childhood Education program that allows students the opportunity to teach pre-schoolers.

1. English teacher Jackie Boyle is surrounded by a sea of smiling faces. This year Mrs. Boyle taught tenth grade honors English and American Experience.

2. “To be or not to be?” asks senior Ben Kompik in theatre class. Some students are lucky to delve into the world of Shakespeare.

3. This group takes a breather from the dance floor. It was a well deserved break due to the extreme heat that filled the school’s Student Center on Homecoming.

4. The varsity volleyball team displays its strength in teamwork at the fall assembly. The lady cards finished their at 22-6.

5. Senior Melissa Paine examines the star gram she received at the Top 25 show. This year’s theme for Top 25 was “Freedom.”

6. Sophomore Jason Hennig flashes the security guard his ID tag. The ID tag was a new addition to school policy, and it was mandatory to wear at all times during school hours.
Opening

Take a Closer Look

Above: Juniors Ed Bellus and Brandon Lawson take time to show they care in Auto Service class. This class allows students to get dirty with real car parts.

Right: Seniors Alessio Picciano, Bryan Harmon, Chris Short, and John Seifert cheer on the girls soccer team. More fans were able to attend the games with the new stands.

Below: The Horticulture group gets a little too involved in their work. This is a vocational program that competes at state level in plant identification.
Left: Sophomore John Killmeyer shows off his new earring. He borrowed the earring from Danielle Kistner during a class.

Below: Senior Mattie Church prepares for the brisk winter weather. Each year, only five snow days are permitted without adding days on to the school year.

Top: Juniors Ashley Simpson and Tony Bova study hard for chemistry. It was 10/23-00, official Mole Day.

Below: Juniors John Segal, Matt Slodic, Dave Netzel, and Ryan Hollanders hacky-sack in the courtyard. The courtyard allowed students to venture outside the school during free mods, weather permitting.

Left: Senior Mogan Toth practices a habit that is essential to survival in college (and high school)- studying! All high school seniors who planned to attend college began turning in college applications as early as September. So you juniors and sophomores, listen up—colleges, despite what you may think, check out transcripts from the junior year. Junior year is an important year to work hard and get good grades. Many students believe that they can make up missed time in the senior year, but, as mentioned before, colleges look at the junior year. Also, it is necessary to try to take the SATs and ACTs more than once, starting in the beginning of your junior year!
Below: Sophomore Emily Petro gets into her character in theatre class. She was reading over her GOTE sheet, which stands for Goal, Other, Tactic, and Expectations.

Below: Senior Jose Rivera shows his skills in band class. Jose was the drum major for marching band.

Above: The girls cross country team, with driver and coach Brian Butler, shows who really has the spirit for the Homecoming parade. Children enjoy watching the Homecoming parade because most groups throw candy.
I have always believed that there is a great contradiction in the life of a student. Many schools emphasize being involved in a lot of clubs to be a “well-rounded” student, but in the interest of being involved, some students lose time that they need for studying. What eventually seems to happen is that

A JOURNEY INTO THE LIVES OF THE STUDENTS

AT MENTOR HIGH SCHOOL...

the student becomes stressed or overly tired with all the activities involved in school.

For those of you who can handle and manage school work and activities without being stressed,

I commend you. At times, some students wish there were more hours in the day to do homework, work, and participate in school activities.

However, by learning to prioritize and manage your time, you learn a skill that will help you survive the rest of your life. Thus, I begin the section that is dedicated to those students and activities that begin this journey to stressville...
1. Juniors Nicky Cooke and Sam Baressi express their enthusiasm for school! These two are at one of the exciting volleyball games to cheer on their friends.

2. Seniors Jessie Link and Danniele Meglen may not be fluent in Spanish, but they know how to wear a sombrero. These two were just having some fun at a play rehearsal.

3. Seniors Justin Paponetti, Joe Glavan, Josh Fulton, Jeff Scott, Rick Martucci, and Chris Whitaker sport their rally caps. They were at one of the intense volleyball games cheering the girls on.

4. The JV football cheerleader are ready to get the game started. At the beginning of each game, the players would tear through a banner.

5. Seniors Scott Patacca and Sarah Wagner stop to unload some books. Sarah has one of the new lockers added to the upstairs A hallway.

6. Seniors Melissa Paine and Jen Zappola grab some books before they bolt for the door. Many students were able to leave school early if they had no more classes.

7. With sparks flying, juniors Tom Mills and Brian Hansen watch in amazement as junior Paul Hargrove repairs a car part for automotive.

8. Sophomore Dave Horvath presents his biology specimen. In biology class, students get to learn “hands-on” on the subject by dissecting animals.

9. Senior Trent Alberts takes a picture of a person taking his picture. Trent was the photography editor of the yearbook.

10. Junior Danielle Cimperman puts her finishing touches on the Random Acts of Kindness box. Random Acts of Kindness, sponsored by Student Council, was a program designed to award people in the school for their kindess.

11. Sophomore Jen Berardinelli gets into her character in Theatre class. This class gives students an opportunity to do improv.

12. Students can never show too much spirit. This was one of our freak warm nights for a football game.

13. Senior Jeff Scott laughs as Len Taylor messes with senior Matt McRide. Len Taylor was one of Matt’s football coaches.

14. The band students cram into yet another hallway. Because the Sophomore Class is the largest this year, it makes a tight squeeze in the halls.

15. Junior Julie Weston explains that everything is A-ok at her locker. She has one of the new lockers added to upstairs C-wing.
Above Left: AFS members display their international pride at the Homecoming parade. They were involved in the Best Float contest.

Above Center: Senior Mike Kulikowski is red hot! This was one of the many ways that he participated in Spirit Week.

Above Right: Senior Tatum Fraser flashes her pearly whites for her admirers. She was a nominee on the Homecoming Court.

Above: The girls cross country team has “superstar” spirit mixed in with a little crepe paper. The team competed for the best float, but they lost to the girls soccer team.

Right: Who else could be the most spirited but John Schweitzer? Here, Mentor High’s principal carries flowers to be given to the Homecoming queen.

Top: The football players add something “different” to the Spirit Assembly. The girls on the Homecoming Court competed to see who could dress the guys in full uniform the fastest.

Bottom: Who let the cards out? These seniors get into the Cardinal spirit for the football game.
Left: Cardinal pride can be found everywhere! Our Mentor Cardinal mascot had some help this year from the younger generation.

Left: The football cheerleaders spread their cardinal cheers to the stands. Here, they cheer on a fellow cheerleader, senior Missy Flaherty, at the Homecoming assembly.

Below: Junior Melinda Kovach, senior Tony Doglio, junior Val Tripodo, and junior Amanda Gietano perform the hula. Hawaiian Day was one of the Spirit Week daily themes.

Above: Senior Eric EnFraunfelder, escorted by senior Jesse Smith, strut her stuff at the Homecoming assembly. She was a candidate for Homecoming queen.

Left: Senior Dave Kelly sports his red blazer while posing with senior Erin Skinner. They both got “into” the spirit for Red and Gray Day.

Left: Tie Dye Day was a “groovy” day for Spirit Week. The volleyball team coordinated shirts for game day and Tie Dye Day.
Final Score:
Seniors 12
Juniors 6

Touchdowns scored:
Seniors: Jenn Neal and Kelli Woods
Juniors: Mary Koenig

Quarterbacks:
Senior: Danielle Muraco
Junior: Lisa Sivik

Below: The juniors attempt to intimidate the senior team by showing off their bulging biceps. Unfortunately for them, this tactic did not work too well because the seniors dominated the game this year.

Below: Juniors Alicia Evalson, Julie Weston, Hollie Kernya, and Meghan Smulski prepare to enter the game to try to win one for the juniors. In the past, the senior team has always defeated the junior team for the Powder Puff champion title.

Right: Junior Jill Bishop tries to grasp the ball before senior Jenn Neal reaches her. Jill did not have to worry, though, because this game did not allow tackling.

Above: Junior Sarah Sneed is open for the pass, but the rest of the team is too busy at the line of scrimmage. The seniors behind her struggle to break through the line to stop the play.

Above: Senior Tracy Miller dodges junior Alicia Evason as Tracy attempts to score another for the senior team. This year’s game ended early due to the lightning.

Above: The senior team consisting of Sarah Behrendt, Lindsay Feiten, Diane Zienkowski, Rosa McDonald, Jeresica Walsh, Promise Nolan, Amber Marquardt, Tracey Miller, Danielle Muraco, Katie Zobec, Heather Perry, Kelli Woods, Danijela Perko, Ann Campbell, Jenn Neal, and coach Rick Martucci take a time out for a quick picture. The seniors conquered the juniors again.
Left: Senior Jen Kaperak smiles as she bears the pain. Many people passed out after the blood was drawn.

Below: Senior Danijela Perko tries prepare herself. Most blood was pumped in less than five minutes.

Above: After her blood was taken, senior Lacey Donofrio sips her juice. Bloodmobile workers made sure donors had something to eat and drink before blood was drawn.

Above: Senior Laura Webster relaxes as she lets her blood be drawn. By donating blood, each person saved 5 lives.

Above: Seniors Erica Hundorfean and Lauren Scott check in perspective donors. They had to check that the donors were at least 17 years old.

Above: Seniors Scott Kovalick and Geoff Bays read over the necessary material. This was the first step in the blood donating process.

Above: Senior Mike Ezzo coaches his donator. Mike was one of the many males who escorted donators to and from their chairs.

Bloodmobile

By donating blood, each MHS student saved five lives.

This past fall (2000), Mentor High donated 220 pints of blood.

25 seniors helped out with the Bloodmobile along with the Bloodmobile representaives.
Below: Senior L.C. Sams is not clowning around; he is just dressed like one. He even kept the "clown attitude" going all day by shrieking and laughing in the halls.

Below: Junior Chris Copeland and senior Meghan Proegler take a break from "tricking and treating" on Halloween. Halloween fell on a Tuesday this year.

Middle: Senior Jen Vandeveer takes dusting to a new level with senior Matt Van Epps. She even wore this costume for French class.

Bottom: Senior Mark Wilson has no idea what's going on. And we have no idea what he is for Halloween.

Above: Do not be too afraid; it's only senior Lindsay Parsons. Her shirt explained to everyone that she would rather be a vampire.

Above right: Juniors Nicky Cooke, Annamarie Calderone, and Emily Albanese dress up as the Cordaro family. They wore clothes that the three MHS brothers wear daily.

Above: Seniors Josh Fulton and Justin Paponetti flash the peace sign. Many people did a double take when they saw these two because most people did not recognize them.
Left: Seniors Heather Perry and Erin McGreehan are still enthused about camp. The camp lasted for four days with overnight stays. 

Left: Senior Missy Flaherty shows off her “creek” boots with senior Amy Casanova. The creek walk is one of the highlights of camp. 

Inside Right: Senior Jen Copes boasts her cabin’s honor log. A cabin could win the honor log by having the cleanest cabin.

Above: These counselors have no clue what they are in for! They spent a total of 72 hours with 200 sixth graders.

Above Left: Senior Greg Smith concentrates while signing a camper’s shirt. Signing shirts brought a conclusion to camp.

Above: Seniors Megan Toth, Erica Hundorfean, Courtney Hillis, Barb Mendenhall and Kendelyn Sarli are exploring the camp cheetah bus! The bus was found hidden in the night hike trail.

Above Right: Although the camp kids were fun to be with, camp counselors found a need to take a break. These counselors have a little fun of their own in the lounge after the campers go to bed.
Right: Seniors Gina Llewellyn, Kelli Woods, Michelle Zgonc, and Erin McGreehan all look “wonderful tonight.” This was the prom theme song by Eric Clapton.

Below Right: Seniors Mary Dinger, Danniele Meglen, and Kelly Kreske share a moment with the camera. Most girls look forward to seeing friends and showing off their dresses and hair.

Below: Seniors Joe Glavan, Rick Martucci, Chris Whitaker, Matt McBride, and Heather Perry “party on” despite the heat. Prom was very warm, which made it difficult to maintain the elaborate hairdos.

Above: Seniors Greg Duy and Brandon Dubeansky model their tuxedoes for the camera. Because Prom is a more formal dance, it is recommended that the guys wear tuxedoes for the occasion.

Above: Seniors Megan Toth, Sarah Newman, Amy Curtis, and Katie Tafel take a break from dancing. The prom was organized by the Junior Class officers.

Above Right: Senior Danijela Perko gives a kiss to the camera person. Prom is the dance that is looked forward to the most because only juniors and seniors are permitted to attend.

Right: Seniors Teah Heath and Sakura Felice show off their dance moves. The dance floor was cramped due to the size of Mentor’s Student Center.
Senior Citizen’s Dance

Above: Seniors Jeff Wise and Lindsey Wilman are heading back for seconds. They were one of the many volunteers who served dinner at the dance.

Left: Senior Matt Van Epps carries a tray of food to a nearby table. All the volunteers served the senior citizens their chicken dinners with a dessert.

Below: Senior Rachel Eby waves to the photographer as she does dos with a senior citizen. Many students boogied down with senior citizens.

Above: Sophomore Tina Negrelli stops for a cup of joe. The volunteers also personally served beverages to the senior citizens.

Above: Sophomore Emily Davis boogies with a senior citizen. The dance is a highlighted event of the Senior Citizen’s Center in Mentor.

Above: Seniors Lauren Raymer and Brendon Russell show off their swing dancing moves. Students also had the opportunity to dance with one another.

Above: Sophomores Dawn Blasor and Danielle Baksa ready their tray to be taken to a table. All volunteers made sure that everything was served with a smile.

Top: “Y-M-C-A”... you do not need the Village People with these seniors. They all joined in for the infamous YMCA dance.

Student Life 17
Winter Formal

Snow King Court

LaMont Andrews  Jason Bratten  Mike Ezzo  Todd Horn

Dave Kelly  Matt McBride  Josh Robson  SNOW KING
             Dave Sluga

Greg Smith  Jesse Smith  Matt Van Epps
looking
back to the past
year

DUE TO THE RESCHEDULING OF THE WINTER FORMAL DANCE, CANDIDS COULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE 2000-2001 YEARBOOK.
A Mentor boys basketball player defends his opponent from receiving the ball. Mentor takes pride in their defense and it has helped carry them to the playoffs.

Junior, Mary Koenig, a member of the girls gymnastics team, performs a back walkover during practice at L.E.G.S. The team took second place at districts this year.

Two Mentor wrestlers work on their moves at a practice which took place after school. It is not uncommon to catch players trying to perfect their skill.
Every fall, winter, and spring, the athletes of Mentor High School spend hours of their time every day conditioning, trying out, and finally competing in their sports. But why do the athletes of Mentor High School put themselves through this? How do they come home late at night with homework to do and with aching muscles and actually enjoy their sport? Even they might not have the answers. However, one thing is certain—the hard work and determination of the Mentor Fighting Cardinals pays off. Mentor High School consistently has sports teams advancing deep into the playoffs. Each season, countless numbers of men and women from Mentor are recognized by The News Herald or The Plain Dealer and a variety of other sources. No matter what sport it is, Mentor’s athletes are among the finest. We invite you to take a closer look at the sports at Mentor High.

"A really great talent brings happiness in its execution"

-Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe
Boys Baseball

The Mentor High boys baseball team had an excellent season last spring. The season began early in the year with conditioning several times a week after school. Tryouts took place in early March and the team was soon set and ready to play. This past season the varsity team was coached by Len Taylor, and the team finished with an overall record of 17-11. In the Lake Erie Leaugue the boys had a record of 9-3, which allowed them to finish second in the league. Also, the team played in three tournament games and won two of them.

The baseball team advanced into the playoffs and beat Shaw by a score of 12-2 to win Sectionals. The team then advanced to Districts where they beat Mayfield in the first round, but suffered a loss to Euclid in the second round.

Right: Senior Ryan Campola winds up and prepares to throw a pitch. Ryan was one of the starting pitchers on the varsity team.

Below: On a rainy afternoon, the varsity boys baseball team runs laps inside the gym instead of their usual outdoor practices. Last spring’s team finished the season with a record of 17-11.

Left: Three members of the varsity team practice drills during an indoor practice after school. They were practicing catching a base runner in a run-down situation.

Below Far Left: Senior Josh Sarikal lifts weights over his head to improve his arm strength. The boys begin conditioning for the season in January.

Below Left: Senior Steve Havel catches a throw from the second baseman to tag out the runner. The runner was called out and ended the inning.

Below: This varsity member of the Mentor Cardinals waits for a pitch.

At Mentor High School, softball is not just a spring sport. According to Coach Lisa Bowers, “It is a continuous workout, both emotionally and physically.” Softball players condition in the winter and play on teams in the summer. This past year, senior Jamie Carrabine, the varsity team’s starting pitcher, was injured at the start of the 2000 season. Many were skeptical as to how the Cardinals would do without their pitcher. However, Jamie not only played in the 2000 season but also was awarded the News Herald “Player of the Year” and set a Mentor High School record for the lowest E.R.A. The team, with Coach Bowers, who has 25 years of experience both on and off the field, and Coach Tom Horvath ended the season with a 16-8 record. The team carried its victories into the postseason, where they defeated NDCL and became the district champions.

-Brenna Clark and Allen Yee

**Below:** Junior Danijela Perko tries to beat out the fielder’s throw as she approaches first base. Sprinting is a necessity, and players go through numerous exercises to improve their speed.

**Right:** While cheering on the Cardinal’s pitcher, freshman infielder Katie Hine prepares for a ball at third base. As a freshman, Katie was chosen to play on the junior varsity team, an opportunity few freshmen have.

- Opponent | Us | Them
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- Geneva | 14 | 1
- Magnificat | 1 | 2
- Eastlake N. | 6 | 5
- Euclid | 10 | 2
- Lakewood | 2 | 0
- Valley Forge | 1 | 2
- S. Heights | 8 | 2
- VASJ | 19 | 0
- Elyria | 3 | 5
- Euclid | 5 | 6
- Lakewood | 1 | 0
- Glenville | 29 | 0
- Valley Forge | 0 | 5
- Madison | 4 | 9
- C. Heights | 10 | 0
- Chardon | 1 | 0
- Elyria | 1 | 2
- C. Heights | 10 | 0
- Eastlake N. | 4 | 0
- NDCL | 7 | 6
- Boardman | 0 | 3

Left: Junior infielder Megan Kovac warms up before the start of the game and fields a ground ball. It was cold that afternoon, which required layers of clothing and constant movement.

Below: Junior catcher Danielle Hilterbrand connects with the ball and starts down the baseline. The game, which was against Chardon, was extremely close, making every hit crucial. Mentor won the game 1-0.

Boys Track

The boys track team had yet another outstanding season in 2000. In each dual meet that the team competed in they were able to crush their competitors. The boys competed in six dual meets and were undefeated throughout the season. In addition to the dual meets, the boys also placed first in several invitational meets that were held during the course of the season. Among these were the Amherst Relays, the Mentor Relays, and the Euclid Relays.

The boys finished the season strongly and placed first at the Lake Erie League Championship. The team also placed first at the district competition and proceeded to take second place at the regional competition.

The team was coached by Jim Greene and with the team’s excellent performances at both dual meets and invitational meets carried on the tradition of a winning track team at Mentor High School.

Right: This Mentor junior picks up his pace and races harder as he approaches the finish line. He was competing in the 400 meter run which is a quarter of a mile.

Below, Right: Seniors Alan Harris and Greg Leppert and junior Brian Luzar smile after they finish their race. They had just completed the mile run.

Below: Seniors John Seifert, Andy Guild, and Tony Doglio show support for their team and give encouragement to the runners. Fellow students are often found cheering on their classmates.
Left: Senior Greg Leppert leads the pack of runners in his race. He was competing in the mile run.

Below: Junior Jarell Taylor sprints towards his teammate. He was competing in a relay and needed to pass the baton to the next runner.

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Girls Track

The Mentor girls track team had another successful season last spring. The team was led by captains Kim Seaholm, Kristen Kirby, Chrissie Spinello, and Candice Museik. The team finished fourth in the Lake Erie League and fourth at the district meet.

Valerie Gefert was the league champion in the 800 meter run. At regionals, the 3200 meter relay placed sixth, senior Lindsey Feiten finished sixth in shot put, and senior Kim Seaholm placed seventh in the 400 meter dash.

The team also had many runners who were recognized by various newspapers for their outstanding achievements. Seniors Lindsay Feiten and Kim Seaholm, junior Valerie Gefert, and freshman Ashley Janezic were all recognized by the News Herald and the Plain Dealer.

Far Right: The Cardinal’s “Outstanding Distant Runner,” Valerie Gefert, is given a hug by junior Kelly Pierce after running a race. Any race, either sprinting or distance running, is physically exhausting.

Right: Junior Lauren Sawchik jumps off the starting block and begins her race. She was preparing to jump over hurdles.

Event | Place
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vs. Lakewood | Lost(54-74)
Madison Invitational | 3rd Place
vs. C. Heights | Lost(30-98)
Medina Relays | 7th Place
Massillon Relays | 2nd Place
vs. Euclid | Won(94-34)
Amherst Relays | 5th Place
vs. V. Forge | Won(94-34)
vs. S. Heights | Won(80-48)
Cardinal Relays | 3rd Place
vs. Elyria | Lost(52-76)
Euclid Relays | 3rd Place
L.E.L. Championships | 4th Place
Districts | 3rd place
Regionals | place

Left: Sophomore Emily Kulpa, junior Anjela Smolik, and senior Melissa Satyshur all sprint ahead of the competition. The team won three and lost three dual meets last season.

Below, Far Left: Junior Kelly Pirc and junior Stephanie Nameth stumble across the finish line. Stephanie lettered for the first time last spring, and Kelly lettered for the second.

Below Left: Last year’s senior captain Kim Seaholm finishes ahead of the competition. Not only was Kim a four-year letter winner, but also she was named the team’s MVP and placed second at regionals in the 400 meter run.

Below: Junior Liz German sprints towards her teammate to hand off the baton in her relay. She was running the 4 x 400 relay.
Boys Tennis

The 2000 Mentor High School boy's tennis team, though quite small in number, fared well. One of the team's leaders was actually a freshman from Ridge Junior High. The team was able to beat out rival Lake Catholic in an emotional battle. John Namicu was the head coach for the varsity team, and Mike Leu was the assistant coach for the junior varsity team. The team competed at the district competition and had many individuals place. The boys tennis team has been growing continuously over the years. There are bigger crowds and more victories at each match. "The young Cardinals are constantly improving," said senior Allen Yee, a member on last year's team.

**Far Right:** Senior Allen Yee races towards the net to return a serve to his opponent. In tennis, it is important to have the ability to cover the entire court and be prepared to return a ball hit anywhere on the court.

**Right:** Two-year varsity letterman Jinu Hwang checks the ball, making sure that it is suitable to use. The tennis team uses about 200 to 300 tennis balls each year for practice and matches.

**Right:** "Serving is one of the most important aspects of the game," stated Dario Sako, a senior on last spring's team. According to Dario, "You can't do without one."

There were no stats available to be published.
Left: Bob Mocadlo, a sophomore on last year’s team, returns a forehand to his opponent while warming up for an upcoming match. The tennis team had its matches at the Civic Center tennis courts.

Below Right: Scott Nelson, a sophomore last year, grabs a ball and prepares to start tennis practice. Last season was Scott’s first year on the varsity team.

Below: Senior Dario Sako and junior Allen Yee work on their doubles formation during a practice. The team practiced nearly every day after school from 3-6 p.m.

Above: Junior Allen Yee, sophomore Scott Nelson, and senior Dario Sako strike a pose after a day of practice. The three were all members of the varsity team.
Girls Tennis

The girls varsity tennis team had a great season this fall. The season started out with a new coach, Mike Leu. The team won 8 of the 17 matches that the fighting Cardinals competed in. Lindsey Demeter and Jen both made it into the third round of the sectional competition. However, they were both defeated.

The girls had a lot of fun together this season and made the most of their long bus rides by telling stories to entertain one another. They grew very close over the course of the season. The team was very determined and put a lot of effort into the season. There are five seniors leaving from the varsity team, and they will be missed greatly by the underclassmen.

-Lindsey Demeter

Above: Before a tennis match, sophomores Jen Berardenelli, Amanda Kolenc, and Alex Vanden Broek, and junior Kristen Jankovich gather for a photo. This year the team beat Mentor's biggest rival, Lake Catholic.

Right: This freshman member of the junior varsity team awaits the serve. She returned it and won the advantage.
Below: Senior Amy Laughlin prepares to serve the ball. The varsity team works on their serving at the beginning and end of every practice.

Below Right: Sophomore Mandy Siko watches as her backhand shot clears the net. She helped the team by coming up strong as a sophomore in crucial matches.

The Varsity team photo was unavailable

After many months, miles, and hours in the weight room and reading articles in running magazines, the boys cross country team was ready to toe the line. With two Lake Erie League and three District championships under their belts for the preceding three years, the Fighting Cardinals faced a huge challenge of upholding these titles and proving to themselves and others that they were a major threat to all other northeast Ohio cross country teams. Lead by a senior dominated team of Todd Moyers, Chris Hine, Andy Guild, Brian Harmon, John Seifert, and sophomore Alex Fried, the Cardinals accomplished their personal and team goals. They came away with a victory at the Mentor Invitational for the first time in almost a decade, their third LEL title, and fourth district championship. Moyers, Hine, Fried, and Guild all received All-League honors, while Todd Moyers placed 18th in the state meet. It was a great season and the graduating seniors on the team will be missed. They are leaving behind them large shoes to be filled and a terrific tradition of running and greatness.

-Chris Hine

**Above Right:** Senior Chris Hines sprints down the final leg of his race towards the finish line. Chris was a captain of this year's team and also won the Anish Shah Memorial Award.

**Right:** The junior varsity cross country team sticks together as they begin their race.
Left: Senior Matt Miller crosses the finish line after a grueling race. Matt earned his first year letter in cross country this season.

Far Left: Senior Todd Moyers hangs on to a slim lead at the Mentor Invitational. Mentor went on to win the meet for the first time in years.

Below: The boys cross country team shows its team unity at a pep rally with its pre-race cheer. The team began the cheer about four years ago and is a tradition that is done before each race.

Cross Country

Meet          Place

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Tomohak Inv.  3rd
LEL Octagonal 2nd
McDonough Inv. 1st
Cloverleaf Inv. 3rd
McQuaid Inv.  5th
Medina Inv.   4th
LEL Champ.    1st
District Champ. 1st
Regional Champ 6th


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Girls Cross Country

Despite being participants in a sport in which defeating one's teammates is a primary objective, the members of the Mentor High girls cross country team were exceptionally close. Led by senior captains Shawna Kovach, Melissa Satyshur, and Valerie Gefert, the team combined a rowdy group of energetic underclassmen with the experience and leadership of the juniors and seniors.

From the nerve-wracking time trial to the team's final meets at the Warrior Classic and Regionals, the team remained dedicated and supportive of one another. Despite the excitement of a coach's new baby and meets where few runners were left standing, the team held together. The 2000 Mentor High cross country season is one that its members will never forget as they shared memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Congratulations on an outstanding year!
-Jen Vandeveer

Below: Senior captain Val Gefert leads the girls varsity team on a practice strideout before the Mentor Invitational. The runners do this before each race as a warm up.

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Cross Country

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McDonough Inv. | 1st
Clover Inv. | 4th
McQuaid Inv. | 7th
Medina Inv. | 4th
LEL Meet | 1st
District | 1st
Regional | 5th

Left: Sophomore Meredith Baron focuses on her race.

Far Left: The cross country team gathers before its race with coach Brian Butler for a pep talk and a cheer. This year's team placed first at two of the invitational it attended and won the District meet.

Left: Seniors Shawna Kovach and Melissa Satyshur and junior Stephanie Nameth relax after a race. The race, held at Garfield Park, was a difficult one due to the extreme heat and several runners passed out that day.

Below: Senior Val Gefert leads out the pack on her quest for victory. Val was recognized by both the News Herald and the Plain Dealer as “Runner of the Week.”
Boys Soccer

The Mentor High boys soccer team had yet another outstanding season. The boys ended the season with a final record of 16-13-1, and had a record of 8-1-1 in the L.E.L. Third year letterman, Todd Huntington, and many other captains helped lead the Varsity team to another District championship.

The boys started their conditioning in the summer, with intense training camps and two practices a day. When school began, the team went to the field after classes.

Sinisa Ubiparipovic led the team with 29 goals this season, putting him on the all time leaders list. Dave Sluga was elected to the All-Ohio academic team, and senior Todd Huntington was a member of the All-Ohio Soccer team, a very prestigious honor. A combined effort carried the team through a great season.

Below: Junior Keenan Kalina races to meet the ball before the opposing team. His speed and endurance, as well as the rest of the team’s, is a result of the large number of running drills the team does during summer camps and practices.

Right: Varsity starter and junior Sinisa Ubiparipovic clears the ball out of danger and upfield. Although losing possession of the ball is a possibility, clearing the ball is very important to keep the opponent from scoring.

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Left: Sophomore Jeremy Sargent gets set to trap the ball and begin an offensive attack. Mentor’s offense scored 93 goals this season, but only allowed 13.

Below: Dustin Kirby, a sophomore offensive player, uses his footwork to maneuver around his opponent. The team practices foot skills every day in practice.

The varsity girls soccer team finished the 2000 season as the Lake Erie League champions. The team had a final record of 15-2-3, which included the postseason games. The team was able to score 106 goals throughout the season, but allowed only 10. In regular season play, the team had a very impressive win over state powerhouse Magnificat and a well fought battle resulting in a tie against Hudson. The tie compensated for last year’s loss.

Co-captains for the team were seniors Jessie Lamb and Tatum Fraser. Both were returning lettermen. Junior Brittany Lawrence had another terrific season with 16 goals and 10 assists. She was named to the All-Ohio first team.

The team’s defense was lead by seniors Jen Kaperak and Tatum Fraser, the team’s defensive MVP winner. They helped the team get 13 shutouts throughout the season, which tied a club record. Senior Kim Grano was the goalkeeper and played in 14 games this year. In her career at Mentor, she has played in 43 games.

The junior varsity team ended the season with a record of 11-3-2. Juniors Keri Cameron, Jenny Soeder, and K.C. Yee helped lead the team to a great season, which included another championship in Wooster.

Below: Senior Jen Kaperak, who was voted the Lake Erie League Player of the Year, eyes the ball after stopping an offensive attack by her opponent. This season, Mentor's defense stopped opponents with 13 shutouts.

**Varsity**

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**Varsity: Front Row:** J. Kaperak, M. Manocchio, J. Short, S. Szabo, K. Grano, T. Fraser, N. Manocchio, J. Lamb  
**Back Row:** Coach Kulma, J. Gravagna, A. Albert, N. Berno, L. Smolinski, L. Gilbert, A. Sluga, J. Sluga, B. Lawrence, A. Lamb, Coach Sattele
Below: Senior Shelley Szabo collides with the opposition. Shelley earned an honorable mention with the All-Greater Cleveland team and scored four goals with seven assists this year.

Below: Senior goalie Kim Grano manages to block another goal from Walsh Jesuit. The crowd recognized Kim's goalkeeping ability, and one fan shouted out, "She should be in China because she is a wall!" after her stop.

Below left: The varsity team races to congratulate junior Jen Short on her goal. The Cardinals were behind 1-0 when she made the goal. Unfortunately, the game was extremely close, and the Cardinals suffered their only loss of the regular season.

Below: Junior midfielder Brittney Lawrence passes the ball to the team's forwards in the final moments of the half. Britney was also recognized as a member of the All Ohio first team.

Football

The 2000 Mentor football team had a long season and an extremely difficult schedule this fall. However, despite the team’s demanding schedule, the team ended the season with a 6-4 record. All four of the losses that the Cardinals had were to playoff contenders. The team won its last five games and had several players recognized by both the News Herald and the Plain Dealer.

The roles of this year’s team captains were filled by seniors Jason Bratten, Rob Waren, Matt McBride, and Rick Martucci. However, “everyone has to be their own leader to succeed,” states sophomore Simus Tatarunas. The Cardinals had members from all grades step up this year to help the team. Among those who rose to the occasion when called upon were sophomore Jay Reichert and juniors Brian Gamble and Brian Hallen.

The football team relies on its “togetherness,” which is one of the team’s themes. Without it, they have nothing. A change in schedule and an outstanding rebuilding season sum up this year for the Cardinal’s football season.

Above Right: A group of Mentor defenders huddles up for a cheer about teamwork and togetherness. The coaching staff, from junior high to varsity, continually stresses the importance of being a team as close as a family.

Right: Running back Mark Mullowney runs downfield for a first down and away from Gleville defenders. Mentor runningbacks run during every practice with a football in their arm to help them feel more comfortable during the games and to help prevent a fumble.

Far Right: A pass intended for junior Brian Hallan is caught at the 20-yard line with the help of senior Rick Martucci, continuing Mentor’s drive towards the endzone. The Mentor coaching staff works vigorously with receivers on foot skills.


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Far Left: Junior Brian Gamble punts the ball away from Mentor's own 45 yard line against Solon's tough defense. Mentor's special teams only allowed two touchdowns this season.

Left: Senior co-captain Rick Martucci leads the team onto the field and through Mentor's banner at the start of the game. Rick was one of four captains, including seniors Jason Bratten, Matt McBride, and Rob Warren.

Below: As senior quarterback Jason Bratten approaches the line, he checks the Grove City defense for its alignment. Mentor's offense then prepared for center Ken Fortuna's snap.

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Above: Mentor's defense, led by senior linebacker Matt McBride, stops a hard run up the middle. The team's defense holds great pride in its work every season and, therefore, is always ranked high in state polls.
Volleyball

The 2000 Mentor High volleyball team was one of the smallest teams in school history, but looked forward to the challenge of playing bigger opponents with their dexterity, talent, and quickness. Led by the leadership of seniors Kristin Grae, Kelly Jones, Jennifer Metz, Sara Miga, and Carrie Smith, the Cards worked tirelessly to fashion themselves into an incredibly exciting team. Despite early losses to perennial state powers Magnificat and Elyria, the spikers stuck together and came on powerfully at the end of the season to claim a co-championship with the Elyria Pioneers in the LEL, their fourteenth consecutive Euclid District championship, and a runner-up performance against the Solon Comets in the northeast regional championships. Senior Jennifer Metz, who came off of ACL surgery her junior year, set a single season record of 270 kills. Juniors Emily Albanese, Lindsey Corbett, and Katie Koval were also recognized by the LEL and/or district for the superior quality of their play throughout their campaign.

Below: The varsity volleyball team lines up as the announcer calls each girls names. This is a ritual that is performed at every home game. Right: Junior Lindsey Corbett races to return an opponent's serve. Lindsey won many awards this season, including the News-Herald Player of the Week, and was named to the All Lake Erie League team.
Left: Junior Katie Koval prepares to serve the ball. Katie was the Cardinal’s Most Improved Player and was also named to the All Lake Erie league team and the News Herald second team.

Below Left: Junior Kristen Morrison blocks a spike from the opposing team. Kristen had a total of 18 block kills this season.

Below Left: Senior Sara Miga is ready to return the ball. This year, Sara was named Plain Dealer Player of the Week and was awarded the Coach’s Award.

Below: Senior co-captain Carrie Smith and junior Emily Albanese jump up as the Cardinals score the game point in a match. The team had a record of 22-6, while placing second and the Stow and Hudson tournaments and third at the Rocky River tournament.

Boys Golf

The 2000 Cardinal Golf Team will always be remembered as one of the best teams in school history. The team won a record five tournaments, finishing second once, third once, and a ninth at Districts.

In match play, the Cardinal's defended their L.E.L crown by winning all of their 22 league matches. They completed their season with a record of 26-0—the best record in school history. Other highlights of the season included even par rounds by seniors Jeff McDonough, Kyle Trent, and Kevin Boyle during nine hole matches. Kevin Boyle led the team at Sectionals with a 73, while Jeff McDonough was second with a 74. Kevin also led the team at Districts with a 79, and missed a playoff for the state competition in Columbus by one shot.

The 2000 JV season was, in short, marvelous. Finishing with a 14-1 record, the team was unbeatable when they were on their games. Now they are focusing on next year, as opportunities on Varsity arise.

-Coach George Polinsky

Below: Junior Josh Nichols lines up his ball before making a putt. Josh was one of four players named to the L.E.L. All Conference team, which also included seniors Kyle Trent, and Kevin Boyle and junior Joe Meglan.

Right: Senior Kyle Trent hits a ball out of a sand trap at Blackbrook Golf Course’s third hole. This season, Kyle was named the Lake Erie League’s “Most Valuable Player.”

Row 1: T. Morrell, K. Trent, K. Boyle, C. Lyman, J. McDonogh, R. Chafferjee, J. Meglen
Left: Sophomore Tony Ivancic watches as his ball travels down the fairway after he swings. This season, the junior varsity team had only one loss and one match in which the players’ scores topped 190.

Left: Sophomore Raju Chatterjee walks to the next hole with his golf clubs. He had the lowest average score of 42.12 by a slim 2 points in the MVP rankings.

Below Left: Senior Kevin Boyle examines the best was to make his putt. Kevin had many honors this year including being named News Herald “Player of the Week” and selected for the News Herald All Star Golf Team.

Below, Far Left: Junior Joe Meglen prepares to make a putt. This season, Joe shot an even par round of 72 during a tournament to win medalist honors and leading the team to a victory.

Below: Junior Joe Bontempo concentrates and puts his ball. The junior varsity golf team also had a great season, with the most exciting match against rival Lake Catholic which the team won.
Girls Golf

In 1998, senior Colleen Brown had a goal of establishing the first girls golf team at Mentor High. After several meetings with athletic director Max Ness, she succeeded. This year marks the third year Mentor has had a girls golf team, but only the second year that they actually competed. There were only three remaining members this year, which included juniors Jenny Boyle, Erin Samson, and Erin Perme. This year there were no seniors were on the team.

The entire team helped to set new school records. Together, the team set the lowest team score of 209 in a match against Ashtabula/Edgewood. Also, junior Jenny Boyle had the lowest team score of 44. Junior Erin Samson established a record for the lowest season average of 52, and the most pars with 5. This season juniors Jenny Boyle and Erin Samson both received honorable mentions in the News Herald.

Because there are only a few area high schools that have girls golf programs, the team was only able to have ten matches. However, junior Erin Samson says that “team members hope next year they will be even more successful and have new competitors to face.”

-Danniele Meglen

Above: The girls golf team takes a break from the course and smiles for the camera. The team is small, due to the fact that it is in only its second year of competition.

Left: During a rainy day at golf practice, junior Erin Samson begins to rake the sand pit. She was goofing off while waiting for her next turn.

Far Left: Sophomore Katie Hine watches her ball sail towards the second hole. This was Katie’s first year on the team.

Below: Junior Erin Perme hits a ball off the tee. It was a cold and rainy day, making the golf clubs slippery.
Far Left: Junior Aubrey Anderson carefully lines up and prepares to sink the putt. She was successful. Aubrey was new to this year’s girls golf team.

Left: During a day of practice, as junior Jenny Boyle lines up her ball and prepares to putt, junior Erin Samson looks over her shoulder. Erin was trying to distract her in hopes that she would miss her shot.
Boys Basketball

The 2000-2001 boys basketball team had yet another terrific year, ending the regular season with a record of 15-3. Mentor had a number of returning letterman and starters, lead by Jason Bratten, Kevin Boyle, and Rick Martucci. The team also had strong depth on the bench for coach Bob Krizancic to rely on. With underclassmen who stepped up to the challenge and senior leadership, the team was able to win the L.E.L and advance to the playoffs.

The team traveled this year to Arizona for a national competition where they won all three games played. With these accomplishments in Arizona the team grew together more than ever before. Senior Jason Bratten says, “We became closer, like a family. This will help us in the future.” The team believes they will continue far into the playoffs and may have the chance to travel to Columbus for state competition.

Right: Senior starter Rick Martucci works on the defender and tries to find an open shot. Rick has been a leader and a key element to Mentor’s success and is one of the team’s captains.

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Left: Senior Kevin Boyle leaps above his opponent to take a three point shot.

Far Left: Senior Brandon Woods takes the first of two foul shots. Free shots from the line are very important and can have a significant impact on the game, so they are practiced every day.

Below Left: Sophomore Kyle Binns scrambles for a loose ball after a missed shot. Hustle and determination come naturally to Mentor players, and they are not afraid to "sacrifice their bodies."

Below: Senior Brad Gerard dribbles down the court and past the opposing team.


Above: Sophomore Mark Martucci makes a move to his left along the baseline. This is Mark's second year playing for the Cardinals and his first at the varsity level.
Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team had yet another successful season this year. The girls ended the season with a record of twelve wins and four losses. The team was led by senior starters Kristen Koelling, Laura Smolinski, Tracy Miller, and Jen Neal. These girls have all been dedicated members of Mentor's basketball program since they were in the seventh grade. The team also won a heated match against Lake Catholic, Mentor's biggest rival, at the closure of the season.

In the post season, the team won the first two games of their tournament. Advancing to the third game, they were defeated in the final quarter. The team had lost many crucial seniors from last years group; yet the girls stuck together and competed in the playoffs. The girls look forward to next year and are hoping for another great season!

Above Right: Junior Sharon Zajc listens to what the referee tells her before putting a ball that had gone out of bounds back in to play.

Far Right: Junior Kristen Sloan attempts to block a pass from her opponent from Chagrin Falls.

Right: Junior Erin Samson stops her opponent from moving down the court.

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Above: The varsity team watches and applauds as senior Laura Smolinski makes a basket.

Far Left: Senior Kristen Koelling leaps into the air to shoot a basket. At 4'11", Kristen was the shortest member of the varsity team and a key to its success.

Left: Senior Tracy Miller prepares to take her shot. She was playing against Chagrin Falls, and the Cardinals won that game.

Junior Varsity: Front Row: S. Kallio, C. Whitehouse, S. Smrdel, L. Kohl, C. Cvelbar, B. Kallio, J. Royer
Girls Gymnastics

Although the girls gymnastics team is small and the girls were young this year the girls did extremely well. Many of the seniors from last year graduated and freshman dominated this year's team. Jessie Hoffmeyer was the only senior on the team, and with four years of experience, she helped lead the team to victory.

The girls placed second at districts as a team and freshman Jenna Aignworth placed first as an individual. The team advanced to the state competition. Here, the girls continued with their excellence and placed fifth overall. Jenna had another outstanding performance and came in third place. The team is made up of many freshman, which means that the next three years Mentor High's gymnastics program will have seasoned athletes.

Below Right: Freshman Amanda Kozlovich flips and sticks her landing. She was competing in the floor routine at Lake Erie Gymnastics School.
Below: Freshman Nicole Schutz leaps into the air and performs a backwards sommersault in the floor competition.
Left: Freshman Nicole Schutz does a handstand on the top bar and then swings down. The team practices at the Lake Erie Gymnastics School, but had few home meets throughout the season.

Below: Freshman Jenna Agneworth finishes a backwards flip on the balance beam. Jenna was an important member of the team and placed first at the district competition.

Gymnastics

Competition Schedule

1/6 Lakewood
1/20 Worthington Invitational
2/1 West Geauga Quad Meet
2/3 Sycamore Invitational
2/6 Magnificat
2/18 Lake Catholic, Madison, Brush, Euclid
2/24 District Meet
3/2 State Meet

*Due to the publication schedule, the results of the meets could not be included.

Left: Freshman Amanda Kozlovich dismounts from the uneven bars and tucks her legs. She was preparing for her final flip to conclude her bars routine.
Hockey

Mentor's varsity hockey team had a long and difficult schedule resulting in a final record of 7-11-3. The team had struggled for the start when they were plagued with injuries. "The team fought through the hard times and made the best with what we had" says junior goalie Todd Carlson. The team won big games against both Solon and Hudson which gave the men confidence for the future.

Senior Zach Kulpa, Klye Trent, and Pat Callahan were co-captains, leading the team in statistics. The team practiced and held their home games at Mentor's Civic Arena where they spent endless hours skating and working hard. Coach Smeltz and the players are looking forward to next season.

Right: Senior Nick Weber skates forward and battles for the puck with his opponent. This is Nick's fourth year on the team.

Above Right: This Mentor player waits as the referee drops the puck onto the ice.
Below: The Mentor players celebrate as they score a goal. The goal was made against Kent, and Mentor scored eight goals that game.

Below Right: This Mentor hockey player slams into the wall and prevents his opponent from reaching the puck. This allowed his teammate to advance down the puck towards the goal.

Bottom: Senior Pat Henk watches as he skates off the ice and sits down on the bench. This is Pat’s fourth year on the varsity team.
Swimming

The Mentor High School boys and girls swimming team had a fun and exciting season, where they faced many new adventures. The boys team ended the season at 6-4, and the girls squad went 7 and 3, winning sectionals and sending their 200 meter freestyle relay team to state competition. The relay consisted of sisters Sarah and Stephanie Nameth, Lauren Salamon, and Mallory Rico, a freshmen who really took control this year. The relay squad finished 18th, an excellent score.

Seniors, Missy Flaherty and Mike Gaydos, have helped guide their respected teams for the past four years. And continued their leadership this season, with constant top performances. The team was successful at the Orange and Solon Relays, as well as in sectionals. They hope to increase their winnings next year with more hard work and determination. The team would like to thank Coach Victor Senn for all of his support and dedication.

Below right: Members of the boys swim team spread out their belongings and wait for their events. Swim meets can often be very long because of the many events, but swimmers usually participate in only four events.

Below: Sarah Nameth, Jeni Soeder, Lauren Salamon pose for a picture before their events. This year, the girls team had a relay make it to the state competition.
Below: Coach Victor Senn offers words of encouragement as the swimmers race past. He usually does this at various meets.

Below: Members of the girls swim team smile for the camera at a swim team.

Far Below: Adam Rupp, Brandon Reed, and Mike Gaydos take a moment to quench their thirst as they wait for their time to swim.


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Wrestling

The Wrestling team truly had an amazing season this year. The team was undefeated in its regular season matches, and even kept Lakewood from scoring any points at all in one match. The varsity team was coached by Mr. Skilton, and also won two tournaments throughout the season. They took first place at the Olentangy Tournament, as well as the Midwest Classic.

This season, the team had four wrestlers advance to the state competition- seniors Keith Pollock, Joey Glavan, Mike Ashby, and Josh Fulton. Keith took second place in the state and the team was sixth place overall at states. Thus is the best the team has done since 1976.

Above Right: Seniors Mike Pollock and Josh Fulton work on their skills against each other. They have been in the each others weight class for the past three years.

Right: Senior Mike Ashby and junior Kevin Kleber grab hold of one another in hopes of performing a move. The team practiced everyday after school until 6:30.

Above: Senior Mike Ashby and junior Kevin Kleber test each others balance and position thier hands before they hit the floor. This part of the match is most crucial in getting leverage over your opponent.

Right: Sophomore Jason Dietrick struggles as junior Anthony Childs pins him down. No points are awarded for a move such as this.
Left: Senior Mike Ashby and sophomore Dexter Hough-Snee pull themselves up after a long match. Matches can sometimes last as long as thirty minutes.

Below: Sophomore Nate Hough-Snee and junior Bob Vencel push and pull which tests the strength of the other. This is the first Varsity experience for both Bob and Nate.

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Row 6: Coach Capel, Coach LaManna, Coach Skilton, Coach Nadock, Coach Farendrak.
Right: Junior Mary Koenig receives a hug from the school's mascot, the Cardinal. It was the night when Mentor High School was featured on NBC's "Friday Night Fever."

Below: During the Homecoming Parade, the football cheerleaders show their support for the Cardinals.

Above: During the fall pep assembly, the football cheerleaders perform their dance routine for the crowd. The assembly also included the presentation of the Homecoming court and the fall sports teams.

Right: During an after-school practice, the basketball cheerleaders work on their dance routine.

Below: Juniors Kelley Burger and Melissa Salamon show their spirit at the Mentor High basketball game.

Far Above: Before the start of the football game, the cheerleaders, the cardinal and the little cardinal line up for the national anthem.

Above: During the basketball game, Mentor's varsity cheerleaders stop and smile for the camera.
Varsity Football: Row 1: M. Flaherty, J. Dressig, A. Casanova, H. Perry, E. Hundorfan  
Row 2: D. Moorhead, A. Simpson, M. Koenig, S. Holny, J. Bishop

Junior Varsity Football: Row 1: J. Smith, L. Levy, A. Perry, J. Harton, A. Musarra  
Row 2: D. Blasor, A. Barko, K. Kramer, A. Blake, J. Robertson

Varsity Basketball: Row 1: K. Zobec, N. Cooke  
Row 2: E. McGreehan, M. Middaugh, L. Kisley  
Row 3: K. Burger, M. Salamon, N. Corbett, S. Snedden


Varsity Wrestling: Row 1: A. Zoldan, K. Bradac, K. Koehler  
Row 2: E. Terrell, S. Steadman, K. Burt  
Row 3: J. Meier, E. McKinley, K. Tafel, A. Kozlovich, S. Murphy

Junior Varsity Wrestling: Row 1: A. Parker  
Row 2: K. Briggs, A. Cook, R. Watson  
Row 3: L. Latine
Above: Junior Kelly Pirc lines up to begin her race. Kelly was preparing to run a relay race.

Above Right: Senior volleyball player Carrie Smith dives to return a serve. The 2000 Mentor High volleyball team ended the season as co-champions of the LEL.

Above, Far Right: Track and Cross Country coach Brian Butler proudly shows off his new baby, Kent Butler. He showed his support for the team by sporting a red Mentor Track outfit.

Far Right: Senior Brandon Woods attempts to block a member of the Willoughby South Rebels from dribbling down the court.

Right: Senior Kevin Boyle puts his ball into the third hole at Blackbrook Golf Course. Kevin was selected this season to the News Herald “All Star Golf Team.”

Far Right: Junior Erin Samson jokes around during golf practice and rakes the sand pit. The girls golf team is only in its second year at Mentor High.

Right: Senior Tracy Miller attempts to make a three point shot during a girls varsity basketball game.

Far Right: The senior members of the boys varsity soccer team take a break from practice and pose for the camera. This year’s seniors include Adam Cervenka, Tom Rader, Dave Varhol, Todd Huntington, Dave Sluga, and Pat Callahan.
Above, Far Left: Football coach Steve Trivisonno calls plays and offers encouragement from the sidelines. This season's football team ended with a 6-4 record.

Above Left: Mentor High School's football cheerleaders line up for the national anthem before the game begins. This is a tradition that is performed before each game.

Far Left: Junior basketball player Mary Kozenko watches as her teammates move towards the basket. Mary is a member of this year's varsity team.

Left: Mentor High mascot and a junior cardinal pump up the crowd at a football game. The "Little Cardinal" is football coach Steve Trivisonno's daughter.

Above: Senior Allen Yee returns a serve across the net at a tennis practice. The team practiced nearly every day at the Civic Center tennis courts.

Above: Senior Jen Neal jumps up and above her opponent to block a pass.

Above: Juniors Brittany Lawrence and Jen Short race towards the soccer ball. The girls soccer team had an excellent season this year, with a record of 13-1-3.

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Juniors Sarah Powell and Emanuel Williams are both students in the Horticulture 2 class. Here they are with some of the more unique plants in the greenhouse.

Junior Ed Bellus spends part of his day at school working on cars. Ed is shown removing a head from the engine.

These members of the National Honor Society took a break to play in the leaves. They spent a Saturday morning raking leaves for citizens in Mentor who are unable to do yard work.
In addition to the many classes offered here at Mentor High, there are a multitude of extra curricular activities. Each club is organized in different ways for students who want to become involved at Mentor. Some clubs try improving our community by working with such programs as Harvest for Hunger, United Way, Ronald

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McDonald House, and Big Brothers / Big Sisters. Other clubs deal with student interest and give students an opportunity to get to know others. “Clubs” is only one word that describes so many activities that happen here at MHS throughout the year. The vocational programs also offer many opportunities to those interested in their future professions. Some students at Mentor High who are involved with either the clubs or the vocational programs have enriched their lives by taking a closer look at their school and/or community.
**National Honor Society Officers**

A. Iqbal, J. Vandeveer, S. Szabo, B. Clark, M. Van Epps

**Future Leaders Officers**

M. Van Epps, M. Ryan, D. Kaiser, M. Ezzo

**Above:** Senior Shelley Szabo is the secretary of the National Honor Society. Each of the officers says a small speech and lights a candle to symbolize leadership, character, scholarship, and service at the induction.

**Right:** Seniors Mark Wilson and Jim Bontempo are members of the NHS and were involved in the Rake and Run event. They spent about five hours raking leaves for the elderly.
Above: Juniors Jeff Marous, Kelley Burger, and Jay Buckley take time out of their busy schedules to pose for a picture in the woods during a week at Sixth Grade camp. Selected students were chosen to take part in the sixth grade camp as counselors for a week during September and October.

Above: Juniors Kelley Burger and Dana Moorhead are pictured at the far right of the group of sixth graders that were in their cabin. Both girls took part in many fun activities while spending a week with these sixth graders.

Left: Junior Devin Kaiser speaks to a senior at the Future Leader's annual Senior Citizens Dance. He was one of the many volunteers that helped out that evening.

Above: The group Harmontality performed for the seniors while they ate dinner. They traveled from table to table signing Christmas Carols at the Senior Citizens Dance.

Above: After every student has signed the National Honor Society book, each inductee lights a candle and and pledges to uphold the values of this Society. This year the induction ceremony took place in the Fine Arts Center.
Right: Juniors Leigh Ruple and Melissa Salamon are working on their cases for Mock Trial. The team presents their case at a District Competition in February.

Below: Senior Nina Lucci, a member of the Mock Trial team, practices her part as a witness. The Mock Trial team meets twice a week for two hours to prepare.

Mock Trial


Above: Junior Meg Ryan walks off in a hurry to get ready for Mentor High School’s Speech and Debate Tournament and to prepare for her speech in the tournament. This is a major tournament that the team hosts and takes part in during January.
Above: Seniors Jen Vandeveer and Greg Smith are working as the defense. The Mock Trial team has three legal advisors that help them organize for the trial competition.
Academic Decathlon


Science Olympiad


Above: Junior Bob Mocadlo works on the Science Olympiad page while sophomore Ben Voyten adds finishing touches to the Spirit Store page. Both are members of the Web Team.

Right: Sophomore Ellen Bede is a member of the Web Team. She is responsible for the Marching Band pictures and articles that appear on the Mentor High Web Site.

Above: The members of the Academic Decathlon take a break to eat lunch. They were visiting Hiram College for a scrimmage.

Right: Sophomore Kenny Sechnick is pictured while talking to Mr. Ramsey. He is an archivist for the Unit Office News letters for the Web Team.
Above: Senior Joe Mach was a dedicated worker on the Web Team this year working on the database for Mentor High's website. Joe worked every morning during homeroom on the database along with other team members throughout the year.
Top: During the Fall Pep Assembly the foreign exchange students were very excited to be introduced to the school. Most of these students will spend the year studying at Mentor High before returning home.

Bottom: Here, many of the Ecology Club members stand in front of the club mural which students are still working to complete. Besides helping out to recycle at Mentor High, the members also participated in a canoe trip and rock climbing this year.
Left: Seniors Amy Leffler and Amanda Trenton watch as Alessio Fiorentino tries to pin a pumpkin onto the spider. This was one of the games that was played during the Halloween Party the club held.

Below: Juniors Sharon Zajc and Meredith Shull are both officers of the Spirit Club. They meet every Monday morning during homeroom to discuss spirit events and ideas with the other club members.

Above: A small group of Spirit Club members crowd around the camera during a Monday meeting. They were discussing the winter sports assembly and possible ideas they may use for the event.

Game and Strategy Club Officers

B. Kompic, T. Greer, E. Pendergrass

Ecology Club

Student Council Cabinet


Left: Senior Jeff Scott discusses what Friday's Student Council meeting will be about with the other club members. Every Monday and Wednesday morning, the officers meet in A-19 to discuss upcoming Student Council events to talk about at Friday's meeting.

Inter-Club Council


Above: Junior Jenny Soeder, a chairman of the Student Council's Random Acts of Kindness, rolls scrolls that will be given out on Friday. Every Friday afternoon, students and teachers are recognized for their good deeds throughout the school. "RAK" up those Random Acts of Kindness!
Below: Senior Mike Fende sorts through Santa Grams during the holidays. Santa Grams were sent to students in homeroom as cards while some were singing versions.

Future Educator Officers

H. Fishleigh, S. Brown, B. Davidson, M. McNeely

Community Service Board

Above: Seniors Erin Skinner and Dave Kelly sit in A-19 waiting to discuss upcoming events for Student Council. As officers, they had a responsibility to figure out events for the members to take part in throughout the school year.

P.A.L.S.

Front Row: Mrs. Maynor, J. Stenger, L. Raymer, A. Yee  
Row 2: M. Valko, J. Gidley, C. Bolden, A. Lewis

Peer Mediators

Front Row: D. Kelly, C. Cvelbar, E. McGreehan  
Row 2: R. Mahaffey, K. Kleber, J. Robinette

Bible Study

Front Row: S. Phillips, J. Stenger, J. Stefanik  
Row 2: S. Buffie, E. Pendergrass, B. Russ

Below: Juniors Karen Pizzuti and Lauren Eble are both involved peer mediators. They talk through their duties on what needs to be discussed with the other members.

Bottom: Senior Allen Yee is a member of PALS. During his free time he tutors students that may have trouble in school subjects.
1. Junior Devin Kaiser gets ready to return the ball to his opponent. This year was the first year that intramural ping-pong was in session.

2. Junior Glenn Forbes attempts to shot while being guarded by an opposing team member during intramural basketball. Each team played late games on the week- days, but that did not stop Glenn from playing his hardest.

3. Senior Anne Starkey awaits to start the next play as senior Zvijezdan Covic dribbles the ball down the court. Anne's team ended up losing in the playoffs, but had fun doing it.

4. Sophomore Chris Lukas sets himself up to bowl a strike to win the game for his team. Chris is among many students who enjoy bowling and have fun while they are at it.

5. Senior Megan Toth shows off her bowling pose before throwing the ball down the lane. Megan and many other students bowl on Mondays through the intramural bowling league.

6. Juniors Danielle Leone and Kristen Morrison are unsuccessful in their attempt to hit the ball over the net. There were singles and doubles matches held after school in the gym for the ping-pong league.

7. Intramural badminton was started being held only one day after school. It gave students a chance to show off, like the guys did here.
Right: Junior Ashley Thompson is the editor of the junior section. Here she is pictured captioning pictures for her section.

Below: Senior Vince Capasso is a member of the WMHS. He is responsible for programming Channel 30 which he begins work on during homeroom in the morning.

Above: Senior Brenna Clark looks through stacks of pictures to find the one she needs. Being an editor was tough, but she managed to pull it off while working on the sports section.
Right: Senior Jeff Wise prepares for the morning announcements before homeroom starts. Every morning, members of the WMHS prepare at least fifteen minutes prior to going on.

Below: Junior Jenny Soeder takes a break from working on her section. The editors of the yearbook meet everyday in order to get their sections done.

Right: Senior Allen Yee is one of the editors of the sports section. He was responsible for writing stories and captions about the different sports teams this year.

Above: Seniors Nick Kirincic, Andy Mandas, and Jeff Wise begin to put the morning announcements in order. Every morning they organize themselves so the announcements run smoothly.

Right: Junior Rebecca DeNoewer works diligently on her section as the deadline quickly approaches. She is one of the editors for the clubs and organizations section of the yearbook.
**Right:** Junior Becky DeNoewer is a member of the yearbook staff this year. She is working on the layout for Fighting Cardinal Marching Band pages.

**Below:** Sophomore Christine Cvelbar is a peer mediator. She spends time talking to other students to help them solve their problems.

**Above:** Senior Sara Eisenbaum signs the National Honor Society Book. She was one of the many students who were inducted into the organization.

**Right:** Senior Trent Alberts is the Senior Ads Editor of the yearbook. He is studying last year’s book to try to come up with new ideas.
Left: Senior Matt Van Epps takes time out to go play in the leaves during the Rake N' Run. Members of National Honor Society spent their Saturday raking yards.

Below left: Junior Dani Cimperman runs around A-wing as she delivers Santa Grams during the holidays. Harmontality also helped out by singing to students that had received singing Santa Grams.

Below: Junior Rana Ewais and sophomore John Ring are members of the Web Team. They work on the Mentor website every morning during homeroom.

Left: Seniors Joy McGovern and Allen Strancar were both involved in the Rake N' Run. They spent their morning raking yards for those that could not do it themselves.

Above: Sophomore Emily Gunn celebrated Halloween with A.F.S. in B-lecture after school in October. She dressed up as a movie star ready for her big premiere.
Left: Sophomore Amanda Cundiff begins to stamp passes for juniors that need to come down to the Unit 11 Office. As an office aide, she had to go around the school to find students everyday.

Unit 10 Office Aides


Unit 11 Office Aides


Main Office Aides


Unit 12 Office Aides


Guidance Office Aides

Right: Senior Lindsey Demeter and sophomore Erin Waltz begin to mail things to the teachers from a large stack of papers. Each day their job involved mailing and helping the main office staff.

Below: Sophomores Alicia Tomba and Brittani Lasteria and senior Mike Fend stand in the Guidance Office before heading off to run errands. They had to deliver passes, put mail in teachers’ mailboxes, and many other things that needed to be done in the office.

Attendance Center Aides


Athletic Office Aides


Audio Visual Aides

J. Hoff, J. Albrecht, K. Fleece

Clinic Aides

Auto Body Technology - Juniors

Front Row: P. Hardgrove, B. Bentley, A. Weybrecht
Row 2: R. Patete, R. Hanson, T. Mills, J. Domanick, B. Mercer, Howard Keenan

Junior Rick Hanson works extremely hard on sanding a car door. Auto Body students work an repairing the outside body of different types of cars, which gives them a new look.

Auto Body Technology - Seniors


Junior Brandon Lawson watches as junior Mike Kovalkevich tightens a bolt on a car piece. Auto Services students work on repairing running parts for cars, a skill that can be very difficult.

Auto Service Technology - Juniors


Auto Service Technology - Seniors

S. Peterson, R. Vukancic, R. McKenna, N. Frechette
Criminal Justice

Front Row: K. Massey, S. Bass Row 2: A. Harris, L. Artzner, A. Berczel, K. Albert

Cooperative Business Education


Diversified Cooperative Training


Occupational Work Adjustment


Occupational Work Experience - Juniors


Occupational Work Experience A&B

Marketing


Graphic Arts


Commercial Arts

A. Ford, K. Strang

Junior Melissa Winter helps kids make towers with blocks during Day Care. Students that participate in Early Childhood Education get a hands-on approach with day-care, and learn things that will help them with the course.

Horticulture 1


Horticulture 2 & 3

Juniors Jon Abramczyk and Keenan Kalina work diligently on raking the dead grass from the dirt. One of their earlier projects was growing the lovely poinsettias and other flowers for the Fine Arts Center for the holidays.

Early Childhood Education - Juniors


Cosmetology - Juniors


Early Childhood Education - Seniors


Cosmetology - Seniors

Front Row: N. Clark, H. Wright, L. Garra, C. Weiss Row 2: S. Roth, T. Toplovic, T. Booker, G. Victor A. Collins, G. Kramer

GRADS

Front Row: E. Mullay, J. Juker, S. Krapko, C. Bean Row 2: J. Gallin, D. Langford, Joyce Zadd
Tech-Prep Electronics 1 - Lakeland


Tech-Prep Electronics - Seniors

M. Travis, B. Szymanel, J. Yazvac

Office Specialists - Juniors


Computer Information Systems 2 - AM


Computer Integrated Manufacturing

Front Row: J. Giancola, C. Hodges Row 2: D. Gardner, C. Bock, B. Scates, G. Busch, E. Crissinger

Computer Information Systems 2 - PM

Front Row: V. Krepshaw, J. Hribar, A. Bernes, A. Bair Row 2: J. Graf, A. Curtiss, M. Raico, D. Varhol Row 3: B. Pajak, K. Suter, J. Kamp

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Office Specialist 2


Nursing

D. Ady, L. Lovill, R. Yates, L. Boesch, A. Zaun

Computer Information Systems 1 - AM


Interactive Media

H. Baxter, L. DiPinto, C. Gragg

Computer Information Systems 2 - AM


Willoughby Tech Programs

Below: Sophomore Anne Eble sings about being inside of a wolf. She was at the dress rehearsal for the musical Into the Woods.

Below: Senior Dominic Buccilli carefully executes a sweeping movement during one of the songs in the concert "Freedom." Dominic was a first year member of Top 25.

Above: Juniors Jeremy Young and Melissa Kraus discuss the loss of his character's job and the troubles that it will cause for two families in Brighton Beach Memoirs. This show was Mr. Lorek's last fall show before his retirement.
At face value the arts are extra-curricular activities, but take a closer look. Being in any of the bands, choirs, theatrical productions, orchestras, or classes about the arts, requires time, dedication, and talent. All of the students who play instruments have dedicated years of their life to learn to play well. Some students even play multiple instruments and participate in multiple bands or orchestras. Theater is also a challenge, involving months of rehearsals and then final performances. Choirs, especially Top 25, involve rehearsals and traveling performances. Arts are so much more than ordinary extra-curricular activities; they are exciting challenges that require creativity and skill. So, take a closer look at the arts in Mentor High School during the 2000-2001 school year.
Fighting Cardinal Marching Band


Above: Head Concert Band Director Byron “Buzz” Hunsicker, Flag and Majorette Instructor Kelly Hoellein, and new Marching Band Director Shawn Vondran are pictured at one of Mentor’s football games. Mr. Vondran became the Marching Band’s new director this year.

Above: Junior Drum Major Joe Gartner and Senior Drum Major Jose Rivera lead the Fighting Cardinal Marching Band onto the field for their first halftime performance.
1. Flag Corp members sophomore Christine Buehner, junior Kristen Burlee, junior Jackie Cummings, and sophomore Stacy Devers pause for a picture during a football game. The Flag Corp cheers on the football team when not performing.
2. Members of the FCMB show their enthusiasm by decorating signs and painting their faces. Members of the band hold parties before every game.
3. Senior Trisha Bramley, sophomore Connie Marie Whitehouse, and senior Kim Rogers lead the band into Mentor's Stadium. One of their most memorable performances was when they twirled flaming batons.
4. This year the FCMB was very excited to participate in the state competition at Kent State University. The band ended their season with an "excellent" rating in the AA category.
5. Clarinet members keep in step during the Homecoming Parade. The Marching Band participates in this several parades throughout the year.
6. Although flute players junior Ashley Thompson and senior Jenni Williams were late to roll call, they managed to hang a sign up before the game. The sign read "We love Marching Band."
7. Seniors pose for a group shot during the last game of the year. The seniors were a major contributor to the band's success this year as they helped to motivate and encourage the band to do their best.
8. The band performs their show for the first time for their families at band camp at Edinboro College in Pennsylvania. The band practiced seven hours of marching and three hours of memorizing music each day.
9. Junior Mike James, Senior Lauren Raymer, and Senior Marcia Hunsicker are practicing the music before they march in the Homecoming Parade. Marching band begins practicing in March and ends their season in November.
10. For the first away game, the FCMB traveled to Grove City. The members of each band got to know each other during a pizza party before the football game.
11. Seniors Trent Alberts, Nick Bratstein, and Jose Rivera start a new tradition by spray painting the Mentor "M" on the practice field at band camp. After three years of practice at camp, seniors enjoy decorating the field as a way of saying "Goodbye."
Members of Gray Band


Collage Concert

Members of Wind Ensemble


Due to publication deadlines pictures for the following bands were unavailable: Scarlet Band, Varsity Band, Brass Choir, and Jazz Band.

Below: Sophomore Jonathan Ring plays his saxophone during the winter concert. He was a member of the Scarlet Band and the Marching Band.

Above: Junior Amiee Dudas, a member of Scarlet Band, performs at the winter concert. All of the bands spent a great deal of time preparing for the winter concert.
Far Left: Seniors Marsha Huntsinger, Crystal Kushner, and John Oatman play their French horns during an in-school rehearsal. They are the section leaders of the horn section of wind ensemble.

Left: Senior Jose Rivera and junior Tim Carroll play their trombones during a practice. They are members of the wind ensemble.

Below: The Wind Ensemble practices for their winter concert. They are considered the most advanced band.

Below Top Left: Sophomore Laura Yodice plays her flute during a rehearsal of the Scarlet Band. She demonstrates the concentration necessary to play a difficult piece.

Below Bottom Left: Sophomores Rebecca Rasovic and Ashley Janosek play flutes during the winter concert. They were members of gray band.
Above: The cast of “Into the Woods” sings to conclude the first act of the musical. In the second act they journeyed beyond the “happily ever after” of the fairy tale stories.

Above: Top 25 dances to “Battle of the Cities” during their winter show, “Freedom.” They worked very hard on perfecting their performance before concert.

Mentor’s Arts

dedication, time, talent, fun, and practice

Above: Senior Mike Kristoffersen and sophomore Jen Dehner play their basses during a rehearsal before the winter orchestral concert. They are both members of Manneheim Chamber Orchestra and also Mentor High Symphony Orchestra.

Left: Sophomores Mallory Ristau, Amanda Preis, Melissa Teter, and Kristine Racine pose for a picture before the winter choral concert. They were members of Chanticleer choir.

Above: Senior’s Jen Zappola and Rob Walland sit before rehearsal of the 2001 musical “Man of La Mancha.” They both had lead parts.
Below: The family in “Dad’s Christmas Miracle” included sophomore Hilary Petersen (filling in for Jessica Paponetti), junior Anne Eble, sophomore Adam Drury, senior Ben Kompik, and junior Tim Mayer listen to the chorus of sophomores Maria DelRe and Rachel Canteri, junior Jessi Mauzy, senior Andrea Mosack, junior Tina Goldfarb, sophomore Maggie Leach, and junior Elizabeth Yoke singing “Deck the Halls” to finish the Christmas show. The comedy is Steve Couch’s final Christmas show.

Above: Senior Brandon Dubeansky lounges around F04 before the performance of the one cast show, “This is a Test,” put on by Mentor Theater in February. Brandon played the lead, Alan, a high school student with test-anxiety.

Above: Mr. Amendol conducts the orchestra in preparation for the winter concert. The members of orchestra were dedicated during the first semester and performed well at the event.

Left: Sophomores Kevin Law and Eric Litschel perform at the band concert. They were trumpet players in Scarlet Band.
Orchestra
Mentor High Symphony Orchestra

Front Row: A. Lewis, M. McAdams, M. Lynch, C. Suszynski, D. Yee, L. Parsons, R. McDonald, A. Trenton
Back Row: B. Amendol, B. Otte, S. Newcomer, L. Rayner, G. Bulzan, J. Dehner, M. Kristofferson, G. Streff

Mannheim Chamber Orchestra

Front Row: A. Lewis, E. Yoke, S. Kolat, K. Driscoll, A. Webber, D. Yee, M. Unger, A. Trenton
Third Row: K. Briggs, M. McAdams
Back Row: B. Amendol, J. Dehner, M. Kristofferson

Orchestra Seniors


Above: Sophomore Kristen Briggs rehearses for the winter concert. Orchestra members spent most of the first semester preparing for their winter show.
Far Left: Junior David Yee, second chair viola, is lost in concentration during an orchestra rehearsal. His focus and dedication helped him to excel in orchestra.

Left: Junior Garret Estadt tunes his violin. The tuning of the instruments is an important part of every orchestra performance.

Below: Senior Rosa McDonald plays her cello. She demonstrated her commitment as a member of the orchestra by coming back to perform, even as a seventh semester graduate.

Above: Sophomore Sarah Kolat plays her violin during one of the rehearsals before the winter show. She was playing "Night on Bald Mountain."

Officers

Front: Elizabeth Yoke, Abby Lewis, Margaret Fellows
Far Right: Mrs. Bergoch fixes senior Andy Lightner’s costume before a show. Top 25 had four costume changes during “Freedom.”

Right: Sophomore Jen Griffin, as the reporter, interviews senior Rob Walland, as a presidential candidate. This scene tied into the complicated election of 2000.

Below: Senior Jen Zappola sings her solo “No Man Left For Me.” She was a third year member of Top 25 and shared the responsibilities of being president with senior Greg Duy.

Above Right: “Freedom Dance/Get Free” is part of Top 25’s competition routine. Members of Top 25 showed great expression and enthusiasm during their performances, which helped them to excel during the show-choir competitions.

Above: Sophomore Beth Brewer applies makeup before the show. Beth had a solo during the “Battle of the Cities” number.

Above: Senior Rob Walland acts as the preacher for “Brother Love’s Travelin’ Salvation Show.” It was his job to get the crowd excited during each performance with his comical interpretation of a reverend.

Above: Seniors Dominic Buccilli, Matt Miller, Andy Lightner, Rob Walland, and Mike Fende cluster around the microphone during “Kansas City,” a senior spotlight number. Spotlights are intended to give the crowd a break from continuous dancing.

Picture supplied by Top 25

Above: Sophomore Lindsey Levy participates in the warm-ups before the show. The 45 members in stretches before every performance.
Left: Senior Andy Lightner, junior Stephanie Seaman, senior Jesse Smith, and senior Sarah Newman take their hats off to "Favorite Son." This dance routine was composed of lots of fancy footwork.
**Right:** Senior Brandon Dubeansky gets assistance from sophomore Courtney Brown with his bowtie. Members help each other get ready before the show.

**Below:** Senior Katie Feeser, sophomores Hilary Petersen and Katie Alexander, juniors Richelle Dykstra and Maria Scaperato, senior Sarah Newman, sophomore Carla Ivka, senior Rachael Parry, and juniors Michelle Lief and Melissa Kraus sing "Silent Night" at the winter concert. The concert had to be rescheduled for January due to a snow day in December on the original concert date.

**Above:** Senior Amy Collins sings her solo, "Deep River," during the winter concert. Amy was a member of A Cappella choir and Top 25. **Above Far Right:** Senior Dominic Buccilli, senior Steve Shere, senior Allen Yee, junior Dan Jacobson, junior Keith Krebs, senior Matt Miller, senior Andy Lightner, junior Doug Sargent, junior Randy Diemand, senior Jim Marino, senior Alescio Piccinnio, senior Chris Rupprecht, sophomore Nick Heggestad, and senior Jeff Scott perform during the winter concert. A Cappella worked hard to prepare their songs for the performance.

**Right:** Junior Jackie Price sings her solo during the Chanticleer section of the performance. Ida Schoeneman also had a solo during the song, titled "Some Children See Him."
A Cappella Choir


Chanticleer


Mixed Choir

What happens after happily ever after...  
Mentor Theatre’s 2000 Spring Musical  

Into the Woods

**Cast**

- Narrator: L.C. Sams  
- Cinderella: Jennifer Zappola  
- Jack: Chris Thomas  
- Jack’s Mother: Monica Windle  
- Baker: Adam Dorsey  
- Baker’s Wife: Rebecca Reichert  
- Cinderella’s Stepmother: Jillian Heimburn  
- Florinda: Amanda Abbott  
- Lucinda: Laura Robertson  
- Cinderella’s Father: Rob Walland  
- Little Red Ridinghood: Anne Eble  
- Witch: Bethany Maine  
- Cinderella’s Mother: Sara Guarneri  
- Mysterious Man: Jeremy Young  
- Wolf: Shaun Reitman  
- Granny: Rachael Parry  
- Rapunzel: Kristen Sell  
- Rapunzel’s Prince: Jared Jeschnig  
- Cinderella’s Prince: Benjamin Werth  
- Steward: Brandon Dubensky  
- Giant: Ms. Beth Smith  
- Snow White: Tami Schniegenberg  
- Sleeping Beauty: Kellee Disbro  
- Birds: Tiffany Brewer  
- Milky White: Kellee Disbro  
- Milky Brown: Danniele Meglen  
- Tami Schniegenberg: Andrea Mosack  
- Milky White: Christina Banno  
- Milky Brown: Candice Roberts  
- Stage Manager: Tina Goldfarb  
- Assistant Stage Managers: Jenna Harsch  
- Assistant to Director: Kathryn Streiff  
- Ashley Kuhlmann: Jessica Link  
- Jessie Mauzy

Above: Sophomore Anne Eble, senior Adam Dorsey, junior Chris Thomas, and junior Jennifer Zappola decide to work together to slay the giant. They had all lost a loved one under the feet of the huge woman.

Below: Senior Rebecca Reichert, sophomore Anne Eble, and junior Jennifer Zappola take a break from preparing for a performance to smile for the camera. They are just one example of the friendships of the cast members.

What happens when Cinderella, Jack (and the Beanstalk), Little Red Riding Hood, and the Baker travel into a forest to find their dreams? They cross paths in the woods and their stories are intertwined with those of Rapunzel, a mysterious man, and a cursed witch. Just when they leave the woods thinking everything looks all right, they are forced back into the woods and must stick together in hopes of survival. By the end of the story, they have formed an unbeatable team and have overcome incredible odds.
Left: Senior Monica Windle directs Junior Chris Thomas to sell their cow, Milky White, in order to bring some money into the house. She was worried that the two of them would starve if they did not sell the cow.

Below: Junior Chris Thomas, as Jack, leads Milky White through the woods to sell her at market. He was reluctant to sell her to the baker because Jack considered the cow to be his best friend.

Above: Senior Jillian Heimburg cuts off a piece of senior Amanda Abbot's heel in an attempt to fit her foot into the golden slipper. Junior Brandon Dubansky, junior Robert Walland, senior Sara Guarnieri and senior Benjamin Werth were looking on to see if Amanda was to become the future princess.

Left: Senior Rebecca Reichert counsels junior Jennifer Zappola about running away from a prince. While she tried to help Jennifer, Milky White ran away.
In 1937, Eugene is 15 and experiencing changes in his life. He lives with his older brother, Stanley, his cousins Nora and Laurie, his parents Kate and Jack, and his Aunt Blanche. The play happens over the course of a week, during which Nora is asked to join a Broadway show, Stanley is almost fired from his job and gambles away his paycheck, Kate and Blanche have a huge fight, and Jack has a heart attack. By the end of the show, the seven people are once again a big happy family, ready to accept relatives from Poland who have escaped the war.
Left: Junior Melissa Kraus asks senior Jeremy Young for advice. Even after his heart attack, Jeremy was still the main source of advice for his family members.

Below: Junior Chris Copeland listens as senior Brandon Dubensky tells about his day at work. Brandon was on the verge of being fired because of the trouble he had caused trying to stand up for his principles.

Above: Junior Chris Copeland, senior Jeremy Young, junior Melissa Kraus, and junior Tiffany Brewer prepare for dinner. This was an important meal because several family members had important topics to address with Jeremy's character.

Above Center: Junior Tiffany Brewer asks junior Melissa Kraus if she will have to live in the creepy house across the street with the woman passing out green cookies. Tiffany was afraid that her mother would marry the man who lived across the street with his mother.

Above: Senior Jennifer Zappola asks junior Shannon Sidorick if she can try out for a Broadway show. Shannon's character was worried about her daughter having to quit school, so the decision reached was that Jennifer would finish her high school education.
Below: Sophomores Hilary Petersen and Rachel Canteri, juniors Jessie Monet and Tina Goldfarb, senior Andrea Mozac, sophomore Maria DelRe, junior Elizabeth Yoke, and sophomore Maggie Leech taunt sophomore Adam Drury about his report card. The chorus had to invent characters from Conner’s past that would have good reason to torture him about his shortcomings.

Above: Sophomore Jen Griffin tries to hint at sophomore Adam Drury. Adam really wanted to know what Jessica Paponetti’s character wanted for Christmas.

Above Left: Junior Anne Eble, sophomore Adam Drury, and junior Tim Mayer gather around to watch senior Ben Kompik open his Christmas present. The tie he opened was stained with ink at an earlier point in the show.

Above Far Left: Junior Anne Eble just after she was awakened Christmas morning. She had just sent sophomore Adam Drury to wake up his character’s older brother and sister for the opening of presents.

Far Left: Sophomore Simon Foxall is dressed as one of the shepards for the “Christmas Show within the Christmas Show.” He was the brains of the trio and was foiled by Sean Kelsh’s character.

Cast

Conner Murphy
Miss McLaughlin
Neil Garner
Tater Taggert
Mother
Father
Jessica Murphy
Frank Murphy
Madelyn
Harriet
Chorus

Adam Drury
Christy Kaminski
Simon Foxall
Sean Kelsh
Anne Eble
Ben Kompik
Jessica Paponetti
Tim Mayer
Jen Griffin
Rachael Parry
Rachel Canteri
Maria DelRe
Tina Goldfarb
Maggie Leach
Jessie Mauzy
Andrea Mosack
Hilary Petersen
Elizabeth Yolk
Danniele Meglen

Stage Manager
Assistant Stage Managers
Lights
Sound
Sound Effects
Props
Make-up
House Manager

Amber Algeri
Kelly Baker
Jackie Cummings
Rob Walland
Melissa Kraus
Jess Lazzaro
Christina Banno
Jen Berardinelli
Ashley Kuhlmann
Chrissie Mackey
James Kelly
Brandon
Dubensky
The show was halfway through the run, only two more performances remained. So why was he still on stage fiddling with this moosehead?

"I'm telling you, before this show is over that moose is gonna wink!" Mr. Lorek said as he leaned precariously over the fireplace from his rickety ladder and strung a fiber optic cable or some other techno-doodad up through the beast's skullcase.

I just rolled my eyes. I had seen this Lorek-ian obsession before as a student here at Mentor (Class of '88) and now as his assistant, a job I've held for the last eight years and will relinquish now that he is retiring.

Since 1981, twenty-one senior classes have been treated to Mr. Joseph Lorek and his unique sense of humor as director of Mentor Theater. Master of the visual and verbal pun, countless hundreds, perhaps thousands, of students have already been witness to Mr. Lorek snickering to himself in the back of a darkened theater, observing rehearsals and laughing at the subtle jokes he had inserted into scenes. These jokes were so sly that his actors might not be blamed if they began to wonder if anyone in the audience was actually going to get it.

Which brings us to the moosehead.

It was the fall of 1998, and the 15th anniversary reprise of Catch Me If You Can was headed towards closing weekend. Mr. Lorek had directed this murder mystery way back in the Ice Age that was 1983, when all we were was the "Drama Club." We were one of the few theaters in the area with desk seats where the audience could actually take notes during the show. That was when the "mainstage" was A-Lecture. Now we were a program of several hundred students and two mainstages in a 1,500 seat auditorium. Light cues for even the most simple prosuctions reached into the hundreds. It was a long way from the A-Lecture performances with desk seats.

Mr. Lorek wanted to bring this new era of technology and professionalism and 50' sets to his old favorite of his, giving it the royal treatment in our new auditorium. Apparently, part of this grand update included a winking moose. This genuine moosehead, on loan from the Willoughby Fine Arts, was a prominent feature of the log cabin interior which was the setting of the show. Mr. Lorek wanted us to feel that the wise old moose carcass had seen it all during his years on the wall of this rustic cabin; the killing, the arrest, the honeymoon couplings, and would give a knowing wink to the audience as the lights faded and the villain was lead to the jail out the front door. He never got to do it in the 1983 production, and now he was pulling a George Lucas and inserting more "Star Wars" type effects into his "Special Edition." The audience would love it!

Unfortunately, this high point of technical theatre wasn't completed in time for opening weekend, so those audiences had been deprived of the joy of the winking beast. Mr. Lorek always liked to say "we have some surprises for the last weekend," but I always took this to mean that we just didn't have our act together by opening. It seemed like every production had surprises during closing weekend. I thought it was just a series of happy accidents that evolved into a philosophy.

Thus, I was being treated to Mr. Lorek on a ladder threading a light up this huge sinus. To say I had my doubts was the understatement of the year.

Closing weekend soon arrived. A respectable audience filtered into their seats. They were treated to a cracking mystery with hefty doses of black comedy. A woman was missing. Her husband was frantic. Where could she be? The audience rode the wave of drama from excitement to laughter to suspense as the conclusion lay in doubt. Then, finally, resolution. The bad guy captured. The murderer avenged. The detective victorious. The front door opened with the villain led off to his fate. But who cares? I had seen this show dozens of times before. My suspense centered around that darn moose. I sat at the edge of my seat, knowing already the surprise that awaited the unsuspecting audience. I was more nervous than excited, wondering if this ending flourish would be worth the trouble and embarrassment of getting so close to a dead forest resident.

The actors exited. The lights faded, except for a lone spotlight that remained on the moose above the fireplace. That silly moose that the audience had allowed to fade into the background over the course of the show like so much wallpaper. For a moment, they all wondered what the fuss was about. And then—a lone, single blink from the right eye of the monster. Not exactly a wink, but a blink. And the audience—gasp! The kind of slightly muffed gasp that surely didn't equal that of a horror movie climax, but nonetheless said that the audience saw, and understood, and thought it was cool. Blackout.

And I was once again left feeling stupid at my lack of faith in The Master.

Just one of many such moments orchestrated by our esteemed director through the years.

Which brings me to this parting thought...if he could bring life to a dead moose, imagine the impact he must have had on his students after almost 31 years of teaching. The mind reels.

A tribute to Mr. Joseph Lorek's many years as a Mentor High School teacher written by Mr. Steve Couch
Below: Having a bad hair day, or a hair day in his case, math teacher Mitch Korcheck is horrified to see a camera. Most students have this same look when they see his calculus tests.

Below: Tom Ramsey, a physics teacher at MHS, relives his disco days. Many teachers join in the Halloween festivities by dressing up for school.

Above: Foreign Language teacher Constance Minerovic and English teacher Mala Bowdouris enjoy lunch in the teachers lounge. Even teachers prefer to bring a lunch from home.
School is more than "reading, writing, and arithmetic." It's about the precious gift each faculty member has to offer. Even though there is much diversity within the MHS staff, every individual possesses one common quality: a devotion to helping others. Teaching is an occupation that serves to change lives. Many outside influences often tell us "you can't" but teachers never do. They always send a message of

"I TOUCH THE FUTURE, I TEACH"
-CHRISTA MCAULIFFE

Inspiration and are a source of motivation, encouragement, and hope. With over half the staff interacting with students outside of school hours, whether it be through coaching, tutoring, or advising a club, it is easy to see how teachers truly go above and beyond their duty to ensure that the future society is properly educated. They help us attempt to tackle our goals in life and accomplish our dreams. Educators believe in us even when we may not. Staff members teach us always to apply ourselves to the task at hand and to never underestimate our abilities. "At a closer look," the teachers at MHS do far more than just educate; they also serve as leaders, role models, and lifelong friends.

-Beth Davidson
Administration
Leading the Students of Mentor High School

John Schweitzer
Principal

Jim Greene
Assistant Principal

Bev Smith
Assistant Principal

Gale Leonard
Vocational Coordinator

Jeff Teringo
Athletic Director

Cynthia Tonia
Unit 12 Principal

Joanie Hines
Unit 11 Principal

Brian Williams
Unit 10 Principal

Bonnie Budziak
Auditorium Manager

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Jim Metz, Larry Disbro, William Hiller, Arthur Kless,
Patrick Hanrahan, Charlene Gawronski,
Valerie Federico, Judy Keller

Jan Kraus
Technology Specialist

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Counselors
Giving Advice to the Students of Mentor High School

Jane Mueller
Unit 12 (A-G)

Dan Litzinger
Unit 12 (H-O)

Mike Leu
Unit 12 (P-Z)

Linda Clements
Unit 11 (A-G)

Gary Hunter
Unit 11 (H-O)

David Demko
Unit 11 (P-Z)

Patricia Maynor
Unit 10 (A-G)

Terry Quigney
Unit 10 (H-O)

James Harmon
Unit 10 (P-Z)
Top: Attendance secretaries Jan Perry and Linda Burkhardt discuss a students attendance record. Mentor High has uses a system called Pentamation to help track absences.

Above: Yvonne Allen busies herself by grading papers. Teachers with free mods can often be seen watching over study halls.

Above: Math teacher Cathy Bontempo grades papers while her class gets an early start on the nights homework. With class time and study halls, many students finish their homework before leaving school.

Top: English teacher Kristen Callender brings out her red pen to grade essays. Often, teachers will publish outstanding essays in Insight, the school's literary magazine.

Above: Business Law teacher Ron Rose and senior Lauren Feola discuss Law Club plans between classes. The Law Club took a trip to Toronto to see The Lion King this year.
If you could go back in time and meet one person, who would it be?

Walt Disney
- Tom Davidson

William Shakespeare
- Al McDorman
- Ellie Callahan

Julius Caesar
- Jack Wagar

Abe Lincoln
- Jim Green

Martin Luther King
- Mark Giancola

Admiral Nelson
- Scott Kowalke

Leonardo DaVinci
- Ken Kary

Winston Churchill
- Greg Allen

Ben Franklin
- Victor Senn

Anne Conway
- Les Corrice

Moe Howard
- Jody Turkall

Jackie Kennedy
- Bob Krizanic
A.P. biology teacher Rich Woodman uses a pencil as a pointer during one of his lectures. The purpose of the A.P. classes is to prepare students for college level classes.
Science teacher Paul Mocadlo gets the room ready for his next physics class. Highlights of the physics curriculum include the famous egg drop and an end-of-the-year field trip to Cedar Point.
Scott Kowalke
Technology Education

Carol Kridler
Media Specialist

Bob Krizancic
Vocational - OWE

Al Kurnat
Social Studies

Cindy Langelier
Science

Sherry Lann
Family and Consumer Science

Carol Larkin
Tech Prep/English

Shari Laveck
English

Meghan Wyann, a junior, offers candy to gym teacher Tom Mackar, who was monitoring the hallways. Usually, teachers cannot be bribed with candy when students are caught without a hall pass.

Health and physical education teacher Mark Giancola plans out his lesson for the day. Teachers are often here before and after school working on class assignments and planning out lessons.
Who is your role model?

Eleanor Roosevelt - Connie Minerovic

Yoda - Mike Wolski

My Grandmother - Kerry Banks

Abe Lincoln - Steve Couch

I am my own role model - John Sheridan

My Parents - Tom Makar, Mark Rotar, Cathy Iannadrea, Pat Robejsek, Dick Kandalec, and Joe Hada
What is your favorite quote?

"Be brave; even if you're not, pretend to be. No one can tell the difference."
-Life's Little Instruction Book

Joanie Hines

"Those who do not choose to read are as bad off as those who cannot read."

Ellie Callahan

"Life goes on."

Chris Bagwell

"These pretzels are making me thirsty."
-Seinfeld

Scott McLaughlin

Mark Rotar
English

Vince Sanelli
Art

Darrel Sadowski
Business/Vocational - CBE

Lou Sangdaahl
Special Education

Jan Sargent
Nurse

Lis Schormuller
Science

Paul Schonauer
Technology Education
Why did you choose to become a teacher?

Fell in love with tutoring; most rewarding job I ever had.

- Leslie Corrice

Besides a rewarding enriching career, I like the summers off.

- Scott Kowalke

I enjoy working with high school age students and feel that I am able to reach them (most of the time)

- Joanie Hines

I wanted to share knowledge with others in order to enable them to reach their full potential and, by so doing, make a positive impact on society.

- Connie Minervici

The pay and the efficiency and dedication of the school system.

- Mike Wolski

I enjoy creating opportunities for people to master both mental and physical skills.

- Tom Mackar

As an English teacher, I have the opportunity to encourage young people to enjoy reading.

- Al McDorman
What was one of your childhood dreams?

To make a difference in the world.
- Pat Robeijsek

It was to be a Catholic priest; then it changed to becoming a musician.
- Ron Kandalec

To be a cowboy and live out West on the frontier.
- Jack Waggar

To be an airplane pilot who had a school bus route on my days off.
- Victor Senn

To meet the three stooges.
- Jody Turkall

To be an actress on Broadway and in the movies.
- Ellie Callahan

If you could give one piece of advice what would it be?

Laugh more often.
- Pat Snee

Never say I can’t. Say I’ll try.
- Cathy Bontempo

Memorize the Serenity Prayer and follow it.
- Joe Lorek

Strive to succeed no matter how many times you may fail.
- Merri Piorkowski

Be yourself and be your best
- Anonymous

Work less at a student job during the school year and put more effort into your education.
- Mark Rotar
Sophomore John Merchant takes a bow after singing “Happy Birthday.” It is not uncommon to hear him sing such tunes both in and out of class.

Sophomore Andy Patterson works hard as the football team’s waterboy. His job included such things as giving water to players.

Sophomores Kevin Iacafano, Amber Mussara, and Dustin Kirby work hard as our Sophomore Class vice president, secretary, and treasurer. President Mike Zolden is not pictured.
A wise man once said, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you’re gonna get."

In a way, that describes our year at Mentor High School. Some pieces are your favorites, and others you take a bite out of and throw back into the box. No matter what our favorite was, caramel, creme-filled, or coconut, we

**TAKE A CLOSER LOOK**

**A MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2003**

all ended up with many wonderful experiences. Some memorable ones might include meeting new people in what seemed to be a huge school, spending chilly Friday nights cheering on our own Mentor High Cardinals, having a wider choice of classes, and joining all the new clubs and activities. Those memories and many made our sophomore year will always be with us. Yes, we all had many new experiences -- some good, some not so good, but, in the end, I hope everyone had more good pieces of chocolate than bad. Let's take a closer look ...
Sophomores Shana Misley and Diane Munns work hard in Tom Swanks geometry class. They are working on the homework assigned for that night, in his class as well as other classes.
Christopher Citraro
Corey Citraro
Melissa Clark
Rachel Clark
Andrew Clinton
Stephanie Cochran

Michael Collins
Shawn Collins
Tricia Colon
Lindsey Connelly
Marco Conti
Amy Cook

Kendall Cook
Derrick Cooper
Matt Copes
Ashley Corbisello
David Correll
Tyler Cortelezzi

Brian Cost
Ryan Coughlin
Michael Counselman
Christopher Court
Jessica Cox
Laura Cox

Ryan Craggs
Andrew Crawley
Nicole Crespin
Chris Croaker
Jennifer Cudnik
Mandy Cundiff

Christine Cvelbar
Faith D’Ambrosio
Diana Daggett
Jeffrey Dalrymple
Heather Damante
Candace Daniels

Kathryn Daniels
Emily Davis
Kelly Dawson
Justin Day
Chad DeFife
Jenn DeFrancesco
Sophomores Alex VandenBroek and Lou Barberio dance the night away at the MHS homecoming. This year's theme for the dance was "What a Wonderful World."
Jennifer Harley
Stephanie Harman
Valerie Harper
Nick Harps
Mallory Harransky
Victoria Harris

Julie Harton
Jonathan Havel
Stephen Hawley
Mary Haydu
David Hayward
Nicholas Heggestad

Alisha Heilemann
Anthony Hendershot
Jason Hennig
Tom Herrick
Michael Hess
Peter Hibbert

Kyle Higaki
Kelly Hill
Melissa Hindley
Kathleen Hine
Kimberly Hirsch
Kim Hodges

Stewart Holes
Jeremy Horner
David Horvath
Portia Horvath
Alexander Hostutler
Dexter Hough Snee

Nathan Hough Snee
Brendan Hoynes
Bryan Hoynes
Timothy Huber
Mark Hudik
Margot Hughes

Shawn Hutson
Kevin Iacofano
Stefanie Irish
Erica Irving
Anthony Ivancic
Carla Ivka
Sophomore Jim Bielfelt is having a "hair raising" experience. Jim's ever changing hairstyles lit up the hallways of the high school throughout the year.
Heather Kern
Daniel Kerwin
John Kerwin
Melissa Kidd
Amanda Kilgore
Jonathan Killmeyer

Jeffrey Kimberly
Dustin Kirby
Jacqui Kish
Danielle Kistner
Kevin Kleber
Andrew Klein

Maria Kleis
Vanessa Kline
Colleen Knapp
Kristin Knecht
Katherine Knierim
Cassandra Kocab

Dustin Kocevar
Timothy Kocevar
Lisa Koenig
Amanda Koeth
Laura Kohl
Amber Kokal

Sarah Kolat
Amanda Kolenc
Ivan Komso
Vanessa Koporc
Steven Koranda
Brittany Koscho

Joy Kosmerl
Matthew Kosovich
James Kovac
Jacqueline Kovach
Joshua Kovach
Kevin Kowalski

Amber Kramer
Kristen Kramer
Ryan Krankowski
Joseph Kraska
Mary Kratochvil
Tiffany Kraus
Sophomores Jaggar Ticknor and Jason Wittermann eat some french fries in the Student Center. They were too hungry to wait for the picture to be taken.
Jaime McGinnis
Nicholas McGlone
Robert McGroarty
Mark McKenna
Robert McNeill
Kevin McQuiston

Renee Medica
Timothy Meinke
John Merchant
Shawna Messinger
Kathryn Metzung
Nicholas Meyer

Joseph Michel
Kyle Mihok
Korina Mijic
Sarah Milford
Emily Millard
Daniel Miller

Marjorie Minihan
Andrew Miskimen
Jennifer Misko
Shana Misley
Alana Misseldine
Murali Mohan

Erin Mohat
Shawn Molder
Ashley Molitor
Brandon Molitor
Arinda Montgomery
Karen Moore

Dianne Muntz
Amber Musarra
Zachary Musiek
Timothy Muzzin
Holly Myllykoski
Sarah Naftanail

Rachel Nagy
Amanda Nebbia
Adam Neely
Tina Negrelli
Jessica Nelson
Philip Nelson

146 Sophomores
Cole Philip
Mike Piatak
Michael Pliny
Valerie Pistillo
Jodie Pitzer
Anthony Piuano

Jim Plutt
Courtney Pohoto
Richard Polcar
Annmarie Posatiere
Robert Potocar
Steven Potts

Katherine Powell
Lauren Powell
Grace Prall
Amanda Preis
Richard Prentice
Daniel Prijatel

David Prince
William Quittenton
Kristine Racine
James Rader
David Rancourt
Rebekka Rasovic

Jessica Raupach
Anthony Ray
Kristen Rehholz
Brian Reed
Michael Rehberger
Jay Reichert

John Reichert
Carol Reidy
Sarah Reilley
Chris Reye
Kelsey Rhoades
Donald Rhoads

Jonathan Richards
Lacey Rose Richards
Olivia Richman
Ryan Rico
Heather Riedel
Renee Riedel
Sophomore Robyn Galucci showing that she wants “peace” in the sophomore locker area. The locker areas are common social places in the school.
Donald Urbancic
Joshua Van Epps
Alexandra Vanden Broek
Sarah Vanderschel
Jason Vanek
John Vanek

Bill Varner
Christopher Vaughn
Samuel Ventura
John Verdi
Mark Villani
Tiffany Vinkler

Paul Vojtush
Sarah Vuicich
Elizabeth Wade
Anthony Wagner
Kristen Waina
Rashell Walker

Regina Walker
Melissa Wallace
Erin Waltz
Joshua Washock
Mike Waterman
Rachel Watson

Sarah Weir
Brittany Westfall
Amanda Weybrecht
Matthew White
Conniemarie Whitehouse
Chad Wiese

Elizabeth Wilczenski
Luke Willard
Ryan Winkleman
Jason Witterman
Benjamen Wohlgemuth
Carrie Wojciak

David Wojewodka
Deidre Wolfe
Alexis Woodruff
Kat Woods
Jennifer Worden
David Wright

152 Sophomores
NOT PICTURED

Mario Allen
Timothy Bartley
Jagoda Benic
Jessica Berichon
Laura Boles
Kimberley Bolog
Beau Bortnick
Matthew Bosher
David Bretz
Shane Buckholz
Terry Button
Anthony Cacic
Julie Church
Denver Dell
Richard Discenzo
Alex Donofrio
Billy Fairman
Gerald Fleece
Jason Foti
Tomislav Gavronovic
Carl Godziek
Melissa Gravens
Oscar Griffith
Robert Gullian
Aaron Heller
Ashley Hodge
David Hodge
Joshua Hoff
Stacy Jacob
Yunus Kinkhabwala
Joshua Knezevich
Steven Knop
Mohammed Lakhani
Bennett Lattanzio
Mitchell Luke
Melissa Marria
Joshua McGinnis
Brandon Mercer
Brandon Mickshaw
Michael Morosko
Daniel Mulhall
Christopher Murphy
Dajan Ninic
Jason Nowicki
Christopher Osborne
Timothy Pachay
Jeffrey Pajestka
Matthew Perkins
Richard Rein
Patrick Rogers
Briana Russ
Michael Schultz
Brandi Scott
Tiffany Seidel
Kelly Senkyr
Michael Shuba
Matthew Skedel
Jessica Sprock
Lindsey Swaney
Dina Swank
Kristen Swidas
Rick Swirtz
Philip Tartaglio
Joseph Teachout
Christine Turcoliveri
Christopher Turner
Yin Wang
Michael Winland
Jeremy Zelinka
Below: Junior Scott Pochatila studies in the library. Students can use the library to escape from the noisy Student Center.

Above: Junior Lindsay Intihar speeds down the hallway. You have to be on your toes to aid for the Unit Ten office.
The junior year is a year of transition, getting ready for our final year of high school and venturing off into the real world. Our junior year is a time to get to know ourselves and to take a closer look into our personalities so that we can establish a career after school, but with much more freedom than in any other year.

**TAKE A CLOSER LOOK**

**A MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2002**

At this point in our lives, we are growing and enjoying the independence of driving, working, and participating in school activities. Junior year isn’t all about fun and games, though. Even though the class of 2002 has had plenty of fun, we are focusing on our goals and preparing for the future. With the PSAT test in October and the SAT and ACT tests following shortly after, we need to buckle down and take things seriously.

Exploring college choices gives juniors a closer look at life after high school.

by Ashley Thompson
Most Memorable Event of 2000
1) The Y2K Bug
2) New Years Eve
3) Russian Sub Sinking
4) Election
5) Concord Crash

If You Could Be a Color, What Would it Be?
1) Blue
2) Green
3) Red
4) Pink
5) Black
Junior Mike James is caught talking while working on classwork. Students often seek help from fellow classmates on difficult topics.
Junior Justin Sell learns the fundamentals of T.V. Production. This is one of the many hands on classes offered at Mentor High.
Junior Alexa Hanrahan works hard in the library on a paper. Students are able to use the resources of the library during their free mods.
Junior Phil Tsakiries looks intensely at his classwork. Teachers often give time during class to work on projects and work.
Michael Kovalkevich
Rudy Kozan
Mary Kozenko
Amber Kozlovich
Melissa Kraus
Keith Krebs

Christopher Kreider
Laura Kristoffersen
Jason Krnc
Bill Kunz
Kami Kurr
Christopher Land

Dina Lanese
Joshua Langdon
Erin Lark
Jaclyn Latessa
Seth Latessa
Matthew Laurich

James Lausberg
Amy Lavalley
John Paul Lavik
Brittany Lawrence
Erik Lawrence
Brett Lawson

Rory Layton
Gregory Lazar
Jessica Lazzaro
Amanda Leciejewski
Joe Ledasil
Mitchell Leitch

Amanda Lemar
Carla Lendvay
Kelly Lendzian
Danielle Leone
Michael Leppelmeier
Jason Lerer

Jonathan Leslein
Rachel Leslie
Melanie Leverette
Michelle Lieb
Renae Lillash
Thomas Linsenmeier
Junior Rick Wagner takes a break from playing hacky sack to strike a pose for the camera. Playing hacky sack during free mods has become very popular among the guys, and some girls, at Mentor High.
Junior Rebecca DeNoewer gets organized for yearbook. There is a lot of work that goes into putting the yearbook together.
This or That
Big Mac over Whopper
Science over English
California over Iowa

Juniors Michelle Lieb and Joe Sidari get together for a quick picture. They are the winners of the Junior Class election.
What is Your Dream Vacation?
1) Hawaii
2) Australia & Bahamas
3) Jamaica
4) France & Italy
5) Florida

This or That
1) Alf over E.T.
2) Cash over check
3) Strange over normal
4) Paper over plastic
5) Indians over Browns
Anthony Sanguedolce
Douglas Sargent
Halle Savage
Catherine Savastano
Lauren Sawchik
Maria Scaperato

Christopher Scates
Christopher Schenck
Matthew Schiering
Jason Schmidt
Lee Schmitz
Ida Schoeneman

Allen Scholes
Dianna Schriber
Laura Scott
Ryan Seal
Stephanie Seaman
Cynthia Sedmak

Lawrence Seghetti
Keith Segina
Justin Sell
Desiree Semega
Anthony Semosky
Kristen Senkyr

Dawn Shandle
Jennifer Shedlock
Jason Sheppard
Stephen Sherer
Amber Sheridan
Jason Sherman

Tyler Sherman
Jennifer Short
Meredith Shull
Joseph Sidari
Joseph Siders
Shannon Sidorick

Jillian Siegel
Justin Silvi
Ashley Simpson
Justin Simpson
Lisa Sivik
Jason Skock
Favorite Type of Music
1) Rap
2) R&B
3) Anything
4) Alternative
5) Rock

Favorite Store
1) American Eagle
2) Abercrombie
3) Hot Topic
4) Pacific Sunwear
5) Tye Dye Sky
Robert Venc
Christopher Vitagliano
Shelley Vojtush
Caroline Von Sick
Benjamin Voyten
Richard Wagner

Lisa Waleszewsksi
Michael Walker
Steven Walker
Timothy Walsh
Calie Warsinskey
Amber Wearstler

Trevor Wearstler
Charles Weaver
Angela Weber
Thomas Weber
Jaimie Weiss
Gina West

Julie Weston
Anthony Weybrecht
Dale Wheeler
Andrea Whinnery
Genis Wiegand
Scott Wiese

Matthew Wilhelm
Ashley Williams
Brandon Williams
Christopher Williams
Cole Wilson
Talia Wilson

Melissa Winter
Eddie Wojcik
Christopher Wolf
Clifford Wood
Christopher Woolard
Joshua Workman

Nicholas Workman
Brian Wright
Rebecca Wright
Megan Wyand
David Yee
Krysta Yee
Favorite Movie
1) Scary Movie
2) Matrix
3) Half Baked
4) Dirty Dancing
5) Braveheart, Tommy Boy

If You Could Be a Character on a TV Show, Who Would it Be?
1) Rachel/Friends
2) Bart/The Simpsons
3) Joey/Dawson's Creek
4) Pheobe/Friends
5) Drew Carey/The Drew Carey Show

Most Memorable High School Moment
1) Football games
2) Homecoming
3) Winter Formal
4) Band
5) Theater and Volleyball

Favorite Soft Drink
1) Coke
2) Sprite
3) Dr. Pepper
4) Sunkist
5) Root Beer

Favorite Pizza Topping
1) Pepperoni
2) Extra cheese
3) Sausage
4) Onions
5) Pineapple
Above: Junior Jenny Soeder and sophomore Lauren Gilbert take a quick break from dancing. Homecoming is a great time to dance and socialize with your friends.

Left: Junior Andrew Morales shows school spirit at the Homecoming parade. Different clubs and organizations decorate cars to show school spirit.

NOT PICTURED

Danelle Ady
Jennifer Althar
Emily Ayres
Edward Ballus
Davin Blount
Jacquelynn Brown
William Chew
Peter Chongris
Bryant Crirswell
Clarence Cook
Michael Cook
Robert Copes
Michael Corbett
Kevin DeMatteo
John Dommanick
Sarah Doolin
Lewis Felker
Anthony Ferenczi
Janja Filipovic
Bradley Grdina
Adam Hainz
Joseph Hennig
Justin Johnson
Eileen Jolley
Michele Kergan

Kristen King
Michael Kirk
Jeanna Kovalski
Patrick Kral
Brandon Lawson
Derrek Leiter
Leah Lovill
Michael Malone
Kristi Martin
Christopher
McMannes
Erica McSween
Thomas Mills
Leah Motz
Fran Murray
Jonathan Pittsinger
Brian Poplawski
Donald Post
Mark Radcliffe
Jason Reed
James Rennie
Sean Riggs
Erin Rowan
Turdy Salvador
Ieva Sateikaite

Christopher Sayers
Justin Severa
Jeffrey Shirer
Michael Simko
James Sivistlo
Quentin Smith
Brian Snyder
Michael Snyder
James Spraggin
Kyle St. Cyr
Gene Taylor
Dawna Teachout
Gordon Thomas
Nicole Thompson
Dana Thornton
Matthew
Twarogowski
Jaclyn Watson
Angela White
Emanuel Williams
Geoffrey Williams
Laura Yeckley
Robert Zuchelli
Below: "What a Wonderful World" it is for juniors Justin Silvi, Jenn Mester, Scott Pochatilla, and Dani Cimperman as they take a break from dancing at Homecoming. The Homecoming dance gives students a chance to dress up and have a great time.

Below: Juniors Bob Hickey, Jen Cudnik, Marc Bobeczko, Doug Sargent, and Tiffany Brewer are "hanging out" in the courtyard during lunch. The courtyard gives students a chance to relax and get away from school pressures.

Above: Juniors Katie Koscik and Andrea Fleischhauer are caught in mid discussion. It's a rare occurrence to be able to walk without running into people in the crowded halls of Mentor High.

Above: Junior Adam Rupp sets up the camera in the complex process of television production. In this class, students can receive hands-on experience with video equipment.

Above: Juniors Mallory Middaugh, Sara Doolin, and senior Kendelyn Sarll work diligently as English teacher Sam Osborne watches over them giving advice. Teachers often fill in for absent teachers if a substitute cannot be found.

Above: Junior Jim Medved misses the hackey sack and scowls at the camera. During lunch mods, students are allowed to go outside to socialize and enjoy weather.
Below: Senior Adam Cervenka is shocked to find a photographer in front of him during John Greene's homeroom. With school starting at 7:15, not everyone is this awake in the morning.

Below: Senior Jenni Williams shows off her costume at the AFS Halloween party. Despite their age, many seniors still dress up in costumes on Halloween.

Above: Senior Desiree Dunn gives her all during marching band practice. The marching band practiced after school twice a week and every day during school to try for a superior rating at states.
Although it has been a hassle to get up and go to school every morning for thirteen years, take a moment and think back about all of the things that you have learned during these years. There is no other time in your life when you will have an environment like you have here at MHS. You have friends close by for support, teachers here for learning, and after-school activities for entertainment. It's now time to say goodbye to all of this and embrace new opportunities as you move on. Some of us are going on to college, while others are joining the working class or serving the country. However, whatever we choose to go on to, our school memories will remain with us forever. Just remember, as you open new doors in your life, don't close the ones behind you. Take a closer look at all of the opportunities MHS has given you and take advantage of them. Good Luck!

-Sarah Brown
Below Right: As she rests her chin on her crutch senior Lauren Raymer looks through her backpack for her economics book. Lauren broke her foot at a recent football game while marching with her drum into the stadium.

Below: After a biology test, senior Ameena Iqbal manages a smile as she grabs her books for physics class and a quick snack. Students who eat during lunch often bring extra food to munch on during the day.

Above Right: During the homecoming parade, students cheer words of encouragement for the Mentor High School football team. The students called themselves the “Painted Posse” and could be found in the front row at every home game.

Right: Senior Eric Russ looks on as his physics class learns interactively with the computer. Physics is a class many seniors take because of the hands-on projects like the famous egg drop.

Right: Student Council officers this year are Laura Smolinski, Jeff Scott, Erin Skinner and Dave Kelly. The student council focuses on the students and providing an outlet for ideas to the administration.
What is Your Most Memorable Moment at MHS?

“My most memorable moment is when the Shakespearean actors came into Mr. Young’s English class last year and performed Macbeth for us.”
- Jen Copes

“My most memorable moment is going to sixth grade camp and spending time with the other counselors. Some of us climbed up on a roof to watch the stars.”
- Ashley Kuhlmann

“Last year, I accidentally walked in to the right class but wrong mods. I even sat down before I realized that it was the wrong class.”
- Lisa Guinan

“This year when I was a counselor at sixth grade camp, I had the best time going on a night hike with the kids and telling ghost stories.”
- Jessica Link

Above: Senior Nina Lucci grooves to a popular rap song. After an intense week of studying, Nina tried to show her uncoordinated friends the right way to dance.

Left: Senior Sara Eisenbaum can’t believe what she is hearing. She was calling her mom from the yearbook office.

Left: During another day of Greg Allen’s macroeconomics class, senior Mark Wilson kicks back in a comfortable chair. Thanks to fund-raising, students in Mr. Allen’s classes enjoy swivel chairs.
Below: Seniors Jeff McDonough and Anthony Iorillo got festive for Donna Kohn’s English class. The two boys were characters in the class production of Homer’s Illiad.

Right: Taking a break from the rigors of French 4, senior Katie Fink talks with her French teacher Monique Cioce during Spirit Week. Katie went all out for pajama day and not only wore pajamas but also brought slippers and a stuffed duck.

Below: Senior Alessio Picciano drives Senior Class officers Greg Smith and Brad Waldman for the homecoming parade. The parade is a tradition at MHS before the homecoming game.

Above: Senior Rick Fisher is studiously working on his Spanish homework. Seniors who have been in a language class for four years have the opportunity to visit their respective languages country at the end of the year.

Above right: Senior Jennifer Kaperak displays her soccer skills during a mod change in front of her many fans. The girls soccer team took home the District Championship and had a great season.

Right: Senior Mattie Church listens attentively to the instructions for her T.V Production class. The class is responsible for the video yearbook and the announcements each morning during homeroom.
Class of 2001’s Favorite Things

Teacher: Mike Wolski

Color: Black

Radio Station: 107.9

Vacation Spot: Disney World

Sesame Street Characters: Bert & Ernie

Store in the Mall: Abercrombie & Fitch
Best Laugh

Todd Huntington and Danielle Dorsey

Most Dramatic

Brandon Dubensky and Danniele Meglen
Left: Seniors Mike Gaydos and Josh Rogers use a roll of toilet paper to help start a fire at sixth grade camp. Ninety students had the opportunity to be counselors for a week at Camp Hirum House.
Most Gullible

Jason Berube and Promise Nolan

Most Artistic

B.J. Walland and Lindsey Gilbert
Above: Braving the elements, seniors Amy Casanova, Jessie Dressig, and Heather Perry still come out and support the Mentor football team. The varsity cheerleaders were very dedicated and their support paid off with the cardinals end-of-the season comeback.

Left: Senior Lindsey Rhodes spends her lunch reading in the senior court. Over the years the senior court had been invaded by more and more sophomores and juniors.
Most Instrumental

Below: Seniors Meghan Kovac, Kim Holbrook, Larissa Galan, Melissa Paine, and Jen Zappola gather in the hallway for a picture. This is a rare opportunity at MHS because the halls are always crowded.

Prettiest Eyes

Trent Alberts and Meghan Proegler

Pat Henk and Stacey Steadman

Above: Senior Danielle Meglen waits for her copy of a picture in the yearbook office to be printed. With only one xerox machine in the office, the production was often slow.
Left: “Let the force be with you.” Senior John Oatman grins while in his Halloween costume at the AFS party.

Below Left: Senior Missy Kelly calls across the room to her friend as she finishes a bagel. Many teachers will let students eat in class when they don’t have time for breakfast.

Below: As biology teacher Rich Woodman lectures, senior Chris Hine listens intently. He was learning about the wonder of plants and the amazing process of photosynthesis.

Above: After a summer away from Mentor High, seniors Jessie Blything and Tracy Fumic give each other a big hug during the first week of school.

Left: Senior Kris Suter blows a kiss as he “moonwalks” through the hallway. This was not unusual to see Kris acting this way when you passed him in the halls.

And the Winner is....
Diet Pepsi or Pepsi One?
- Diet Pepsi

Ladies Man or Spartan Cheerleaders?
- Ladies Man

Browns or Indians?
- Indians

Burger King or McDonalds?
- McDonalds

Kelly or Rudy?
- Rudy
Best Smile

Abigail Lewis
Dustin Lewis
Emily Leyva

Jesse Smith and Tatum Fraser

Prettiest Hair

Michael Leyh
Brandis Light
Andy Lightner

Pat Callahan and Kim Holbrook

Jessica Link
Gina Llewellyn
Julieann Locher

Michelle Lombardo
Benjamin Longhons
Gianine Lucci

204 Seniors
Michael Markal
Miranda Mason
Ashley Martin
Andrew Matas
Kristin Mathis
Amanda Matousek
Aaron May
Matthew McBride
Tristan McDaniel
Jason McGinnis
Joyce McGovern
Erin McGreehan
Dana McLaughlin
Shawn McWilliams
David Meditz
Danniele Meglen
Jessica Meier
Veronica Mekus
Kathryn Melton
Barbara Mendenhall
Most Athletic

Jason Bratten and Jen Kaperak

Most Musical

Greg Duy and Jen Zappola
Most School Spirit

John Needham and Missy Flaherty

Class Clown

Jeff Scott and Megan Toth
Most Involved

Matt Van Epps and Jen Vandaveer

Best Dressed

Heather Perry and LaMont Andrews
Most Talkative

Erin Skinner and Eugene Dorfman

Michelle Zgonc
Jennifer Zidar
Diane Zienkowski
Chad Zinich
Katie Zobec
Andrea Zoldan
Jessica Zuchelli
Tasha Zuchelli

Below: Senior Brandon Woods takes a quick nap during lunch in the student center. Some students would rather catch up on sleep than eat.

Above: Senior Sara Eisenbaum tells senior Dawn Remmer a secret during the fall sports assembly. This is quite a feat because of all of the cheering in the gymnasium.
Left: Seniors Lauren Kisley and Heather Wieczorek paint a pumpkin black for a Creative Crafts contest.
Below: Senior Jeff McDonough shows fellow golf teammates Kyle Trent and Kevin Boyle how to get some noise from the packed bleachers during the assembly. The boys golf team had a very impressive record of 25-0 this year.

Above: Senior Tatum Fraser gets a hug of support from her friend Danijela Perko during the fall sports assembly. Tatum was nominated to the Homecoming Court for 2000.

Left: Seniors Carrie Smith, Josh Fulton, Nick Lacchese, Heather Perry, and Kyle Trent lean in for a picture around the lunch table. Students will cram many people around the table so they can be with friends at lunch.

Below: Senior Erin McGreehan mimics a teacher in the hallway. Many teachers can be found hands on hips and checking for hall passes.
What a Wonderful World

Sarah Newman

Below: Senior Caitlin Rose lets people know who she is with a bright sign held by Laura Webster during the homecoming parade. Those participating in the parade competed for a "Best Float" award.

Homecoming Queen

Below: Senior Sarah Newman smiles after being crowned homecoming queen. Students voted for one of ten girls for the title of 2000 homecoming queen.

Above Left: Seniors Missy Flaherty and Rick Martucci wait in line before the homecoming assembly. At the assembly, all of the homecoming queen candidates are introduced to the student body.

Left: Despite the loud music senior Trent Alberts and junior Jamie Hofrichter try to carry on a conversation during the dance. The D.J. kept the dance floor hopping all night.
Left: Junior Jenny Soeder and junior Chad Surckla dance the night away at the homecoming dance. This year, the D.J. had a video monitor so students could watch music videos while they danced.
Right: Senior Sarah Brown, juniors Mike Malone, Alec Byrum and senior Erin Skinner take a break from the dance to cool down. The dance area was so hot that many students went into the cooler courtyard.
**Right:** Senior Jeff Scott drinks a carton of milk because it makes a body good. Although many beverages are offered at lunch, nothing beats a good old carton of milk.

**Below:** Senior Brenna Clark scratches her head as she tries to think of a caption for a yearbook photo. The yearbook staff put in many long hours to produce the 2001 yearbook.

**Above:** Seniors Margaret Fellows and Lindsay Parsons prepare for the AFS Halloween party. They insisted that their vampire costumes were not complete without fangs.

**Right:** Senior Denise Burger catches up on some last minute homework during homeroom. This time is a very useful time for preparing for the day ahead.
And Finally......

Tony Anderson
Chris Bock
Lindsey Clair
Maya Condric
Bryant Criswell
Daniel Filipovic

Thomas Loomis Jr
Joe Mach
Sandra Rados
Ivana Savic
John Strukel
Crystal Welsh

Monique Negrelli
Angela Neiman
Kelli Vollman

Nikki Arraj
Martee Almond
Julia Anisimova
Sean Bartel
Kimberly Basile
Dana Berczel
Sarah Bliss
Jessica Blything
Stanislav Bobrov
Melissa Bookbinder
Glenda Bowman
Aaron Brandt
Bryan Brown
Timothy Buck
Denise Buerger
Ashley Cain
Raquelharrabine
Lindsey Cerutti
Shawn Clair
James Cosmio
Timothy Coursen
Anthony Criado
Catherine DeLong
Michael Dingus
Matthew Domkowski
Lisa Donaldson
Danielle Dorsey
Richard Dorsey
Zachary Duffin
Leonard Dybizinski
Sara Eisenbaum

Dion Elie
Phillip Ellis
Ernest Fielder
Karen Fleece
Carla Fleming
Robert Fratus
Joseph Galati
Christopher Gensur
Jeffrey Gersin
Joseph Gladding
Justin Gollin
Mark Gorney
Andrew Gorski
James Graf
Lynette Green
Joseph Grubb
Robert Grubb
Adam Hadesh
Jeffrey Hall
Shawn Hancy
Franklin Harmon
Alan Harris
Kelly Harrison
Candice Henderson
Corry Higgins
Brandon Hommel
Cassie Horton
Michael Howe
Shawna Huggins
Michael Jankowski
Nathan Johnson
Jessica Juker

Nikola Katie
Damien Keldel
Joseph Keldel
Jamal Keith
Melissa Kelly
Michelle Knop
Jennifer Koenig
Darko Komso
Sara Kondas
Katie Kovaleik
Justin Kozlovich
Melissa Krivacic
Christopher Liptak
Krista Loaker
Lisa Logan
Michele Long
Dino Maio
Christopher Marria
Byron Martin
Kenneth Massey
Ashley McCord
Tiffany McEord
Rosa McDonald
Jeff McDonough
Richard McKenna
Colleen McRedmond
Robert Miller
Kirk Miner
Adam Mitroai
Angela Mitroai
Benjamin Moehnert
Gregory Moenich

Kristopher Moody
Victor Morenz
Jeffrey Myers
Joshua Myers
Tiffany Myers
Kayvon Nabavighati
Jessica Nelson
Kevin Nolan
David Oleksiatk
Eli Oleksiatk
Amy Orlando
Rhonda Painter
Frank Paratore
Melissa Peckis
Carlos Pino
Andrea Plotts
Jamie Porter
Collin Rabe
Travis Rachliffe
Victoria Ray
Bobby Roesch
Michael Romito
Lee Ann Ropes
Nicholas Rose
Sarah Rosplock
Melissa Ruminski
Jeremy Rushback
Christopher Rutti
Janet Ryant
Debrasree Saha
Craig Sams
Scott Santee
Glen Schnars
Daniel Schneider
Christopher Seese
Daniel Sepetanc
Joseph Severini
Timothy Shedlock
Matthew Shriver
Sarah Shumaker

David Slamic
Chelsea Smith
Linda Smith
Patrick Smith
Seth Smith
Jessica Snyder
Keith Sommerst
Jennifer Sprock
Ricky Stansbury
Rebecca Strickland
Christopher Sullivan
Daniel Sumrada
Melinda Sweet
Alexandria Sylvia
Frank Szappano
Michael Tankovich
Candace Taylor
Markis Taylor
Ronald Taylor
Shawn Taylor
Bobby Thomas
Ryan Thompson
Kevin Tirk
Tatjana Topolovic
James Underhill
Joe Varanese
Nathan Voracek
Robert Vukanic
Bonniejean Wallace
Scott Wallace
Peng Wang
Devon Warnan
Brian Wehagen
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Senior Advertisements
In its third year of existence, the senior advertisements section was another success. This is where seniors get a chance to put pictures of themselves, family and friends, artwork, and messages on their own page in the yearbook. The students, their parents, or the yearbook staff could design the page. It is a time to create a collage of their own memories for everyone else to see what goes on in their lives. There are so many memories from a person’s high school experience, there is no way to capture them all. This is the best chance to capture a few great moments, including a shared moment with a friend or a hilarious moment at a school event. All seniors want to remember their high school years in their own way. Take a closer look at how these seniors will remember various events that have taken place in their lives.

-Trent Alberts
Matt Bralley

Hey, HANDSOME!

LOOK AT YOU NOW!
It wasn't as bad as I thought. The thirteen best/worst years of my life. Thank you to everyone who helped me through it. To my friends who I adore- I wish we could do it all over again. The memories are enough to last a lifetime. Disneyland: can you say "splash" mountain? Can we move into Damons? Quality watches on the streets of New York City. The answer is always Sarah. Whatever happened to Mel? McDonalds- I think they know us by now. Welcome to the jungle. I'll chip your potato if you pop my corn. Mint fiend. Why don't we just build me a room in Biggles? The car is allergic to clean. What's homeroom? Mom- You're my best friend. Thank you for everything. I love you. Dad- You're the best. Thank you for always being there for me and the constant love and support. I love you. Jen-Holy %&^#, was that a bat? It's a television commercial!...Horatio can give me botulism anytime-how 'bout you? The world's best bus buddy. Thanks for being my friend and a second sister. Ashley- 25-cent rings are a great fashion statement. Loved puppy hunting. What's a droogle? "clap" your hands if you know what they are. Facafoni you! I luv ya. Jesse- You can do anything you want and don't let anyone ever tell you otherwise. Who's there? Oh yeah- Joe Mama! Crystal- A truly huggable person. Thank you for getting me through my third year ice cream nightmare! Luv Yal Mr.Wolski- Keep working on those cartwheels and stay OFF the heater! Mr.Greene- It looks like you're getting ready for a big meal. Quick-Ragdoll! Is that mini-me peeking at me? Class of 2001- Good luck in whatever you do. Thank you for making these rough years a blast! "I ain't gonna be just a face in the crowd, you're gonna hear my voice when I shout out loud"- Jon Bon Jovi.
Sara Eisenbaum

SARA AVI EISENBAUM...a shining star

at a party with friends and family

my friend Jerry

grilling and chilling

may all your dreams and wishes come true
Lauren Feola

2000
LAUREN MARIA MARCELLA FEOLA
TENDER
LOVING
KIND
COMPASSIONATE
INTELLIGENT
BEAUTIFUL
PATRIOTIC
HOPEFUL

To us, you are all this and so much more.
Not only are we blessed to have you,
the world is also.

Love, Mom, Dad, Frank, Ryan,
and Maverick

Farewell school days at Mentor,
For yesterday is in my mind and heart,
But tomorrow is a bright promise for the rest of my life.
Lauren
Missy Flaherty and Sarah Newman
Dan Fortuna and Gary Lawson

Way to go guys!!!
Good luck in whatever you decide to do!
Congratulations DJ, we're proud of you and everything you have become!!!

Love Always,
Dad, Mom, Dana, Dane,
Dylan, and Tom
Kelly Helmerick and Desiree Krawczyszyn

KELLY & DEZ
Best Friends
(B.F.F.E.A.E.)
Jen Kaperak
Abby Lewis and Olivia Sheppard

Congratulations O and Ab
We look back over the years of your life and memories float down to us through the corridor of time.

We remember the non-stop giggling of little girls, the laughter of silly times and the smiles of an angel in our lives.

We remember “whohough, wawee, and gahcoop”, the first bike ride, ice skates, curtain climbers, the garden we planted, the first notes on your flute and that first concert, we were “Oh so proud”.

We remember the move to Jr. High and all that talk about boys.

We remember your letter jacket, marching band, workcamp, youth group and your first job, the first time “behind the wheel” and “waiting up” during that first date.

We remember your shaking voice after your car accident, tears for someone else’s pain, compassion for those in need, your caring ways, and your anger when someone was wronged.

We remember and hope your future is as bright as your past.

We look back and we know an “Angel in Disguise” was placed in our home.

Love,
Mom & Dad
FIRST TIMES

It seems like yesterday we held you for the First time... Now eighteen years later you’ll soon be leaving for college for the First time. Life has so many First times. First time you sang a song, played you first Jazz solo bowled your first strike, made your first lasting friendships... and the First time we realized our little boy has become a wonderful young man. We love you Laz and wish for you a Life full of new and exciting First times. Seize them and enjoy the challenges that lie ahead.

All our love Alessio,
Mom Dad Chenz
Family and Friends
Congratulations Lauren . . .

We are so proud of you;
From your first smile,
your first step, to your
most recent challenge . . .
you have excelled at
every task put before you.
Your outlook on life, your wit,
and your incredible energy
will ensure success in all you do.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Jack
Matt Schollenberger

My Mind's Got A Mind Of It's Own

- Waiting for the time when I can finally say,
  That this has all been wonderful
  But now I'm on my way
  - Phish - "Down With Disease"

- Living is easy with eyes closed
  Misunderstanding all you see
  It's getting hard to be someone
  But it all works out
  It doesn't matter much to me -
  The Beatles - "Strawberry Fields Forever"

- I am gasoline -
  - Bowens -

- The overhead view is of me in a maze
  And you see what I'm hunting a few steps away
  And I take a wrong turn
  And I'm on the wrong path
  And the people all watching enjoy a good laugh -
  - Phish - "Maze"

- Mellow mood has got me, darlin
  So let the music rock me -
  - Bob Marley - "Mellow Mood"

- Look at you all see the love
  There that's sleeping
  While my guitar gently weeps -
  - The Beatles - "While My Guitar Gently Weeps"

  I seem to forget half the things I start
  I try to build a house then I tear it down
  There's no fire
  And then I burn myself on ice
  I can't count to one without thinking twice
  - Phish - "My Mind's Got A Mind Of It's Own"

- Trapped in time and I don't know what to do
  These friends of mine I can see right through
  You don't gotta tell me I don't gotta move
  Cuz I'm just sittin' back here
  Sharin' in the groove -
  - Phish - "Mike's Groove"

- If I could I would, but I don't know how -
  - Phish - "If I Could"

- Hey... it's just sweat... man!
  - Stratman -

- One man gathers what another man spills -
  - Grateful Dead - "St. Stephen"

- Don't ask her what it was, tell her what it is -
  - Phish - "Yamar"

- Can't this wait till I'm old
  Can't I live while I'm young? -
  - Phish - "Chalkdust Torture"

- Let there be songs
  To fill the air -
  - Grateful Dead - "Ripple"

- Each betrayal begins with trust
  Every man returns to dust -
  - Phish - "Farmhouse"

- One good thing about music
  When it hits you feel no pain -
  - Bob Marley - "Trenchtown Rock"

- Maybe you'll find direction
  Around some corner where it's been waiting to
  Meet you -
  - Grateful Dead - "Box of Rain"

- All in all it was all just bricks in the wall
  All in all you were all just bricks in the wall -
  - Pink Floyd - "Another Brick in the Wall"

- Open your eyes, look within
  Are you satisfied with the life you're livin? -
  - Bob Marley - "Exodus"

What a long strange trip it's been
Heather Stark

July 28, 1999

September 24, 2000

September 10, 2000

"HP"

my love

girls just wanna have fun

best friends
Try not to regret anything that may have open life's door. Remember unless you try to fly, you'll never be able to soar.
Harmontality thanks their families for their love and support. Also Miss Laurel Kunes for her compassion and willingness to help, as they began their long road to success last year. Mr. Greg Allen, yet another influence, has been their mentor and teacher this year. He has exposed Harmontality to various groups and opportunities. Painesville's First Church of Christ also deserves thanks for supplying much-needed equipment. The group also thanks God for His everlasting guidance and love. Many other people, who are very important as well, could be named for numerous pages. You know who you are. Thank you all!
Aimee Ciora

Aimee Ciora

From the moment you were born,
We knew that you were special.
Your smile could melt an iceberg,
Your laugh could warm the coldest heart.
Your eyes shine like stars in Heaven
And you have the heart of an angel.
What a precious gift God gave us!
May God bless you and watch over you always.
We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Bob
Crystal Corbin

Congratulations, we are so very proud of you! You have grown into a beautiful young woman now. Always remember and follow your dreams. May God Bless and keep you in his care always. Your life is just beginning sweetheart.

All Our Love,
Mom, Rick & Mark

GOOD LUCK!!!

Jill Debevits

When you were born we gave you the name Jill. We must have known what we were doing because the characteristics of your name fit your identity. You recognize when someone needs a hug, you know to look within for the answers, you have the power to do wonderful things, others can count on you, you possess a talented and creative mind, you find pleasure in the simple things of life and you our practical yet fun. These are characteristics that can never be taken away from you. You will go far in life because you have the power within yourself to do whatever is in your will. Jill we are so proud of you and love you with all our hearts.

Mom, Dad and Mandy
Katie Fecser

Can't believe how fast 18 years have passed!

Megin Feczko

Congratulations, Megin
We're very proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad
Amber Ford

This page is dedicated to my daughter Amber.

Amber,
It seems just like yesterday when you still very small, you've come a long way baby and I hope you have it all.
YOU DESERVE IT!

Love you,
MOM

Kim Grano

Kim,
From small beginnings to great achievements!
Always give it your best!

We Love You,
Mom, Dad, Chris, Nick, Bee-Bop, and Rocky.
Todd Horn

Todd,

You have opened up a world to yourself where you can do anything and everything awaits you. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Kevin Hutchins

Dear Kevin,

You were a miracle at birth,
You have beaten the odds so far,
You have made us so very proud!

Never, Never, Ever give up.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Amber
Lindsey Rhoades

Lindsey,
From birth, to your first graduation to your last,
You have given us many special memories. It is now time to go forth to design and paint your own world.
Enjoy Art School.
Love, Your Family
Angel Richardson

As we watched you walk down the aisle to receive your first diploma 14 years ago, we were so proud of our little girl. With the thought of many school years to come, we never imagined that time would pass by so quickly. Our prayer for you is a life filled with happiness. May all your dreams come true because our dream came true the day that God gave us “OUR LITTLE GIRL”. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad

“2001”

Melanie Steele

To

Mimi

We have always been proud of you.
May all your dreams come true.
Love, Dad, Mom & Chris
THE PROUD, THE FEW, THE BEST
BE ALL YOU CAN BE
LOVE ALWAYS,
MOM & DAD GIBSON
XOXOXO

We are proud of you!
Love, Your Family

Jessica Meier

You were a little girl who loved to learn new things, a curious and questioning child. As time has gone on, you have grown more independent and secure. When I think about all you have done and accomplished and all you have grown up to be, I feel so proud of you. I will always be there for you with encouragement and loving advice as you follow your dreams in the future. You are a wonderful daughter. CONGRATULATIONS!
Love, MOM

Adam Harris & Sally Roth

Adam "Bear" Harris
Sarah "Sally" Roth

Congratulations
Graduates
Laura Webster

All the treasures of our world are found within your eyes.
which sparkle with your laughter, love and true surprise.
Your gallant heart knows no retreat...
Gallop on.
gallop more.
gallop till those dreams you meet!

We are so proud of you Laura!

Congratulations
Class of 2001

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the Cardinal Notes Staff
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