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At the beginning of the school year, we were a very diverse group. Seniors were thinking “Just one more year” and “No one can push us around.” While the juniors complained about having a tough year, the sophomores did not know what to expect from their first year at MHS. Things would change within just a few weeks of the 2001 - 2002 school year.

The morning of September 11, 2001, started out just like any other morning. Students were going to class, and some were getting breakfast before school started. Everything was just a typical morning event until mods 5 - 6. America was under attack. Students gathered outside the Student Center to watch the latest breaking news of this event. But it was not until mods 7 - 8 that more people found out. Classes went down to watch, while some classrooms had TVs on to learn the latest news. School came to a complete stop.

Throughout the day, students gathered to witness this blow that terrorists had brought upon our nation. Many students were shocked that this could happen, while others called home to see how things were. Some students cried because family and friends had been called to active duty to protect our country. The days to follow would also be tough to handle for many students and staff members.

Within days of the attack, the student body came together as one. We were no longer diverse, but united. We were not just united within the school, but with the rest of the nation. Many people gave money donations and blood donations to help those who lost their lives on September 11.

We, as a student body, came together at a critical time. Grade levels did not matter any more; neither did the type of people we were. We showed people that we cared and that it is easier to take things one day at a time. We are truly lucky to live in a nation that cares so much. It truly is BETTER IN MENTOR and BETTER IN AMERICA.

by Jennifer Soeder

Above: Senior Andy Morales decides to be Dee Synder, the lead singer of Twisted Sister. After September 11, the students still show off their school spirit.

Above: The Cardinal decided to put on a little show for everyone at the fall sports assembly. This year, the Cardinal showed off an interesting new dance move for everyone.
1. “I pledge allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”
2. Senior Jenny Soeder donates money to the Red Cross to help out the victims’ families. The idea was given by the Senior Class, and raised over $1,000.
3. The morning of September 19, 2001, students gathered outside around the flag pole to pray for those lost in the attacks. Students could be found praying around the flag pole before school or talking with teachers about the event.
4. Art work appeared on the Student Center windows days after the attacks. MHS students came together as one to show their pride in America.
5. Students gathered outside the Student Center to watch the breaking news of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon attacks. Many were stunned to learn that America was under such an attack.
6. At this year’s fall sports assembly, the foreign exchange students showed their respect for America by holding the American flag. All over the world, nations showed their respect for America in different ways.
While most students make academics their top priority, they also make time to participate in all that Mentor High has to offer. Whether it be attending Prom, playing for the varsity soccer team, or carving pumpkins for Art Club, there is always something to do. Each person who participates in an extra-curricular activity is contributing to Mentor High. We make up the largest high school in Ohio; therefore, our school enables us to experience all different walks of life. We must take these opportunities and make the most of them. As you look back on your year here, whether it was your first or last, we hope you did everything you wanted to. Whether you spent your time studying, playing, sleeping, creating, or daydreaming, you probably made memories you will cherish forever. This section of the yearbook enables each of us to look back on our year at Mentor High. Did you make the most out of it? If you are leaving this establishment, we hope you do not have any regrets. If you will be returning in the fall, remember to make the best of your time here. It will go quickly and never return. This is one adventure in life that you cannot experience twice.

by Tina Negrelli

Above: Sophomore Keith Cederlund walks down the hallway to biology. For most students, carrying a backpack makes life much easier.

Right: A group of juniors cheer enthusiastically at a football game despite the rain. It is not uncommon for the stands to be full even when weather is bad.
Left: Seniors and juniors gather for one last group picture before leaving 6th grade camp. Being a counselor is a very rewarding experience.

Below: Senior Glenn Forbes chuckles during the introduction of homecoming queen candidates. Introducing members of the homecoming court is a tradition at the fall assembly.

Left: Junior Alex VandenBroek flashes her fangs for the camera. Some students enjoy dressing up for school on Halloween.

Above: Sophomores Rich Cunningham, Kirsten Altmeyer, Jessica Honard, Jessie Mutch and Lisa Kingsmill enjoy lunch in the Student Center. Lunch at the high school is a big change from lunch at the junior highs.
1. Senior Jeff Marous chats with fellow sixth grade camp counselors in the Hiram House lounge. Counselors appreciate the free time they get to spend there.

2. Sophomores Paul Burger and Kim Ciani are happy to be in biology. All students are required to take a life science course before graduation.

3. Senior Lauren Sawchik wears her mouth guard at the powder puff game. Seniors take the annual game seriously.

4. Juniors Jenna Oliverio, Nick Jones, Amber Musarra, and Mark Martucci get in close for a quick candid shot. Juniors enjoy not having to go to a study hall opposite their lunch.

5. Senior Lisa Contenenza is caught by a photographer during a mode change. Students have four minutes between classes.

6. Junior Lauren Powell and seniors Danielle Gallese and Angela Parmertor socialize in the Student Center. Eating, studying, and socializing are common activities that take place in the Student Center.
7. Sophomore Emily Garrison is interrupted from classwork when a photographer snaps a picture. Most students try and get their work done in class so that they don't have to do it at home.

8. Juniors Jessie Nelson and Danielle Kistner are having fun during lunch. Lunch is a great time for students to catch up on their social lives.

9. Senior Anthony Childs goes over plays for the Powder Puff game. Football players coach the girls each year at the game.

10. Sophomore Kelly Brown eats breadsticks while in yearbook. Yearbook is an actual class held during mods 7-8.

11. Junior Steve Bacnik grabs a donut for breakfast before heading to class. The cafeteria sells donuts and bagels in the morning for those who need a little snack.

12. Sophomores Kassie Gaffney and D.J. Bokor are happy to see each other. It is possible for a person to go all three years at Mentor and not get to know most people in their grade.
Spirit Week

Right: The boys cross country team performs at the fall sports assembly. Each team has the opportunity to entertain the students.

Below: Seniors Ashley Thompson and Becky DeNeefer explain to students what AFS is. This is a program that allows Mentor High students to get to know the foreign exchange students.

Above: The girls cross country team chats during the assembly. This year Allison Kulpa competed at the state competition.

Right: The girls golf team model their fashionable clothing for the audience. This is the first year the girls sported such stylish outfits.
Left: Juniors Mallory Ristau and Tiffany Bartlebraugh celebrate Halloween during their early childhood education class. Students interact with preschoolers while in this class.

Below: Seniors Bob Hickey and Clint Mitchell dance together during lunch. Many boys decided to dress as girls for Halloween.

Above: Senior Danielle Berkey changes from her usual brown hair to long black locks. This medieval looking costume is very original.

Far Left: Junior Chris Grinstead models in front of the camera on Halloween. However, the ruffled look probably won't be coming back any time soon.

Left: Senior Ryan Hoover smiles despite his apparent injuries. Students who are actually injured are allowed to use the elevator instead of hobbling up the stairs.
Right: Juniors Nicole Vehovec, Kelly Hart, Jay Sheppard, Stacey Sokalski, Jenny Soeder, and Jenny Mester get together for a picture before dancing. Prom was at LaMalfa Party Center.

Below: Sophomore Katie Alexander with junior David Yee and sophomore Tina Negrelli with senior Ryan Thompson are headed to the dance floor. Sophomores are permitted to attend prom only if they are invited by upperclassmen.

Right: Juniors Kim D’Orio and Chris Shenk stopped dancing to grab a quick refreshment. There were so many people in attendance that some could not even fit on the dance floor.

Prom 2001

Don’t Want To Miss A Thing

Left: Junior Megan Ryan watches her feet to make sure she doesn’t step on her date’s toes. Prom is a night that most will remember forever.

Right: Junior Justin Silvi is surprised that his picture is being taken. Prom weekend is usually a busy one for students because most of them spend Saturday at Cedar Point.
Left: Junior Bob Mocadlo collects food from classrooms. Each class was supposed to collect donated food throughout the week.

Right: Sophomores Anthony Berzin, Ryan Noble, and Luke Haas design a Spam pyramid. Spam is a common food donated to Harvest for Hunger.

Harvest For Hunger

Left: Sophomores in Scott McLaughlin’s biology class proudly show off their collection of Spam. Those students who brought in enough cans of Spam received a T-shirt.

Above: Junior Kim D’Orio struggles with the bags of donated items. Mentor High beat Lake Catholic in a contest to see who could collect the most food per person.

Left: A group of students begins to organize the donated items. It takes a lot of work to box up all the items brought in.
Far Right: Senior Lauren Sawchik concentrates on the game. Players are selected on a first come, first served basis.

Right: Seniors walk onto the field to take on the juniors. Powder Puff is a memorable experience for the girls.

Below: The junior team gathers for a victory picture. This year the juniors beat the seniors 14-0.

Powder Puff

Above: Junior Leena Zobec defends the endzone. The juniors hope to win again in next year’s game as seniors.

Above: Sophomore Tony Martucci helps coach the players. Powder Puff is an excellent opportunity for football players to experience other aspects of the game.

Above: Junior Katie Hine prepares to take on the seniors. The girls get the opportunity to learn more about the game by being a member of the team.

Above: Senior Mary Koenig barely misses the ball as it slips through her arms. The game was well played by both teams.
**Sixth Grade Camp**

**Below:** Junior Matt Starkey helps clean up in the dining hall. The counselors are thankful they are allowed to keep junk food in the Hiram House lounge.

**Below:** Senior Jason Buckley gets down in the dirt during tree identification. High schoolers participate in the classes along with campers.

**Above:** Senior Jason Buckley and juniors Mate Soric and Tina Negrelli lounge around after a long day at camp. Counselors are allowed to hang out together in the lounge after the sixth graders go to bed.

**Left:** Seniors Jeff Marous and Jason Stropko and juniors Maria Kleis, Mate Soric, and Lauren Salamon have just returned from the night hike. Counselors are responsible for keeping the campers from wandering off.

**Below:** Senior Chrissy Mackey gets a piggy back ride from senior Dave Netzel. Counselors get tired of constantly walking in the woods.
Below: Senior Bill Dawson gets his finger pricked. A small sample of blood has to be tested before students can donate an entire pint.

Above: Senior Nick DiNero fills out paperwork in order to give blood. Filling out forms is the first step in the process.

Above: Senior Brandon Graves takes his filled out paperwork over to the bleachers. Donors have to sit and wait for their blood to be checked.

Above: Senior Rick Discenzo relaxes in the lounge chair. It takes a while for the entire process to be complete.

Left: The gym is filled with students donating blood. The bloodmobile is an opportunity for students to do something for others.

Facts:

Students must be 17 years of age or older to donate blood.

Students must weigh at least 105 pounds to donate blood.

Students must have their blood tested for drugs, alcohol, or diseases.

One pint of blood is drawn from each donor.

The bloodmobile comes in the fall and spring.

Above: Senior Nick Ciani prepares to have his blood drawn after it is tested. Many students feel ill after they donate blood and are given juice and donuts to help.
Senior Citizens Dance

Right: Sophomore Adrian Stupica, senior Melissa Kraus, and volunteer John Lorek are busy preparing punch for the senior citizens. Many students are needed in order for this event to be successful.

Left: Sophomores Jessica Honard, Lindsey Wyatt, and Alana Hall are taught a dance by the senior citizens. This event is a great experience for both the senior citizens and the students.

Above: Sophomores Mike Hallen, Erica Boehm, Rachel Schuster, and Jessica Honard make dessert for the senior citizens. Many students enjoy helping to prepare for the food.

Below: Garret Estadt is all smiles while dancing with a senior citizen. Participating in the Senior Citizens Dance is a great way to earn community service hours.

Far Right: Seniors Caroline Von Sick and Lauren Eble do the electric slide. This line dance is fun for all ages.

Right: Junior Kevin Kleber fills a cup of coffee. Students spend part of the evening serving the senior citizens dinner and beverages.

Left: Sophomore Nick Rose waltzes with a senior citizen. The dance is an excellent opportunity to learn new dance steps.

Right: Senior Bob Mocadlo, Brian Luzar, Garret Estadt, and Chris Gehring spend time chatting with senior citizens. This event takes place annually in early December.
Charles, in my opinion, was the sweetest kid whom I have ever met. After spending a little bit of time with him, he could make you realize many new things. One thing that I have benefited from after hanging out with “Cheese” is that he helped me to stop stereotyping people. I was wary of the people he knew when I first met him. After getting to know some of them and seeing who they were, I saw that they were good people like the rest of us. He never discriminated against anyone, ever. Looking at his friends, you saw many different types of people, yet he never cared. He was more concerned about who they were. When I or anyone else hung out with Chucky, you knew the experience was going to be fulfilling. Even if you were in the worst mood in the world, he always had the gift to lift you out of that gloomy mood.

A lot of people know him as a juggalo (insane clown posse fan). He was very proud of ICP and would represent them everywhere. His car had all of the Jokers Cards stickers on it. Wherever he went, he would wear his Hatchet Man charm. If he was outside, he would pull it out of his jacket. Many people didn’t like ICP, but he never cared, yet another reason showing how true he was to what he believed in.

After his passing, things seemed to get a lot more boring and gloomy without him around. Yet the praying seems to get me through it very much. There were many different types of people who were there, all gathered mourning the loss of the nicest person I’ve ever known. He truly did mean a lot to many people and will forever. I love you, Chucky.

by Jon, a close friend of Charles
Above: Senior Melissa Winter sits in cooking class the day before winter break. Her candy cane headband looks like something out of Dr. Seuss’ *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*.

Above: Junior Chris Sayres works diligently in English class. He wore a Santa hat to help him think through the questions.

Left: Junior Tiffany Smith decides dollar bills are better than cookies this holiday season. According to a national study, money is the #1 item people put in their mouths.

Below: Junior Tina Negrelli walks her secret Santa gift down the hall. Many members of extra-curricular groups decided on fun ways to exchange gifts.

Below: Sophomores Jessica Luoma, Val Web, and Emily Martin are decked out in festive colors and ribbons. Many students wear red and green to show their holiday spirit.

Below: Sophomore Kelsey Fisher prepares to eat a candy cane during her 1-2 class. Some students rely on sugary foods to stay awake during the morning.

Below: Junior Sarah Millford is happy she will get a chance for AP US History homework. Juniors in Mrs. Roberts class had a lot of work to do over break.
Winter Formal
Snow Kings

Rich Dobda
Candidates

Tyler Sherman

Joe Bencar
Alex Frissell
Bob Mocadlo
Andy Morales

Chris Schenk
Steve Sherer
Joe Sidari
Sinisa Ubiparipovic
The Snow King Candidates at the Winter Pep Assembly.
ACTIVITIES

When the thought of school pops into your head, you usually picture books, teachers, and even that horrid learning thing they try to pull on us. Luckily, here at Mentor High School, we have more options than those. Along with the diverse people at Mentor, there are also many clubs and activities. When we aren't feeling up to par with our academics, we can always join one of the clubs, organizations, or art programs available to us. What does it mean to be in a club? It means that you give up a part of your time and devote it to someone or something else. Whether it be the Chess Club or Community Service, they all take on an important role at Mentor High. Also, the many concerts that the orchestra, band, and choir put on, the plays and musicals that the Theater Department so enthusiastically provides us with, and the art shows that showcase the many talents of our students, Mentor High offers something for everyone's liking. Together these activities are what make it better in Mentor, and better in America.

Above: Sophomore Dan Listoria stuffs envelopes in the guidance office. This is just one of the many duties that office aides fulfill in school.

Above: Sophomore Kristen Moore, dressed as Piglet, ponders how to get out of taking a bath in the play "Winnie the Pooh." Piglet refused to bathe throughout the play.

Above: The boys of Top 25 sing and dance to try and get their ladies to return to them. It is not uncommon for a specialty song to entertain the audience.

Above: The Top 25 guys sing and dance on chains to attract attention. One aspect of being in the singing group means working hard on flashy dance moves and songs.

Above: The band marches on to the field. Performing in the rain is a great way to cool off after doing a lot of marching.

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Above: Senior Chad Surckla cracks a smile despite the rain. The marching band is required to march whether it be rain or shine.

Above: Senior Melissa Kraus directs students during "The Diary of Anne Frank." Student directors help to assist the faculty member at the helm.

Left: The marching band plays and dances in at half time during the football game. The band attracts many fans with their performances at the games.

Below: Senior Tom Linsenmeier plays the cello during an orchestra rehearsal. Practice is needed to make a concert near perfect.

Left: Senior Beth Davidson, Mrs. Carver, sophomore Maribeth Dudas, and senior Audra Huggins go through mail in the office. Sorting mail is one of various jobs that aides in the Main Office must do.

Below Left: Top 25 uses umbrellas as a prop during one of their many songs. Props help give the show choir more flair while they are onstage.

Below: The orchestra performs "The Nutcracker Suite" during their winter concert. Holiday songs attract audiences to the orchestra.
Man of La Mancha

Spring 2001

Right: Don Quixote (Rob Walland) is dubbed a knight after proving his ability in a fight with muleteers. Part of Don Quixote's illusion about life is the inn itself, which he sees as a castle.

Below: As the closing to the show, the entire cast sings the reprise to "The Impossible Dream." The song carried an important message to the audience, especially after the death of Don Quixote (Rob Walland).

Above: The prisoners attack Cervantes (Rob Walland) in an attempt to steal all of his possessions. His desire for a trial led him to tell the prisoners the story of Don Quixote.

Right: Aldonza (Jen Zappola) ponders the missing from Don Quixote (Rob Walland). She was greatly confused by the idea of being loved and cared for, but over the course of the story she was able to change and to become "Dulcinea," Quixote's perfect woman.
Above: The guards of the Inquisition escort Sancho (senior Andy Lightner) into the prison, preceding his master, Cervantes (Rob Walland). The opening of the play was very powerful, featuring the characters descending down the staircase.

Right: Don Quixote (Rob Walland) tells of his quest as Aldonza (Jen Zappola) and Sancho (Andy Lightner) listen. The quest was a major part of the story and would always be mentioned during important scenes.

Above: The final scene in the show is “improvised” by Cervantes (Rob Walland) in an attempt to win over the prisoners with his story. In the scene, Don Quixote is on his deathbed, being tended to by Padre (Chris Thomas), and his niece, Antonia (Melissa Kraus).
The Diary of Anne Frank
Fall 2001

Above: Anne (Jen Griffin) smiles about a comment made by her roommate, Mr. Dussel (Jagger Ticknor). She was often the most amused and enthusiastic member of the annex.

Below: The inhabitants of the annex celebrate Hanukkah. Mrs. Frank (Shannon Sidorick) had just received a music box that her husband had brought as a surprise.

Above: Anne (Jen Griffin) and Peter (Eric Lightner) sit in Anne's room to talk about a recent fight between Peter's family. At the beginning of the story, Peter couldn't stand Anne, but eventually she became his only comfort in the annex.

Above Right: Anne (Jen Griffin) talks to Miep (Christy Kaminski) about the new addition to the annex. Anne was excited about the news and made Miep feel better after the van Daans had argued about taking the dentist, Dussel (Jagger Ticknor), into the annex.

Right: Mrs. Frank (Shannon Sidorick) comforts her daughter Margot (Tiffany Brewer) during the air raids that occur during the night. Anne, who refused to be comforted by her mother, requested her father instead.
The Cast and Crew

Anne Frank .................. Jen Griffin
Otto Frank .................. Simon Foxall
Edith Frank .................. Shannon Sidorick
Margot Frank ................ Tiffany Brewer
Peter van Daan .............. Eric Lightner
Hermann van Daan .......... Michael Suglio
Petronella van Daan ........ Jessie Mauzy
Mr. Alfred Dussel ........... Jagger Ticknor
Miep Geis .................... Christy Kaminski
Victor Krahler .............. Andrew Goldsworth
Nazi’s ........................ Adam Drury
Bill Locke
Britney Perkins
Melissa Zummo

Assistant Directors .......... Melissa Kraus
Hilary Petersen

Stage Manager ............... Chrissie Mackey
Assistant Stage Manager ...... Heather Broge

Above: The Frank family enters the annex at the opening of the play. The family was a little disheartened to see their surroundings, due to the fact that they were going to live there for an indeterminable length of time.

Left: Dussel (Jagger Ticknor) arrives in the annex and is astounded to see that seven people are living above the store in the heart of Amsterdam. He was the last addition to the annex group and brought news of the horrible occurrences in the outside world.

Above: The Franks and van Daans share their dreams of normal life before the beginning of the Hanukkah celebration. Unfortunately, none of their dreams ever came true because they were discovered in the annex in 1944 and taken to concentration camps.
Winter Play:  **Winnie-the-Pooh**

**Right:** Eeyore (junior Maggie Leech) eats thistles for a snack. Eeyore was the only character to enjoy thistles.

**Above Far Right:** The friends and relations gather in a line to try and pull Pooh out of the rabbit hole. It took perfect timing and precision to get this scene down pat.

**Below Far Right:** Winnie-the-Pooh (senior Jessica Griffith) gets stuck in the rabbit hole. Pooh's love for honey causes him trouble throughout the play.

**Left:** Piglet (sophomore Kristen Moore) is given a bath by Kanga (senior Jessica Czok) and Roo (sophomore Beth Gaffney). The character of Kanga was strict with cleanliness for all animals.

**Right:** Christopher Robin (Nicole Sidorick) holds onto a balloon. The balloon was one of the many props that aided in giving an authentic performance.

**Left:** Seniors Shannon Sidorick, Liz Irwin, and Melissa Kraus sit together during a break. Cast members needed a break at some point from all of the hard work and dedication.
Cast
Christopher Robin
Winnie-the-Pooh
Kanga
Owl
Roo
Eeyore
Rabbit
Piglet
Animals 1
Animals 2
Animals 3
Animals 4
Storyteller
Shannon Sidorick
Assistant Stage Manager
Christy Kaminski
Sound
Simon Foxall
Director
Mr. Chris Young
Nicole Sidorick
Jessica Griffith
Jessica Czek
Missy Kid
Beth Gaffney
Maggie Leech
Jen Malizio
Kristen Moore
Chrissie Mackey
Holly Puglis
Jenny Soeder
Kelly Brown
JD Callanan

Left: Winnie-the-Pooh (Jessica Griffith) passes out candy canes to members of the play. This part was a highlight for the audience, because they were also given candy canes.

Below Left: Christopher Robin (Nicole Sidorick) begs to hear more of the story. The story of Winnie-the-Pooh is told to Christopher Robin at the beginning of the play and then switches to present tense as the animals come to life and act out the scenes.

Below: Christopher Robin (sophomore Nicole Sidorick) joins the Animals for a celebration of Christmas. Christmas was the main theme of the play.

Left: Winnie-the-Pooh (Jessica Griffith) thinks out loud as to how to get more honey. Pooh’s character always dreams of honey and how to gain a larger amount of it.

Left: Mr. Rotar builds the rabbit hole on the stage. This hole would be used frequently throughout the play.

Below: Kanga (Jessica Czek) puts iodine on Roo’s (Beth Gaffney) knee after discovering a scratch. In the story of Winnie-the-Pooh, the iodine is put on after Kanga washes out Roo’s mouth with soap.
"We have been in Top 25 for two years, and this has been a wonderful experience of dancing, singing, and mostly the bond that the 42 of us share. Top 25 will be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee and Chicago, Illinois to compete against many other showchoirs. Even though this is only our third year of competing, we have shown every group that we are good and watch out!"

-Jacqueline Kovach and Allison Sundstrom

**Above Left:** The group gathers together in a circle before their big show. The circle is a ritual that is always performed by the members prior to the show and gives senior members a chance to reflect and bond with the other members.

**Above:** Senior Jessica Cope is raised into the air by seniors Joe Siders and Steve Sherer. The solos done by the performers also included stunts.
Below: The boys of Top 25 sing "The Real Deal". This was one of the two pieces that featured the guys separately from the girls.

Below: Senior Jessica Cope smiles as she sings. Jessica stopped the show with "Don't Cry Out Loud."

Left: A battle between of the sexes occurs during the song "Stray Cat Strut." The sequin hats are used for a special effect.

Above: Seniors Caroline Von Sick and Justin Maine sing a duet in the show called "Whatever You Imagine". There were many solos and duets performed in this show that showcased the talents of each student.

Above Right: The performers sing their finale with the song "Fame." This piece included high lifts and throws and basket tosses.

Right: Top 25 dances to one of their songs. Keeping up the enthusiasm and energy throughout their performance was a key to making it so successful.
Left: Senior Keith Krebs, junior Ryan Noble, and sophomore Mike Connelly smile while they sing during A capella choir. Smiling helps the audience to relate to the songs and makes them more fun and enjoyable.

Left: The alto section of A Capella Choir take down notes to help them sing their parts better. Note taking is important in music because it helps the singer remember to apply the skills into their singing when asked.

Below: Senior Aaron Oliver and junior Steve Jacobson prepare to sing during rehearsals. A Capella Choir meets everyday to ensure a great sound during concerts.
A Capella Choir

Group pictures for all of the choirs were not supplied to the yearbook staff.
Above: Junior Jen Dehner, sophomore Ed Griswell, and junior G.T. Bulzan concentrate on their music during rehearsal. Concentration is a major factor for a good performance.

Above: Sophomore Maureen Unger hugs her cello. In order to succeed in an orchestra, love is the first thing you must give your instrument.

Above: Sophomore Dan Lastoria, senior Garett Estadt, and sophomore Lindsey Wyatt practice for their upcoming concert. Sectionals for each instrument are held each week to improve the group.

Above: Senior Garett Estadt tunes his viola seriously during tuning time. Remember, tuning is sacred.

Above: Senior Stephie Grega goof around while the rest of the group practices. Practicing is an important part of being in a musical group.

Right: Junior Sara Kolat prepares to tune the orchestra. The first chair violin always tunes the orchestra.

Left: Director Bill Amendol conducts the orchestra. Behind every great orchestra, there is a great conductor.
Officers

Left to Right: Libby Pike, Kristen Briggs, David Yee, Angie Weber

Regional Orchestra

Left to Right: H. Robinson, K. Briggs, B. Wilczenski, S. Kallio, C. Susynski, K. Driscoll, K. Fischer

All State Orchestra

Kristen Briggs

Above: The orchestra performs at their winter concert. The orchestra performs many concerts throughout the school year.

Above: The orchestra enjoys a trip to Severence Hall to watch a Cleveland Orchestra concert. The orchestra takes many trips including to national competitions in Myrtle Beach and Virginia Beach.

Mentor High Symphony Orchestra

Mannheim Chamber Orchestra

Orchestra Seniors


Activities 35
Fighting Cardinal Marching Band


1. Director Shawn Vondran, during his second year as the director, conducts from the scaffold at the end of a long day at band camp. This year he had the privilege to take the band to Ohio State to perform in the Skull Session before an Ohio State football game. This is an honor reserved for the top high school marching bands in Ohio.

2. Juniors Olivia Richman and Coralee Skoch led the band in pride, hustle, and desire this year as they took on the responsibility of being the drum majors. The drum majors are responsible for conducting the band during the show which this year featured the music from several of Alfred Hitchcock's movies.

3. Drum major Olivia Richman shows off her very decorated crutches. She was one of several other marchers who ended up sporting a pair this year.
1. Senior trombone player Tim Carroll serenades Shawn Vondran's scaffold at band camp. This is one of the ways that seniors say goodbye to band camp and wish the band luck in their future performances.

2. Shawn Vondran conducts the Marching Band in front of 9,000 people as they perform during the Skull Session at Ohio State University. After the Skull Session performance the band was invited to stay and watch the football game.

3. Sophomores Jane Larson, Susie Lavalley, and Kaylee Baker introduce themselves to the band during sophomore orientation. This was something new at band camp this year and served as a great way to meet all of the new members.

4. Senior trumpet player Tyler Sherman participates in the band's annual talent show. He dressed in a festive homemade duct tape shirt for the occasion.

5. With the American flag at half mass behind Shawn Vondran he conducts the audience through the playing of "America the Beautiful." The band performed this song at the Friday football game following September 11th as a tribute to the lives that were lost.

6. Despite the joyous appearance of these juniors and sophomores this years show was very difficult and took a lot of hard work and concentration. Especially the band's infamous "Diamond Cutter" that resulted in several injuries and much exhaustion.

7. Members of the flag corps bundle up as they try to stay warm in the awful conditions at the homecoming game. This year they took the award for Best Auxiliary in two competitions.

8. The tuba section along with other members of the band play inspite of the horrible weather. Since the song goes "We march through sleet and snow even the pouring rain," Mentor we're wet!

9. The Fighting Cardinal Marching Band is pictured hard at work on their first day at band camp. During the six days of band camp held at Edinboro University in Pennsylvania the band members practiced about ten hours a day.

10. A group of loyal senior marchers surround Shawn Vondran after their last band camp performances. While in the band program at Mentor, seniors will have performed in about one hundred different events.

11. The Marching Band is pictured as they compete at the State Competition at Kent State University. This year the band played music from the Alfred Hitchcock movies including Psycho, Vertigo, and North by Northwest and they received an excellent rating.
Bands

Wind Ensemble

Scarlet Band

Gray Band
Left: The Wind Ensemble percussionists concentrate on their music during a rehearsal. All the percussionists must work together to make the best sound and give rhythm to the section.

Above: Sophomore Brian Waldmeier toots his own horn or trombone to be exact. Trombones are a key instrument in the band.
Left: Junior Karen Moore watches the conductor as she plays her flute. In order to give a good performance, musicians must stay on task in rehearsals to ensure a good performance.

Above: Sophomore Christina Nero fixes her instrument while listening to the conductor. A musician must know their instrument well enough to be able to fix it at a moment's notice.

Above: Sophomore Phil Nelson strives to hit the right note on his school euphonium during band. The school permits students who use larger instruments to use school instruments during rehearsals.

Left: Junior Coralee Skoch watches the conductor and listens to her partner as she plays her flute. A musician must always be watching and listening in order to play on time correctly.

Above: Byron Hunsicker directs Wind Ensemble. Wind Ensemble is a respected band to be a member of.
Brass Choir


Clarinet Choir


Flute Choir


Above: Shawn Vondran conducts the Scarlet Band. Scarlet Band is one of the three bands at Mentor High School.

Above: Sophomore Derek Braunschweiger plays the tympany during one of many band rehearsals. Percussion is an important part of the band because they keep the time and rhythm.

Above: Junior Adam Drury takes a moment to reflect on his music. Reflection is a key element to playing an instrument.
Woodwind Choir


Above: Seniors Nicole Vehovec and Jillian Siegel take a minute to show off Nicole's Halloween costume during band. School spirit is helpful when it comes to playing in the band.

Left: The pep band plays enthusiastically during the Fall Pep Assembly. The assemblies are always more exciting when the pep band is there to get the crowd in the mood.

Above: Senior Tim Carroll prepares to play his part during Wind Ensemble. The Wind Ensemble is also used as part of the orchestra.
Unit 10 Office Aides

Row 1: T. Abbott, T. Delong, C. Vit, K. Oleksak, J. Gibbon, B. Needham, E. Siefert, A. Buccilli, M. McGrath  
Row 2: M. Csuhran, S. Stroud, E. Arendt, C. Casanova  
Row 3: J. Lehman, S. Edison, A. Gonzalez, M. Smoley, J. Fisher  
Row 4: A. Lavalle, M. Smulski, E. Albanese, Dr. Tonia, Ms. Buckley

Unit 11 Office Aides

Row 1: Mr. Harmon, Mrs. Cvar, J. Smulski, T. Coleman, S. Strobel, P. Albanese, A. Patterson  
Row 2: A. Vanden Broek, R. Watson, J. Gidley, D. Eggett  
Row 3: K. Hill, L. Pattison, M. Gozner

Unit 12 Office Aides

Row 1: J. Newpher, Mrs. Clements, C. McMannes, A. Berczel, K. Zuchelli, S. McGrath, A. Anderson, Mr. Hunter  
Row 2: M. Demko, N. Stout, R. Dubba, A. Albert, Mrs. Munce, S. Meadows, J. Soeder, Dr. Hines  

Main Office Aides


Right: Sophomore Monerah Whebi, junior Shelley Strobel, and junior Brian Bramley work together in the Unit 11 office. Helping in an office is a great way to learn skills in organization and responsibility.
**Attendance Center Aides**

Row 1: J. Duffin, M. Yee, L. Pasquale, M. Forcht, T. Kraus, M. Bays
Row 3: P. Dudash, N. Tizzano, M. Rehberger, M. Sparrow, C. Guerrieri, R. Haffa, S. Strobel
Row 4: J. Troy, A. Lazar, B. Toy, J. Boehm, S. Nameth, A. Kulpa, S. Lavery

**Clinic Aides**

Row 1: J. Rupp, S. Bacnik, A. Whitaker
Row 3: K. Cherney, A. Lockard, N. Urankar, S. Suhadolnik

**Athletic Office Aides**

Row 1: S. Holny, K. Koscik, B. Stricker, S. Turk, L. Negrelli
Row 2: L. Kohl, A. Marrie, L. Teringo, N. Baechle
Row 3: M. Cancic, B. Macura, C. Ruple

**Audio Visual Office Aides**

Row 1: J. Fleece, G. Mason, R. Hoover, C. Earls, J. Raupach, E. Loube, S. Beard

Above: Sophomore Charles Eals works on a tape recorder in the AV Office. An AV aide helps with moving equipment to classrooms that need it and helping a teacher sign it out.

Above Right: Sophomore Jessica Pirc sits in the Attendance Center. She is one of the many aides who waits to go retrieve students from their classes throughout the day.
Cardinal Notes


WMHS


Left: Junior Tina Negrelli laughs as she prepares for her section. Each person on the yearbook was assigned a section of the yearbook to complete.

Left: Senior Stephanie Grega crops one of the many pictures in the yearbook. Cropping a picture involves measuring the size of the photo and marking those lines with a special red pencil.

Left: Senior Danielle Cimperman works hard as the business manager of the yearbook. The job of the business manager is to take checks cashed for the yearbook and to make the senior advertisements.

Above: Senior Lisa Continenza reads a message on the announcements. Before reading the announcements, WMHS puts them in order so that they are completely ready to go.
Above: Senior Jenny Soeder works diligently on her yearbook pages. This year, Jenny was the editor of the yearbook.

Above Left: Junior Courtney Brown waves at a photographer in the yearbook office. The class meets every day and works hard to get the yearbook completed.

Left: Senior Jason Buckley speaks over the public announcement system to the entire school. Giving information to the student body about upcoming events, sports news, and club meetings is a big part of the job of a WMHS member.

Above: Sophomore Jeff Geffert works on the computer as part of his job on WMHS. New technology makes everyone's job easier as a part of WMHS.

Right: Part of the yearbook staff gathers in the yearbook office on the first day of school. That day that each member was able to get acquainted with one another and found out who they would be working with for the year.
Student Council Officers

Left to right: A. Howard, E. Sampson, A. Eble, J. Soeder

Senior Class Officers

Row 1: President - M. Daniels; Treasurer - A. Simpson Row 2: Vice-President - R. Dobda; Secretary - M. Lieb

Sophomore Class Officers

Row 1: Vice-President - N. Schutt; Secretary - C. Macek Row 2: Treasurer - J. Robertson; President - J. Geffert

Junior Class Officers

Row 1: Secretary - A. Musarra; Vice-President - M. Lewis Row 2: President - M. Hughes; Treasurer - D. Kirby; Vice-President - K. Iacafano
National Honor Society

Row 1: B. Mocadlo, L. Terelle, M. Ryan, S. Sidorick, C. Schenk
Row 2: D. Cimperman, Ms. Roediger

Academic Hall of Fame

Row 1: J. Taylor, J. Maury, L. Senkys, E. Klayman, A. Gupta Row 2:
Mr. Schweitzer, P. Carey, C. Schenk, S. Pochatila, G. Estadt

Buckeye Girls & Boys State

Row 1: K. Pizzuti, J. Soeder, M. Ryan, R. Heggestad, A. Eble Row 2:
T. Weber, D. Kaiser, S. Dieterle

Science Olympiad

Row 1: M. Gisondo, A. Gupta, J. Soltani, C. Bolden Row 2:
K. Mohan, H. Izbao, J. Frato, B. Otte, J. Maury Row 3:
J. Ring, D. Van Boxel, K. Sechnick, A. Frissell, B. Mocadlo, M. Pahor, S. Schenk, Ms. Schormuller, Mr. Ramsey

Academic Decathlon

Above: Seniors Steve Dieterle, Deven Kaiser, Jenny Soeder, Meg Ryan, and Karen Pizzuti gather together after attending a banquet for delegates at Buckeye Girls and Boys State. The delegates spent a week learning how to run a government and attended government-like functions.

Left to Right: E. Forbes, J. Maury, S. Dieterle, S. Strobel, M. Dornbrook, C. Gehring
Elementary Reading Tutors


Above: Junior Holly Frinzi helps a small boy put together a puzzle. The program also offers help in thinking skills.

Above: Senior Liz Terelle helps a little girl learn to read. The program's main goal is to help children improve their reading skills.

Above: Junior Alexis Parker, sophomore Lindsey Wyatt, and senior Gretchen Streiff help children do their homework. It is important to show the youth that learning can be fun.

Community Service


Future Educators of America

Above: Left front to back: D. Kaiser, S. Sidorick, S. Seaman, D. Hough; Sneet Right front to back: B. Potocar, M. McNeely, J. Doglio.

Above: Sophomores Alana Hall, Valerie Hall, Erica Boehm, Sara Brewer, senior Melissa Kraus, juniors Bobby Potocar, Kevin Kleber, and Dexter Hough; Sneet help out at teacher conferences. The club does helpful things for the community.

Above: Seniors John Doglio, Matt Panthani, and Devin Kaiser carry trays of desserts for the senior citizens. Along with the dancing, the senior citizens were given dinner as well as a dessert.

Above: Sophomores Matt Griesmer, Nicole Sidorick, Kira Bloomstine, and Emily Stanton help pass out food at the senior citizen dance. The dance was put on by Future Leaders and is held annually in the Student Center.
Intramurals

Left: Sophomore Ben Gifford focuses on the ball during an intramural ping pong game. Intramural sports are a great way to hang out with friends and get some exercise.

Right: Sophomore Alex Bernot is caught in action saving the table tennis ball from going out of bounds. In order to survive a good ping pong game, one must have superb eye-hand coordination.

Above: Funny man sophomore Billy Alfred dives in to avoid letting his opponent score. In the game of table tennis the players play up to 13 points.

Right: Senior Rob Mattiaz throws his bowling ball down the lane. The intramural bowlers met at Palasades every Monday after school.

Below: Junior Chris Lukas jumps for joy as he hits a strike. “All ten pins must be down in one bowl, in order to get a strike in bowling,” says Chris.

Below: Sophomore Keith Cederlund and junior Brian Dunn smile as they prepares to whack the winning ball during a doubles tournament. Table tennis is more complicated when there are two players in such a small area.

Above: Sophomore John Lombard holds the ball as he prepares to throw it down the lane. A bowler must concentrate carefully on strategy.
Left to Right: L. Senkyr, L. Continenza, R. Seal.

Left: This sign hangs up on a wall near the library. The sign represents the mission of the ecology club, which is to recycle as much as possible.

Below: Senior Ryan Seal discusses with senior Justin Bina issues with the recycle bin. The members of the club must sometimes discuss problems so that they can easily be resolved.

Right: Senior Ryan Seal is shown in his natural state of recycling. The Ecology Club believes that everyone should recycle and care for the earth.

Above Right: Senior Justin Bina carries a recycling box to the main recycle bin. It is a goal of the Ecology Club to get as many staff and students as possible involved with recycling throughout the school.
Left: Michelle Kane helps a small child empty her pumpkin. This was a very fun activity for the kids to participate in.

Right: Juniors Bobby Fotocar, Marybeth Carlton, sophomore Gary Pohoto, junior Courtney Pohoto, and senior Jason Buckley join together at the Pumpkin Carving Festival to carve pumpkins.

Art Club

Left to Right: C. Armbruster, A. Avery, A. Parry, M. Koeth, A. Bole, K. Haase, K. Kowalski, Mrs. Kane.

Left: Senior Bobby Fotocar concentrates as he tries to cut the perfect top off the pumpkin. The Pumpkin Carving was a big hit for the Art Club.

Below: Scott McLaughlin, senior Katie Noga, junior Bobby Fotocar, junior Marybeth Carlton, Michelle Kane, juniors Colleen Taylor, Courtney Pohoto, and senior Jason Buckley join together to carve pumpkins. The Pumpkin Carving Festival was a group effort for the students to be able to work together and create masterpieces.
Leadership
Lake
County
Left to right: B. DeNoewer, M. Kratochil, and A. Thompson.

Right: Seniors Ashley Thompson and Becky DeNoewer discuss recent events at an AFS meeting. The club helps students of different countries and students at Mentor to get to know each other.

Above: Foreign Exchange students hold the American flag during the singing of the "National Anthem." Singing the "National Anthem" has become a custom at the Pep Assembly.

Left: Senior German exchange students Luisa Neumann and Nina Hentschel smile as they learn of new events in AFS. The club helped the new students to adjust to life at Mentor High.

Right: Senior Garrett Estadt smiles at the thought of watching foreign movies. One of the many events AFS sponsors are foreign film festivals.
Below Left: Jaimie McIntyre stops for a picture in the hall. The job of the director is to cast the play and teach the students how to project their voices and display a wide range of emotions.

Below: Junior Stephanie Harman and senior Amanda Preis listen to directions on how to build the set. Building the set can be a long and tedious process that Mark Rotar oversees.


Left: Sophomore Rachel Schuster and junior Steve Potts work on painting the set for the musical. This is one of the most important parts of preparing the play.

Right: Sophomore Misty Edmisten acts out a scene during theater class. Performing scenes is one of the many things learned in the class.
Mock Trial


Model U.N.


Law Club

Web Team

Above: Jacob Strong and senior Melinda Kovach talk about the Bible. Bible Study's mission is helping students understand their beliefs.

Above: Students discuss their faith during an early morning Bible Study meeting. Being in Bible Study gives students a chance to discuss meaningful topics.


Right: Juniors Scott Nelson, John Durkee, and senior Kate Paquette discuss religious issues with each other. Bible Study meets every Wednesday in the upper learning center before school.
Auto Service Technology - Juniors

Row 1: D. Hoppert, S. Molder, D. Kamp, N. Brown, B. English  
Row 2: C. Eckert, M. Marria, A. Oldenburgh

Auto Service Technology - Seniors

Row 2: J. Halutick, J. Burich, M. Kovalkevich, B. Zicarelli

CAD/ Engineering Technology

Row 1: S. Templeton, A. Nicola  
Row 2: A. Hendershot, P. Fiediga, C. Hodges  
Row 3: J. Giancola

Far Above: Sophomore Dan Uline wears his safety glasses as he works. The glasses are part of the safety issue to make sure no one gets hurt.

Above: Rob Teachout applies his skills to his work. Using the knowledge learned from the classroom is put to the test in the machine shop.

Left: Senior Chris Lymon works on a piece of metal. Sometimes, work can be done away from the machine by using other tools instead.

Far Left: Sophomore Peter Orsborn works in the machine shop. The class makes many objects using the equipment.
Administrative Support Technology-
Juniors

Row 1: B. Koscho, M. Montgomery, C. Brancato, D. Trunck, K. Bonadio Row 2: J. Raupack, E. Keipert, V. Kline, C. Johnson, B. Paparizos

Career Based Intervention-
Sophomores


Career Based Intervention- Seniors


Left: Brian Larfenier takes a moment to look at the camera. A break can be taken to get away from the noisy machines in the classroom.
Cosmetology- Juniors

Row 1: S. Cochran, K. Farmer, K. Steinbuch, A. Adkins  
Row 2: C. Wojciak, F. D’Ambrosio, A. Misseldine, C. Kocab

Cosmetology- Seniors

Row 1: S. Holny, G. Amoroso  
Row 2: H. Nickolson, B. Keiter, J. Hupe

Cooperative Business Education

Row 1: A. Martin, C. Unger, M. Sanderson, M. Curie  
Row 2: G. Pesta, J. Drago, K. Zele, J. Kulew, K. Granchi  
Row 3: M. Klima, M. Musarra, M. Cook, T. Shaw  
Row 4: M. Bede, M. Baker, J. Guess, M. Masucci, M. R. Sadowski

Diversified Cooperative Training

Row 1: R. Swisher, S. Barresi, K. King, J. Smeltz, R. Discenzo  
Row 2: J. Lerner, B. Synler, J. Watson, J. Sherman  
Row 4: M. Walker, J. Reed, J. Medved

Commercial Art

Row 1: A. Lockard, A. Mack, J. Albrecht

Graphic Arts

Row 1: B. Reed, S. Koranda, S. Boylen, B. Glicken  
Row 2: C. Sutton, S. Frankenberry, N. Dinero, R. Coughlin, K. Hodges, B. Shandle, B. Kamp
GRADS

Row 1: K. Nelson, S. Kropko, Mrs. Zadd

Early Childhood Development- Seniors


Right: Junior Lauren Domorasky gives a look of shock at her friend's costume. The students in the class chose to dress up for Halloween.

Above Right: Junior Tiffany Battlebaugh puts a variety of snacks together for the kids. All the children received many treats for Halloween in the classroom.

Early Childhood Development- Juniors


Left: Junior Amanda Lazar works with a child in the Preschool classroom. The class meets daily and takes care of the kids.

Left: Junior Shawna Messinger draws art with a pre-schooler. The kids arrive in the morning and leave in the afternoon.

Above: Junior Carissa Matzke colors with a child. The role of the student is to take care of a child to get a feel experience with child care.
Horticulture


Marketing Class

Row 1: J. Herrman, A. Davis, K. Schutt, A. Corbisello, R. Gullian

Willoughby

Eastlake Technical Programs

Row 1: M. Sprinzl, J. Kosneri, M. Zidar, A. Weybrecht, J. Ruminski
Row 2: E. Jolley, M. Allen, B. Ritchie, D. Koehler

Above Left: Junior Stephanie Kropko holds the hand of one of the day care children. On halloween, the kids took a tour of Mentor High.

Above: The group gathers for a group picture. Halloween was a fun time for the kids to be able to wear their costumes to school.

Left: Tiffany Springer walks around with two girls from the class. The kids went from classroom to classroom and received candy.

Far Left: Amanda Lazar laughs at one of her fellow classmates. Not only does this class provide an education, but it gives students a chance to develop a good friendship with one another.
Left: Seniors Shannon Sidorick and Tiffany Brewer fold blankets on the set of “The Diary of Anne Frank.” The show was a big hit as the fall play at the Fine Arts Center.

Below: Senior Danielle Cimperman writes in her binder for her yearbook duties. The yearbook staff wore specialized shirts on deadline days this year.

Left: Sophomores Angela Almasy, Christine Dombrowski, Carly Macek, and Jeff Geffert are all candidates to become class officers for the school year. The students sat on the stage and waited to be introduced to the entire sophomore class.

Below left: The talented Top 25 members dance to the music at their winter show. The show brought in a big audience and gave them a performance that they would never forget.

Below right: Shawn Vondran gives the Scarlet Band the tempo for their next song. The band must watch the instructor to keep on the correct beats.
Far Left: Senior Chrissy Mackey applies makeup to senior Jessica Czek before a performance of "Winnie the Pooh". Makeup is needed onstage so that the actor does not seem pale to the audience.

Left: Sophomore Joey Susynski works with a machine in the shop. The class met everyday and gave students a wide variety of hands-on projects.

Far Left: Junior Joe Siders, seniors Katie Fecser, and Bethany Pokelbek dance on the set of "Man of La Mancha." The show marked the last show directed by Joe Lorek at MHS.

Left: Scott McLaughlin examines the pumpkin he is about to carve. Before starting, a person must decide exactly where cutting will occur to ensure that a great pumpkin will be made.

Below: The MHS Marching Band marches out onto the football field during a home game. Since it was raining that night, the students wore a raincoat over their uniform to stay dry.
Throughout the history of Mentor High School the sports teams have brought this school pride and confidence. This year brought us more. Confidence can be a hard feeling to build up as a team, but as a team it is determined and shows all that they have, confidence is achieved. Hours of hard work practicing makes the difference in a game. Mentor’s teams create a fear from other schools that let them know that they are about to go up against a good team. The cardinal is our symbol and we show our pride to it by letting the other schools know who we are. Whether it is winning or losing against our opponents, the Mentor spirit never dies out. Being a tough school to compete with is what makes Mentor so unique. Each and every one of the sports we have here at Mentor are played with determination and skill. On the ice, in the water, on the court, under the lights, and on the mats, Mentor teams have gained their respect and this year we showed no mercy.

by Dan Krivenski

Above: The girls varsity soccer team stands for the national anthem at the Fall Sports Assembly. Before each soccer game, the “National Anthem” was sung by various performers.

Above: Junior Ian Lewis of the varsity football team fakes out the other teams member as he runs his play. The football team must work hard on their plays so that they can utilize their skills.

Above: The cross country team huddles together and does a cheer for the Fall Pep Assembly. This cheer has become a tradition for the cross country team over the years.

Left: Senior Scott Nelson of the boys varsity soccer team winds up for the kick down the field. Being on the team takes great endurance and as the season progresses the students become better athletes.

Above: Seniors Erin Samson, Sharon Zajc, Mary Kozenko, and Kim D’Orio pose for a picture before their basketball game. Seniors are often recognized for all of their efforts over the years.

66 Sports
Above: The varsity basketball cheerleaders line up as they get ready for the opening ceremonies for a varsity basketball game. The opening ceremonies consist of the “National Anthem” and a presentation of the teams.

Left: The Mentor gymnastics team tumbles across the floor as they perform for the school at the Winter Pep Assembly. This performance took a lot of time and preparation to perfect it and also to get the stunts synchronized with one another.

Above: Junior Laura Kohl gets her “groove on” at the Winter Sports Assembly. The girls basketball team often does something humorous at the event.

Above: Junior Tyler Cortelezi of the varsity basketball team lays it up during the warm ups before a game. A team must warm up beforehand to loosen necessary muscles and get prepared for the physical requirements needed.

Above: Sophomore Nicole Schutz leaps in the air on the balance beam at the Winter Sports Assembly. A gymnast must be able to perform a variety of difficult stunts in their routines.
The boys' baseball teams for Mentor had a magnificent season. The varsity team and junior varsity team both showed their best effort to beat the other teams. Even though they met their biggest competitors on the field, the teams still showed no mercy while playing. The defense was great and the offense was equally as good. But even at a loss, the two teams played to show the fans that they do their best.

by Dan Krivenki

Bottom: Junior Josh Gardner hits the ball out into right-center field at an important game against Cleveland Heights.
Right: A pitch down the strike zone leaves a line drive hit to right field to junior Dan Griffith.
Right: Great action and teamwork at homeplate allow Mentor to get another run in for the game. There is often exciting moments like these at Mentor baseball games.

Left: Senior Kyle Jones jogs in off the field after a tough inning at third base. It was not uncommon to have difficult times during various games.

Below: Leading off, junior Bill Rockwell gets a head start on the way to home.

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Sports 69
The 2001 softball team had a very successful season. The team played most of their games at home winning 7 of their 15 games. Their overall record was 10-12. Softball players start their conditioning for the season in the winter. This includes weight lifting, running, and throwing in the gym. Softball works the team both mentally and physically, and a sport that you have to pay attention to the whole time you're on the field.

by Alexandra Vanden Broek

Above: Junior Laura Middleton, senior Megan Kovac, and junior Micki Devlin cheer after a team member scores a point. The girls team sometimes make up cheers to route on their teammates.

Top Left: Sophomore Meghan Lynch takes a sip of water after coming off the field from pitching. Baseball players are in hot sun for a long time and need to keep hydrated.

Middle: Senior Danielle Hilterbrand gets ready to swing at the ball. Players work on proper batting stance during practice.

Above: Junior Emily Albanese participates in a batting practice before the game. The softball team plays their home games on the diamonds behind the North parking lot.
Top Previous Page: Junior Stephanie Zaratsian practices her hand-eye coordination before she plays a game. The team has batting practice on the upper North side of the gymnasium.

Top Left: Sophomore Meghan Lynch gets ready to pitch the ball. Softball pitchers have to spend a lot of time perfecting their so it will not hit the batter.

Middle Left: Senior Danielle Hilterbrand watches as the ball leaves her bat. She has the proper stance after her swing.


Varsity Softball Team: W. L


Boys Lacrosse

Mentor High School has adopted a new sport with open arms. Lacrosse is a two-year-old sport at Mentor High School. So far in two seasons, the Mentor boys have showed a lot of improvement.

by Dan Krivenki and Alex VandenBroek

Above: Senior Adam Cervenka runs ahead of the competition to try and intercept the ball. Adam was in the opponent's goal box.

Above: Senior Ryan Gutowski runs around the goal to get in position to score a goal. Lacrosse is a sport that requires a lot of hand-eye coordination.

Below: Senior Ryan Gutowski outruns the competition with the ball in his stick. Ryan was at the opponent's goal.

Below: The defense of the Mentor High lacrosse team help our fellow teammates as a player gets the ball. It is not unusual to see such collaboration on the field.
Above: The Mentor High School lacrosse team stands around getting pumped for their game. This is a team ritual before every game they play.

Above: Senior Zach Kulpa looks down the field for his teammate. He was waiting by the goal to receive a pass.

Team Stats Not Available

Girls Track

The Mentor girls track team had a successful season during 2001. The team was lead by captains Lindsay Feiten, Jessie Lamb, and Jen Vandeveer. The team improved by finishing 3rd in the LEL Championships, 4th in Districts, 10th in Regionals, and 53rd in States.

Feiten set a new school record in the shot put with a record of 41'8". She was also the league champion in the shot put and the discus. All-League performers were the 3200-meter relay team of Gefert, Corbett, Benson, and Vandeveer. Gefert was also All-League performer in the 800-meter race.

The 3200-meter relay team of Gefert, Corbett, Benson, Janezic, thrower Feiten, and long jumper Janezic were all Regional place winners. Two outstanding athletes made the Ohio Division I State meet in Dayton, Ohio. Feiten placed 7th in shot put and Janezic placed 8th in the long jump. The News Herald and The Plain Dealer recognized Feiten and Janezic as All-Stars of the Year.

by Alexandra Vanden Broek

Above: Junior Amanda Havel blows away her opponents in the 200-meter open race. The 200-meter race is a very grueling race both mentally and physically.

Above: Junior Liz Terelle runs ahead of the competition in the 2-mile open race. The 2-mile race is 8 laps around a 400-meter track.
Left: Freshman Lauren Chapman is determined to beat the competition. She ran down the competing team in the 4x800 meter relay.

Middle Left: Junior’s Annamarie Calderone, Amanda Havel, and Lauren Sawchik relax in the locker room before leaving for a Saturday meet. During the Track and Field season, the team travels to different schools to compete every Saturday.

Below Left: Freshman Christie Martin is in position to explode out of the starting blocks. Christie was running the open 100-meter dash, a sprinting event.

Above: Some team members of the girls track team celebrate after clinching a victory at the Euclid Relay Invitational. Both boys and girls of Mentors track team swept away the competition with a first-place victory.

Girls Track & Field

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Row 5: S. Stroud, A. Lynn, E. Kulpa, N. Cooke, S. Kovach, D. Bensen  
Row 6: S. Boles, A. Molitor, J. Royer, A. Vanden Broek, V. Gefert, J. Vandeveer  
Row 7: A. Lamb, C. Martin, A. Whitaker, E. Hoon, C. Cvelbar, S. Milford  
Row 8: C. Pehrieta, K. Peri, L. Gernan, L. Feiten  
Boys Track

The boys track team had an outstanding season going undefeated in the league (6-1) and winning 3 invitationalis, the league meet and district championship. Rob Warren qualified to the state meet in the discus and placed second.

by Coach Jim Green

Above: Junior Keenan Kalina races toward the finish line ahead of the competition. Keenan was running the 300 hurdles which is a grueling race both physically and mentally.

Bottom Right: Junior Jarell Taylor sizes up his competition before the race begins. Jarell is a sprinter and even participates in hurdling occasionally.

Above: Sophomore Doug Kleiner races with the competition to the finish line. Doug was racing in the 100 M hurdle event.

Above: Junior Jarell Taylor counts to make sure his steps are accurate in the 4 x 400 relay. In relays steps and timing are a key factor in a winning relay team. If they are not right, the whole race is off rhythm.

Right: Seniors Jessie Smith and Alessio Fiorentino, sprint ahead of the competition. The boys were in the first exchange zone of the 4 x 100 relay race.
Above: Sophomore Alex Fried runs with his competition in the 2-mile race. Alex was a vital part of the distance squad for the boys track team.

Above: Senior Jim Rohrich and junior Jarelle Taylor run the 4x200 relay race. The race was exceptionally well run.
The boys tennis team played a great season and showed that they tried at every serve, return, and volley for the ball. The varsity tennis team made their greatest effort to win every match that they played. With players like Scott Nelson, Alessio Picciano, and Rajdeep Chatterjee, the varsity team had it good this year. The team consisted of players who had great skill at this sport and they clearly showed it. If the team didn’t have a match, they would be out practicing. If the team was rained out, they would be somewhere dry practicing their backhand or serve. With the practice that this team had, they deserve a pat on the back for the hard work that they put in this season. They showed the school that they didn’t practice to please just their parents or friends, but they showed everyone that they played with extreme effort in every match to represent the hard work this school puts in to be the best we can be.

by Dan Krivenki

**Upper Right:** Senior Blake Ticknor walks away after a tough game. Tennis is a sport that drains you physically and mentally.

**Far Right:** Senior Alessio Picciano is seen serving it up for the win. Serving is a key element to win in tennis.

**Right:** Junior Scott Nelson returns a shot to the back during a tough game. He was doing a ground stroke.

**Far Right:** Playing a very tough game, sophomore Raju Chatterjee defends the last serve of the game. Scoring can change quickly during a match.
Above: Sophomore Adam Drury getting set up to return the shot back to his opponent across the net. It is important that you do not hit the ball back to the net player, but to look for an open widow on the court.

Upper Right: Sophomore Rajdeep Chatterjee aggressively moving toward the ball so he can stay in the lead. In tennis you need quick feet to ensure a great game.

Right: Senior Alessio Picciano and sophomore Adam Drury both set up for the next serve. In doubles tennis, staying at the net is key.

Team Stats Not Available

Girls Tennis

Our season, though inconsistent, helped develop the experience for many of our players. The team consisted of all underclass students. Our dedication and training during the off season will take us to the next level. We want to improve on our 7-10 record. Our Lake Erie League record was 5-4, a fourth place finish. The Lady Cardinals have improved over the squad from 2000 but our work has just begun.

by Coach Joe Morgan

Above: Junior Alexandra Vanden Brook awaits the next move of her competition. In the game of tennis, it is very important to have good hand-eye-foot coordination.

Top: Junior Co-Captain Mandy Sikorski returns a serve form her opponent. Mandy made it to the 16th round of sectionals in October.

Above: Junior Kristen Briggs goes to consult with Coach Joe Morgan. During a tennis game, players and coaches are only allowed to talk about strategy on odd games.

Right: Junior Co-Captain Amanda Kolenc returns a serve with a forehand ground shot. Amanda has been playing for two years with Mentor.
Girls Varsity Tennis

Team
Lake Catholic L
Chagrin Falls L
Shaker Heights L
Normandy L
Elyria W
Madison L
Parma W
Valley Forge W
Lakewood W
Cleveland Heights L
Brush L
Brecksville L
Beachwood L
Warrensville W
Euclid L
Magnificat L
North W

The season for the boys cross country team went well. Distances were achieved and times were met. The team was not always in the lead, but they put out all of the effort that they had. Many of the teams runners went all out on their meets and improved their record by a lot. The coaches had the team practice every day for their upcoming meets. They would go out on the track and attempt to improve their time around each lap. By the time the cross country meet had arrived the team was prepared. Friends and family would show up at the meets and watch as their team would run a good distance in a short amount of time. When it came down to putting out all that you have at the last second, the team would get that adrenaline rush and sprint to the finish. Ready, set, go!!!

by Dan Krivenki

Below: Lined up at the starting line, the cross country open team gets set to take off when the gunshot fires. A high amount of concentration, strength, and strategy is needed in this part of the race.

Far above: The coach of the varsity cross country team gives the boys a little strategic advice and some encouragement before their race at a meet in Garfield Park.

Above: The varsity cross country team takes off as they hear the gunshot fire.

Above: Junior Alex Fried makes his last few strides as he races down the path toward the finish line. These boys practice running every day so they can sprint it out until the end.
Above: A strategic meet and break is held right before a big race at a junior varsity meet. It is important to plan out what will go on during the race.

Top left: Sophomore Mike Juker comes up the path as the end of the race nears. With your competition right on your tail is important for you to keep strong until the end.

Left: Freshmen Dan Goldsworth, Peter Streiff, Ryan Smolik, and Lee Robinson take a rest after their race is finished. A difficult race like the one they just ran in can be very tough on your body.

Boys X-country stats

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Girls Cross Country

The team this year was the largest in school history with 51 girls. The varsity team experienced a roller coaster of a season marked by a great race at the LEL meet, in which the team surprised a lot of people by winning their second consecutive LEL title. The team hopes to regain the District title and help earn a much desired trip to State. The girls who raced in the open races had an dominating season, by only being defeated once by Lakewood’s varsity team. The team had an outstanding season and there are hopes to duplicate this success next year.

by Brian Butler

Left: The varsity team starts its long difficult race. It is important to get a good start and stay consistent throughout the race. The cross country team start practicing in August.

Above: Senior Kate Paquette, junior Katie Daniels, seniors Angela Smolik, and Meredith Shull hang out after a race. They are trying to stay warm because of the poor and unstable weather conditions during the fall.

Above: Members of the varsity team relax and do any last-minute stretching before their race. It is important to stay calm, have a level head, and have a good time but still work hard in cross country.

Right: Sophomore Allison Kulpa runs ahead of the competition. Allison earned a trip to the State meet this year in Columbus.
Left: Seniors Maria Scaperato and Carrie Koman, sophomore Lauren Chapman, Coach Amy Capel, freshman Lindsey Tomasic, sophomore Kyle Sunny, and freshman Erika Skaile joke around after their race.

Below Left: Sophomore Lauren Chapman, junior Sarah Milford, and senior Erin Oppenheim race toward the two-mile mark. Cross country races are 3.1 miles long.

Below Middle: Sophomore Danielle Benson charges past her opponent. This was Danielle’s second year on the varsity team.

Below: Junior Meredith Baron runs up a hill during her race. Most cross country races contain at least one big challenge for its runners, including weather, hills, or tough competition.

Girls Cross Country

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Football

Practicing day after day in the hot summer sun, running miles after school, lifting weights for an hour every day, and practicing play after play are all parts of preparing for the football season. These young men are all devoted to this sport and show that they are. They give up their spare time almost every day to show their fans the amount of effort that they put into the football season just to win as many games as they can. All of this practice helped the team win plenty of games this year and please the people who came to watch them play every Friday night.

by Dan Krivenk

Right: The Mentor varsity football team warms up before a game under the lights. Warming up is necessary in football because it gets the players motivated, stretched, and active.

Above: Senior Brian Gamble sprints to his position on the field to get open for a pass from the quarterback. In the game of football you have to keep your eyes open and be aware of where various players are on the field.

Right: Senior Ryan Petite and Junior Dave Farschian make a tackle to try to stop the competing team from getting farther down field.

Middle Right: Senior Nick Ciani and junior Kevin Kleber shake it off after a tough play. Football requires a lot of physical abuse and often there are many injuries involved.

Right: A rough tackle that shakes up the competitors offense is made by junior Tom Brew, senior Matt Milligan, and other members of the football team.

Bottom Left: Senior Matt Milligan and sophomore Adrian Ivansic set up on the defensive line ready to sack the quarterback.
Below: Senior Brian Gamble runs downfield to catch a pass.

Left: Junior Ian Lewis yells to the players on the field as they get set to run their play. A lot of calls are made to the players on the field by the players and coaches on the sidelines.

Below: Juniors Jagger Ticknor, Jay Reichert and many other fans spend their Friday nights supporting the football team at the Mentor High stadium.

### Varsity Football Stats

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Volleyball

The girl's volleyball team had an outstanding season finishing up with a record of 15-7 in the regular season. The team made it to the District winning all four games they played. By winning the four games at Districts, the girls earned a trip to Regional. Even though they came up short, it was an outstanding achievement for the girls. The junior varsity team also had an outstanding season ending up with a 19-3 record overall.

-by Alexandra Vanden Broek

Above: Junior Ashley Janetic and Senior Kristen Koval practice their set skill before the game. Players have to warm up before the game so they perform their best.

Top: The varsity team lines up as the announcer calls off their name. This is done before every game is played to identify the team.

Middle Right: The girls on the court celebrate after they score a very important point. It is important to have team unity on and off the court.

Right: The Mentor defense prepares to shut down the opposing offense. In volleyball, the defense try to block the ball from coming over the net.
Top Far Left: Seniors Emily Albanese and Kristen Koval watch as their team mate hit the ball to the opposing team. While playing volleyball it is important to keep your eye on the ball.

Left: The girls on the team walk on the court ready for another victory. It is important in any sport to always have your game face on.

Middle Left: Senior Laura Middleton and Jen Budziak get ready to start playing. They are alert and are anticipating the ball.


Boys Soccer

This year in boys soccer the varsity and junior varsity team played a magnificent year. Many new accomplishments were made this season. With captains Nick Jordan and Dustin Kirby the varsity team was lead to victory. The varsity team became the league champs, sectional champs, district champs, and the regional finalists. A new record was broken by Sinisa Ubiparipovic with 31 goals this season. The whole team broke four new records for the season. The most goals scored, the most assists made, the most points made, and the most wins. The amount of work and time these boys put on the field, they achieved for themselves a great record. These teams showed that hard work always pays off in the end.

by: Dan Krivenki

Far Above: Junior Kevin Iacofano watches as senior Scott Nelson dribbles the ball past the defense toward the goal.
Above: Juniors Kevin Iacofano and Brian Perry work together to get the ball closer to the goal where they will score a goal. This strategy is done over and over during the teams practices.
Top Right: Junior Dustin Kirby makes a kick to set a goal up for his teammate. Passing down the field can be tough with the other team blocking your kicks.

Above: Senior Scott Nelson races down the field with the ball to make a pass to one of his teammates.
Right: Junior Ivon Komso gets set as the competing team takes the ball toward the opponents goal.
Left: Senior Scott Nelson drives past the goalie to score a point for Mentor. Scott is often found taking the ball this far down field.

Bottom Left: The Mentor soccer team stands aside as they strategically plan out their next play. It is best if the whole team gathers to hear the play coming up.


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The Mentor girls soccer team had an excellent season in 2001, losing only one game to Walsh Jesuit and tying with Northview. The end of the season brought a 16-1-1 record which is very impressive. This year's team was led by seniors Alyssa Albert, Keri Cameron, Brittany Lawrence, and Mandy Mannochio. The team hopes to continue their success next year.

by Alexandra Vanden Broek

Top: Members of the girls soccer team stand around and wait for the game to get started. In soccer, two forwards from the offensive team start the game by passing the ball to each other.

Above: Junior Natalie Bernot prepares the ball for a free kick. This usually occurs after a foul has been committed.

Above Top: Sophomore Christie Martin outruns the defense from North to the goal box. Christie was a forward on offense.

Above Middle: Seniors Alyssa Albert and Keri Cameron try to keep the ball in bounds while their opponent tries to steal the ball away.

Above Lower: Sophomore Abbie Kakias waits patiently for the offense of the opponents team to come down by Mentor's goal. Abbie served as a replacement goalie when freshman Carly Cerepauk broke her hand.
Above: Senior Brittany Lawrence tries to beat her competition to the ball down by the goal box. Sophomore Adriene Sluga was in the goal trying to help her.

Above: Sophomore Nikki Tizzano seeks out a defender on the opponents team. The opposing team sported a tough loss since they lost by only one point.

Varsity Soccer

Team
Lakewood W
Hudson W
Euclid W
Syl. Northview T
Cleveland Hts. W
Elyria W
Shaker Hts W
Magnificant W
Normandy W
Parma W
NDCL W
Bay Village W
Westlake W
Chagrin Falls W
Valley Forge W
Walsh Jesuit L
Chardon W
District Semifinals W

Boys Golf

The season for the boys golf team was a tough battle, but with skills like the ones the team showed, they made it through to the end. The team was led by seniors Josh Nichols and Joe Meglen. Many talented juniors and sophomores helped the team through the tough courses. With tips from Coach George Polinsky, this team learned many new techniques and improved their average. Making par or birdie is not an easy task for anyone, but with a strong swing and excellent accuracy it was done several times. Golf is a game of skill and practice. With a team made up of determined students like these, the team can walk off of the green knowing that they put everything they had into a tough course.

by Dan Krivenki

Top Right: Senior Joe Meglen, junior Raju Chatterjee, and senior Tony Morrell line up as they get their names called off at the Fall Sports Assembly. One of the highlights of the assembly is being introduced with teammates.
Right: Junior Raju Chatterjee, seniors Tony Morrell, Joe Meglen, and junior Mike Jankovich look toward the announcer as he tells the crowd the stats of the boys golf team for the season.

Quote:

“The boys golf team had a second straight L.E.L. title and juniors Mike Jankovich and Raju Chatterjee had some footsteps top follow to defend the title. Also, the team has had back to back, undefeated seasons.”

-anonymous golf member

Above: Sophomore Sam Magri attempts to take his competitor down at a wrestling practice after school. In order to be successful, a wrestler must possess muscular strength and mental prowess.

Above: Senior Laura Middleton sets up to serve the ball at a volleyball game after school in the gym. She practiced diligently in order to get the ball across the net at that game.

Above: The gymnastics team gathers in a group to start their dance for the Winter Pep Assembly. It combined dance elements along with gymnastic skills.

Above: The varsity and junior varsity wrestling cheerleaders take a last look before they begin their routine for the Winter Pep Assembly. It was a chance for the girls to show off all of their hard work.

Above: The varsity girls basketball team walks out onto the wrestling mats. To give the crowd a little humor, they danced hysterically to 80's music.

Above: A MHS hockey player receives a pass from his teammate as he skates down the ice. An athlete in his position must quickly decide what his next move will be.
The Girls Golf Team had a good season with a finish of 7 wins and 5 losses. The team came home with a third place victory from the North Royalton tour, and a win at sectionals. This was the forth season for the team that was established by Colleen Brown, and they are improving with every season. Golf is a mental game, more than a physical game. However, golf takes a lot of patience and determination to play.

by Alexandra Vanden Broek

Above: Senior Aubrey Anderson talks logic and strategy of the game to the cardinal. The cardinal was probably wondering why she had pink hair.

Top Left: The members of the golf team stand around while being announced. The team overall had an outstanding season with a lot of new comers to the sport.

Far Above: Junior Katie Hine follows sophomore Rachel Schuster off the court. The girls practice at a local golf course every day after school unless it is raining.

Above: Junior Katie Hine and senior Jamie Hofrichter break it down on the court during the pep assembly. The girls were dancing to the great Michael Jackson, and were wearing 1980’s apparel.
Above: Junior Lauren Lausberg rubs the school's fighting cardinal mascot for luck. This was Lauren's first year on the team.

Above: The girls do a team cheer for the crowd during the fall sports assembly. The team bonds while at practice and during their golf games.

Girls Golf

Team

North Royalton Tour 3rd
Edgewood W
South L
Hathaway Brown W
Jefferson L
Eastlake North W
NDCL L
Eastlake North W
Orange L
Edgewood W
NDCL L
Orange W
Pleasant Hill W
Sectionals W

Boys Basketball

The varsity team started off exceptionally well this year. They began their season with a number of wins and came out with a good record. Being in the L.E.L can be tough when you are coming out of a district of teams that do not have the same amount of skill that are in the L.E.L. Mentor’s varsity team may not have the amount of talent that other L.E.L. teams might have, but they were determined enough to place in a good ranking during this season.

by Dan Krivenki

Right: Junior Eddie Zienkowski shoots his second of two foul shots. Eddie was known for making his foul shots.

Right: Sophomore Tony Martucci makes a lay-up as the rest of his teammates sprint up to take the rebound. Basketball requires the efforts of all of the members of a team.

Right: Junior Eddie Zienkowski towers over the other team to make a lay-up inside the key.

Middle: Junior Nick Meyer races down the court to receive a pass from a teammate. During the conditioning part of practice, the team is constantly sprinting up and down the floor.

Below: Senior Mark Martucci presses the opposing team member into a corner. Mentor is known for its famous pressing techniques.

Left: Junior Tyler Cortelezzi plays tough defense as other team members look on. Agility and strategy is important to have when defending a tough player.

Below: Junior Nick Meyer and Mark Martucci help each other get to a loose ball. It all depends on how bad you want it when trying to get a loose ball.
Below: Junior Nick Meyer scrambles for the loose ball. Sometimes you must exhibit perseverance in order to retrieve a loose ball.


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Girls Basketball

The Mentor High School girls basketball team had a great season. They were recognized in the newspaper a lot this year, despite the fact they did not have as many senior starters as in past years. However, the team still performed excellent throughout the season. The team is hoping to have another very successful season next year.

by Alexandra Vanden Broek

Above Lower: Sophomore Erin Gerard practices her shots in the key of the basketball court. The basketball team practices shooting the ball constantly.
Above Top: Junior Katie Hine practices running with the ball while dribbling. This requires a lot of coordination.

Above: Members of the girls basketball team stretch before their practice begins. Free shooting time is also incorporated during warm up time.
Middle: Sophomore Jaque Sluga dribbles the ball up and down the court. She was known for her quick moves.
Top: Sophomores Kristen Mueller and Sarah Smrdel play one-on-one before their practice begins.
Right: Sophomore Lee Negrelli shows off her muscles after a hard work out during practice to stay in shape. The team conditions during the off season to stay in shape.
Left: Junior Laura Kohl runs to make a lay up under the basket. The team has to share the practice time with the boys team.

Junior Varsity Basketball Row 1: A. Zieski, K. Mueller, A. Roberts, L. Kohl, E. Parker, C. Koeth

Girls Varsity Basketball

Team

Willoughby South       W
Lakewood               L
Cleveland Hts.         L
Valley Forge           W
Shaker Hts.            L
Walsh Jesuit          W
Elyria                 L
Euclid                 L
Lakewood               L
Cleveland Hts.         W
Valley Forge           W
Shaker Hts.            L
Elyria                 L

Hockey

The Mentor High School boys hockey team had an outstanding season this year. The team had a record-breaking season with the most wins ever in school history. The team finished with a 20-5-1 record overall. Ice hockey is a very physical game that takes a lot of hand, foot, eye coordination, and the boys work hard to achieve this.

by Alexandra Vanden Broek

Above: Junior Donny Urbancic looks ahead towards his goal to see his team try and score a goal. In the game of hockey it is important to have a very good eye.

Top Left: Senior Trevor Knaus gets ready to begin a face off with a player from Cleveland Heights High School. The Mentor boys team beat Cleveland Heights that night.

Middle Right: Senior Brandon Jeric tries to out skate defender from Cleveland Hts. In ice hockey skating is a key element in the game.

Above: Sophomore Jim Robertson and senior Nick Psenicnick look down the ice rink towards the opposing goal to see if a Mentor player scores. Ice Hockey is a very low scoring game.
Varsity Hockey

Team

Mayfield  W
Kent Roosevelt  W
Hudson  W
Euclid  W
North Olmstead  L
Gilmour  W
Cleveland Hts.  W
Cleveland Hts.  W
Elyria  W
Euclid  W
Gilmour  W
Hudson  W
North Olmstead  W

Above: Senior Captain Trevor Kraus goes for the puck during the period. In a hockey game there are three periods to every game.

Above: Sophomore Jim Robertson waits by the goal to break down Cleveland Heights offense. Hockey is usually a fast moving game that hardly ever stops.


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Swimming

The boys and girls swim team had yet another exciting season. Despite the fact that Mentor High School does not have an indoor pool for the team yet, the team is doing a great job. Everyday during the season the team gets on a bus and travels to Cleveland State University after school to complete a grueling practice and then gets back on the bus to come home. The team has many outstanding athletes on the team who compete in the state every year. The team is very close and has rituals such as dying their hair blonde each year.

by Alexandra Vanden Broek

Above: Sophomore Alli Kulpa, junior Emily Kulpa, senior Jeni Soeder, and junior Meredith Baron relax after swim practice. The swim team has to travel to CSU to practice.

Top: Senior Ericka Hoon, junior Lauren Salamon, seniors Justin Sell, and Katie Kominek wait for their next event. In swimming, there are distance events and sprinting events.

Above: Seniors Deanna Gilbert, senior Kristen Mueller, and junior Maggie Minihan dry off after their race. The team stays warm and dry between events to prevent cramping in the water.

Middle: Members of the boy’s swimming team start their race. The boys were swimming the backstroke event.
Left: Senior Steve Franz, sophomore Kelly Potocar, junior Emily Kulpa, and freshman Nathan Dumont watch their team compete in the swim meet.

Above: Members of the girl's swimming team jump off the blocks into the water.

Top: Sophomores Ashley Olear, Sarah Nameth, and senior Stephanie Nameth wait for their bus ride home after practice.

Above: Girls on the Mentor swim team are leading their opponent. The girls were swimming a butterfly relay.

Above: Seniors Ericka Hoon and Deanna Gilbert wait for their team to finish the meet. The girls look so happy to be there.

Above: Sophomore Mallary Ricco and freshman Jaimie Soeder relax after the meet is finally done. The team competes in the state meet almost every year.

Middle Right: Sophomore Erin Lyons, freshman Jaimie Soeder, sophomores Ashley Olear, and Mallary Ricco are celebrating after they won their race. The team has matching caps and suits.
Gymnastics

This year's 2002 gymnastics team had the most success of any varsity team ever in Mentors gymnastics history. The team placed first at the Worthington Kilbourne Invitational in Columbus, second at the Sycamore Invitational in Cincinnati, and had great success in their record throughout the rest of the year. Going 7-2 with a team high of 143 the team proved their abilities. The team made it to states and ended up with a fourth place finish at the state tournament. Congratulations to the team and good luck next year!

by Nicole Schutz

Top Right: Freshman Lauren Leotta stands at the corner of the mat preparing for her routine on the floor.

Right: Sophomores Nicole Schutz, Maribeth Dudas, freshman Megan Chrysler, sophomore Jenna Aingworth, freshman Kristy Aingworth, senior Mary Koening, sophomore Jessica Stonecipher, and sophomore Missy Springer gather at the entrance to the gym prepared to perform their routine for the Winter Pep Assembly.

Below: Freshman Lauren Leotta does a handstand on the balance beam. This is a very hard task considering the small amount of space to work with.

Bottom Right: Sophomore Nicole Schutz lands a back hand spring on the balance beam. An extreme amount of balance is required for a move like this one.
Below: Sophomore Jenna Aingworth sits in the pile of foam after she jumps into it. The foam squares are there during the practice of new stunts so the gymnasts do not get injured.

Bottom: Sophomore Casey Metz climbs the bars preparing for a routine. Casey was a dedicated member of the team and showed her perseverance.

Below: Sophomore Nicole Schutz sprints to the spring board to do a trick onto the balance beam. Judges like sharp tricks performed on and off of the balance beam.

Bottom: Sophomores Jenna Aingworth and Casey Metz chalk up their hands before they practice on the bars. Chalk is necessary to prevent slipping during a routine.

Gymnastics Stats

Positions:

Lakewood 1st
Breckville 2nd
Worthington Inv. 1st
Hudson 139.8
West Geauga Inv. 2nd
Sycamore Inv. 2nd
St. Joe's 1st
Magnificat Inv. 2nd
District Meet 2nd
State Meet 4th

Wrestling

Practice makes perfect when it comes to wrestling. On and off the mats the members of the wrestling team practice day in and day out. Whether it is practicing a half-nelson or a double leg take down, the hard work is shown off when the match is ended with your hand held high by the referee. Some members of the A mat and B mat have been wrestling for many years. Some even when they were in elementary school. Attending summer camps and conditioning practices helps to prepare for the upcoming season. Many of the wrestlers strive to make the match worth watching. With the coaches pushing you harder and harder each day, the team only gets better as the year goes on. Determination is the attitude for this sport and we know how to show it at Mentor High.

by Dan Krivenki

Top Right: Juniors Nate and Dexter Hough-Snee show their moves off at the winter sports assembly. Impressive moves like these are shown off at the matches also.

Right: Members of the Mentor varsity wrestling team gather around on the mat to practice and show the school the moves that they present in the matches. The moves presented took a lot of practice in order to be precise.

Below: Junior Brad Anderson is taken down at the Winter Sports Assembly. The student body of MHS gets to see their classmates skills.

Bottom Right: Sophomore Dan Lastoria conditions on the exercise bike during a grueling practice after school. Practicing pays off during a match.
Below: Senior Mike Jones locks up with junior Brad Anderson at a wrestling practice after school. Upper body weight is very useful when you are in a position like this one.

Bottom: Junior Nate Hough-Snee is fighting to be taken down by his teammate. Each wrestler must practice resistance against another opponent.

Below: Sophomore Sam Magri is put in a single leg position by his practice partner after school. This move is one of the most simple moves in wrestling, but it is also one of the most widely used moves.

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Quote:

"Thanks Coach Skilton for the hard work and time that you put into this years team and congratulations to all of the wrestlers who made it to states this year!"

-anonymous wrestler

Cheerleading

Cheerleading, by far, is an important part of almost any game. Without the cheering and support of these girls, there would be less enthusiastic faces out there in the crowd. Without a doubt, all six cheerleading squads practice their cheers and routines all season long to make their cheers and routines perfect for their next game they attend. With competition added to this sport, as some would call it, the seriousness taken by these girls toughens up during a competition. Whether it is varsity or junior varsity, the girls are determined to bring the school a year worth remembering.

Above: Senior Mary Koenig, junior Amber Musarra, and sophomore Ashley Koschiol do their dance routine at the Fall Pep Assembly. Dance routines can be an exciting moment in the pep assemblies and games.

Left: The varsity football cheerleaders line up in a V shape to start out their dance routine at the Fall Pep Assembly. This routine turned out to be one of the highlights of the Fall Pep Assembly.

Above: Juniors Kristen Kramer, Amber Musarra, and Lindsey Levy raise their hands high as they amuse the crowd at the Fall Sports Assembly. Plenty of cheering and exaggerated movements are necessary in a routine or cheer.

Above: Sophomores Ashley Koscho, Christina Springer, Jenna Aingworth and Kristi O'Brien yell out their cheer while starting the "cheer off" competition. The "cheer off" is a very exciting moment in every pep assembly.

Above: The varsity basketball cheerleaders hold their pom-poms as they perform their dance routine. The basketball cheerleaders enjoy using the pom-poms as a prop for their cheers.
Varsity Football Cheerleaders

Junior Varsity Football Cheerleaders

Varsity Wrestling Cheerleaders

Junior Varsity Wrestling Cheerleaders

The Basketball Cheerleading group pictures were not available.
Every day at school, we learn something new. This we owe to the wonderful faculty at Mentor High School. These dedicated people come here to teach and challenge our minds on a daily basis. However, these people deserve much more credit considering the time and effort they contribute to us. Whether it is before or after school, in the hallway, or during free time, the staff members are here to listen, guide, and aide those who come to them. They could provide help with homework or a project or simply just give some advice. There is a lot to be grateful for because of the people who keep this school running, and this is our way of saying thank you!

by Stephanie Grega

Above: Charlene Woerne studies a question that a student has asked. Teachers often take a moment to collect their thoughts in order to ensure they give an accurate answer.

Above: Barbara Hugel writes notes on the board for her class. Math requires lots of work and memorization.

Right: Todd Malkus shows sophomore Erin Gerard ideas for artwork. Magazines present many wonderful ideas to art students for various projects.
Left: Amy Roediger and three of her junior students, Kelsey Rhodes, Shawn Collins, and Erin Waltz, work on a chemistry lab. She is checking the connection of their Bunsen burner, which the students were unable to light.

Below: Ericka Blackburn helps senior Steve Childs working at a computer. Computers are another tool that business students utilize.

Left: Arlene Sohl works in the cafeteria. She is preparing lunch for the thousands of students at Mentor.

Above: Tom Swank, Terry Quigney, Gary Hunter, and Linda Clements gather in A-19 for some holiday fun. Everyone enjoys getting into the spirit of the holidays.
Administration
(First Semester)

Bottom: Larry Disbro, Assistant Superintendent; Personnel; Robert Harvey, Superintendent; Charleen Gawrowski, President; James Metz, Treasurer. Top: Valerie Federico, Vice President; Arthur Kless, Board Member; Patrick Hanrahan, Board Member; Judith Keller, Board Member.

Tim Akin
Foreign Language

Janet Algier
Mathematics

Greg Allen
Career/Tech Ed.-CBI

Yvonne Allen
English

Bill Amendol
Music

Christine Bagwell
Mathematics

Bryon Banks
Tech Prep/
Technology/Lakeland

Kerry Banks
Family and Consumer Science

Todd Baur
Graphic Arts

Mike Becker
Science

Ericka Blackburn
Business

Rich Boldon
Foreign Language
Monique Cicco  
Foreign Language

Gregory Cimperman  
Special Education

Ken Kary and senior Maureen McNeely converse in the hall about art. Maureen had numerous pieces on display in the hallway throughout her years at MHS.

Linda Clements  
Guidance Counselor/Unit 12 (A-G)

Pamela Colton  
Library Assistant/Audio/Visual

Eric Coode  
Health/Physical Education

Les Corrice  
L.D. Tutor

Marilyn Costich  
Secretary/Pupil Services

Steve Couch  
Social Studies

Deborah Covelli  
English

Carol Cvar  
Secretary/Unit 11

Jeffrey Darrah  
L.D. Tutor

Tom Davidson  
Career/Tech Ed.-CBI

Traci Davis  
Special Education

Ron DeCaro  
Social Studies
What's the weirdest response a student has given in class?

**Constance Minerovic**
"When we were studying nationality terms in a Spanish class, I gave the term 'Cuban' with the example of 'Fidel Castro.' The student responded, 'Oh, are you a communist?'"

**Linda Clements**
"Once a student said, 'Have I totally aggravated you?' When I said yes, he replied, 'My work is done!'"

**Lisa Scharf**
"I thought Native Americans were black."

**Joyce Schwartz**
"In answer to the question, 'What does 'selfish' mean?' an ESL student replied, 'A fish all alone (self fish)."

**Mike Wolski**
"After watching 'Saving Private Ryan,' a student wrote we fought the French during the invasion of Normandy."
Brian Butler stalks his prey in the hallways on Halloween. He is another of the teachers who get in on the holiday fun.

Colleen Triana and Charlene Woerme look adorable as twins on twins' day. This was one of the days teachers can show off during Spirit Week.

Is that Lisa Scharf or Princess Leia? Well, whoever it is, she is doing a wonderful job teaching her students and having a blast.

Hola muchachos! Terry Quigney gets into the spirit of Halloween. Every year he tries to outdo his costume from the previous year.

Mike Wolski is caught off guard in his pajamas during his duty. Mr. Wolski often exemplifies school spirit during the Spirit Week festivities.
Above: Donna Catavlos and Wendi Leppelmeier look pretty compassionate about that coffee mug. They have fun working together in the athletic office.

Right: Rich Woodman and Jackie Boyle look like their having fun. During the lunch mods they catch people without passes wandering the halls of MHS.

Shari Laveck
English-Career/Tech Ed.

Wayne LeClear
Mathematics

Gale Leonard
Career/Tech Ed.
Coordinator

Wendi Leppelmeier
Account Clerk/Student Activities

Michael Leu
Guidance Counselor/Unit 10 (P-Z)

Dan Litzinger
Guidance Counselor/Unit 10 (H-O)

Greg Lohrey
Mathematics

Cindy Lutheran
Intervention Aide
What do you consider your greatest achievement?

L. CLEMENTS
"My son is my greatest achievement, and he better not screw up!"

C. HALKO
"Making positive effects on children."

J. MCINTYRE
"I can’t choose one particular thing; it is all of my achievements that have built up to today. To pick one would be too difficult."

S. MCLAUGHLIN
"Going back to school for my teaching certificate and making it through my first year teaching."

J.SCHWARTZ
"Accepting myself as I am and being patient with my own growth and maturing is one of my greatest achievements. It has helped to learn how God sees me and look at myself through his eyes."

J. TURKALL
"Being married to my wonderful wife and raising two great sons."

Tom Mackar
Health/Physical Education

Dennis Macura
English

Linda Mahaffee
L.D. Tutor

Todd Malkus
Art

Fern Mance
Secretary/Unit 12

Patricia Maynor
Guidance Counselor/Unit 11 (A-G)

Alan McDorman
English

Rob McGruder
Tech Ed.

Jaime McIntyre
English

Scott McLaughlin
Science

Constance Minervio
Foreign Language

Paul Mocallo
Science
Dennis Macura writes a pass to a student while Tom Swank pushes his chair in the Student Center. They help keep careful watch over the students in the hallways.

Yvonne Allen sits at her desk preparing for her next class. Teachers are hard pressed for time with as many as five classes per day.

Kathie DeRooy, the LEAF advisor, helps Emanuel Williams on the computer at the OCIS desk in the Lower Learning Center. Mrs. DeRooy helps students get on their way to college and helps them to find financial aide.

Donna Catavolos unpacks spirit store supplies in the athletic office. Fans can purchase Cardinal apparel to wear for sporting events.

Margie Kintz sits in a quiet section of the Student Center to grade papers. It takes a lot of concentration to look at the same answers again and again.

Mike Prochaska  
Tech Prep/Business/Lakeland

Terry Quigney  
Guidance Counselor/Unit 11 (H-O)

Tom Ramsey  
Science

Valerie Rettinger  
L.D. Tutor

Jane Richmond  
Career/Tech Ed.

Pat Robejeck  
Secretary/Bookstore

Mary Jane Roberts  
Social Studies

Heike Robinson  
Tech Prep/Science/Lakeland
Sonja Robinson  
Business

Amy Roediger  
Science

Ron Rose  
Business

Mark Rotar  
English

Lee Anne Sabol  
Foreign Language

Darrel Sadowski  
Business/Career/Tech Prep-CBI

Lou Sandahl  
Special Education

Janet Sargent  
Nurse

Lisa Scharf  
Social Studies

Paul Schonauer  
Tech Ed.

Joyce Schwartz  
ESL Tutor

Janet Scott  
Mathematics

Victor Senn  
Science

Joyce Simmelink  
English

Kenneth Skilton  
Mathematics
Above: Deborah Walland rushes to the teachers' lounge to enjoy her lunch. Teachers look forward to lunch just as much as students do.

Left: Teresa Lightner, Sherrie Zagore, and Donna Valkman gather for a group picture. They are always smiling at students and faculty they pass in the hallway.

Jack Smeltz  
Career/Tech Ed.-DCT

Beverly Smith  
Asst. Principal/  
Curriculum & Instruction

Patrick Snee  
English

Charles Stewart  
Social Studies

Linda Stuckey  
English

Tom Swank  
Mathematics

Barb Szalma  
Secretary/Career/Tech Ed.
What words of advice would you give the graduating class?

**CATHY IANNADREA**
“Learn to enjoy reading— a book can take you anywhere. Find a career you love. Marry someone you really like and trust—someone who encourages you to grow.”

**DICK KANDALEC**
“Quit using the word ‘I’ so much and get involved with other people. Learn to cooperate more with people.”

**DR. JOANIE HINES**
“Be brave. Even if you’re not, pretend to be. No one can tell the difference.”

**JAN SCOTT**
“Work hard now— it pays off later.”
Carol Kridler and Jeff Campbell sit quietly in a private conference. Teachers not only help students, but also they find time to help each other when needed.
Rich Woodman
Science

Debra Woodworth
Career/Tech Ed.-
Horticulture

Chris Young
English

Joyce Zadd
Career/Tech Ed.-
GRADS

Sherrie Zagor
Family and Consumer
Science

Barbara Zahn
Library Assistant

Sandy Almasy
Debbi Buckley
Nancy Chase
Mary Annis Davis
Bob Desotell
Christine Domin
Rich Elwell
Ruth Erb
Kim Gallo
Jason Holy
Byron Hunsicker
Carri Jackson
Leslie Jankowski
Teresa Lightner
Jim Mazzeo

George Polinsky
Andy Sabo
Kathryn Schertz
Liz Schormuller
John Sheridan
Mary Steelman
Dale Toukonen
Jackie Uhrman
Laurie Viviani
Sarah Vuric
Penny Welschans
Melissa White

If you weren’t teaching, what career would you like to pursue?

STEVE COUCH
“Perhaps acting, but more likely writing for movies, TV, or theater. Writing movie reviews.”

TOM MACKAR
“I would be a police detective or a bread truck driver.”

VICTOR SENN
“Be a member of a boy band or an 80’s cover band.”

SHERRIE ZAGORC
“I would be a greeter at Walmart or an owner of the best daycare facility for children.”

Mike Becker states, “It’s awesome to catch and release trophy fish on your own flies.” In his free time he enjoys fly fishing, and we can all see why.
When we were little, the one thing we all wanted was to be grown up. Well we finally got our wish: 5:00 mornings, bus rides, and tons of homework. So now we have a new wish, to be back in kindergarten! Most people seem to think that sophomores never have a clue, but we know better, sophomore year isn't just about "where is my locker?" It's about the new and exciting life you've been wishing for. So with that thought, we move into our high school years and hope for a new beginning, and I hope all your wishes from now on come true.............

by Courtney Brown
Left: Sophomore Jeff Schmidt and juniors Maria Kleis and Lauren Krupa share a book during a lesson in the theater arts class. Since many students have little time to get to class they often don’t go to their lockers and share a book with others.

Below: Sophomore Julie Miller makes a quick dash for the door. Since many students stop to talk to their friends before class, they end up being tardy.

Left: Sophomore Evan Hurley takes a seat away from the table to eat his lunch. Since so many kids try to jam into one table, many are forced to sit back.

Above: Sophomores Lee Negrelli and Ashley Marrie stop in the hall to pose for the yearbook shot. As aides for the unit office, they were on their way to deliver a pass.
Above: Senior Nina Hentschel and sophomore Brianna Medley talk across the hallway to their friends. During class changes, the hallways were usually much more crowded and noisy due to the addition of lockers throughout the wings.
Above: Sophomore Beth Macura shows off her smile during class. She can usually be found with friends discussing current events or the latest episode of "Ally McBeal".
Taylor Dopuch
Thomas Doty
David Drady
John Drvar
Ryan Dreesch
Kimberly Driscoll

Maribeth Dudas
Pamela Dudash
Brett Dugan
Jordan Dunkel
Matthew Duraney
Jonathan Duy

Alaina Dykstra
Charles Earls

Shaina Edison
Misty Edmisten

Daniel Eggett
Sara Ely

Shellie Ely
Tracy Enright
Christopher Eppier
Matthew Estadt
Hani Ewais
Patrick Fahey

Rachel Farquhar
Nicholas Fatica
Rose Fellows
Donald Figueroa
Kelsey Fischer
Jenna-Marie Fisher

Above: Senior Doug Reisinger and sophomore Craig Soeder show off their muscles. They both throw the shotput and discus for the track team.
Jessica Honard
Meagan Hopes
Randy Hoppert
Daniel Horejs
Alyssa Horst
Adam Howell

Joseph Howell
Tena Howell
Matea Hrastovic
Michael Hubbard
Christopher Huber
Drew Hudec

Jonathan Hugget
Rosemary Hunley
Michael Hunter
Evan Hurley
Lindsey Hutchinson
Sara Huth

Caitlin Hutson
Tiffany Hyatt
Joseph Igrasek
Katie Iliff
Timothy Ingle
Allen Intihar

Haroon Iqbal
Nicholas Ivancic
Adrian Ivasic

Cassandra Jackson
Melissa Jelenic
Lauren Jenkins

Julie Jenn
Brandon Jeric
Erich Jeschelnig
Erica Johnson
Kenneth Johnson
Sara Johnson

Above: Sophomore Kaylee Baker, senior Megan Murray, and sophomore Sean Mazin smile at the thought of the lunch they were eating. Most students found lunch a good time to talk with friends and work on assignments.
Above: Sophomores Shelly Stephens, Mallory Rico, and Alaina Dykstra take a break from schoolwork. Even with the adjustments made during the sophomore year, sophomores are able to make time for their friends.
Above: Sophomores Stephanie Stright and Elise Arendt take a second to show off their ID tags. Many students dislike the pictures on their ID tags so they turn them around to hide the picture.
Above: Sophomores Brandon Cole, Alex Bernot, Jeremey Swanson, and Taylor Dopuch wait to catch up on their sleep in study hall. This is a yearly ritual for the new sophomores at Mentor High.
Above: Sophomores Heather Zbasnik, Jen Kaminski, and Brandon Adams are distracted while taking notes. Some students let their minds wander during class.
Above: Sophomores listen as fellow classmates are introduced who were running for class office. For many, it was the first time to put a new name with a face.
Junior year, We're not new at the school, and yet we're not quite the upperclassmen. We are in the middle and stuck in what seems to be the hardest year of high school. We are not able to choose colleges yet, or even stay out past curfew, but there's always the thought of next year: our senior year! For now we only have the thoughts, and we need them with all the work we have to prepare for next year. Between the SAT's and the ACT's many of us are ready to give up and just leave. Then we remember what we are working for and life goes on as we push closer to the coveted senior year that will soon be ours..................

by Courtney Brown

Above: Junior Mike Rehburger stops to get a quick snack on the way to class. Since we only have 22 minutes for lunch, many students buy a snack at the vending machines between classes.

Right: Juniors Nicole Sayles and Olivia Richmond chat on their way to band. Many students tell the latest gossip or story in the hallway on the way to class.
Left: Junior Dianne Muntz stops at her locker to drop off her Spanish book. Since many subjects require large books, students often go to their locker between every class.

Below: Juniors Melissa Teter and Bryan Lloyd are aggravated with their studies. So they decide to take a break to joke in the hallway before another class starts.

Left: Juniors Ashley O’Neil and Michelle Smolinski take a break from dancing to pose in their dresses. Many students take pictures at Homecoming for memories of the night.

Above: Juniors Mandy Koeth and Olivia Richmond take a break from watching a video in class to chat. Many teachers show movies in class as a learning tool.
Above: Junior Christy Kaminski laughs after she dropped her books in the hall. She is known for being able to laugh at herself.
Above: Junior Courtney Brown shivers while on the sideline of the football field. Most students enjoyed watching the football team play and subsequently win the LEL title this year.
Above: Junior Ryan Parisi would rather focus on the camera than class. Sitting in the front, students don’t get away with much.
Above: Junior Alexis Woodruff concentrates on a math quiz. Many juniors are in Algebra 2 Fundamentals or Geometry. Those courses take a lot of concentration.
Above: Junior Mike Lamb erases a chalk board. Many teachers have students do odd jobs.
Above: Juniors Kelsey Rhoades and Shawn Collins prepare for a lab in chemistry. They were extra careful since they were adjusting a flame.
Above: A group of guys show off their enthusiasm at a football game. The game was rainy and cold, but that did not stop the fans from having fun.
Sarah Goodmanson
Jeffrey Granger
Jamie Grantham
Nicholas Greene
Jennifer Griffin
Jessica Griffith

Maryrose Griffith
Christopher Grinstead
Robert Gullian
James Gunn II
Emily Guynn
Robert Haas

Kristen Haase
Robert Habinski
Rebecca Haffa
Jess Hamilton
Joseph Hamilton
Melissa Hamilton

Sean Hansen
Jennifer Harley
Stephanie Harman
Valerie Harper
Nicholas Harps
Mallory Harransky

Victoria Harris
Julie Harton
Jonathan Havel
Mary Haydu
David Hayward
Nicholas Heggestad

Aaron Heller
Anthony Hendershot
Jason Hennig
Thomas Herrick
Michael Hess
Kyle Higaki

Melissa Hindley
Kimberly Hirsch
William Holbrook
Stewart Holes
Jeremy Horner
David Horvath
Senior Jenny Soeder and junior Courtney Brown smile after finishing some proofs. They both spent countless hours working on the yearbook.
Above: Junior Anthony Ray laughs at a funny joke in the Student Center. The Student Center is where the upper classmen spend their free time.
Ryan Krankowski
Joseph Kraska
Mary Kratochvil
Daniel Krivenki
Laura Krupka
Matthew Kucera

Emily Kulpa
Jeremy Kuper
Michael Lamb
Matthew Lane
Robert Lange III
Anthony Laspina

Jonathan Lassiter
Brittani Lastoria
Lauren Latine
Randy Latz
Matthew Laughlin
Lauren Lausberg

Joseph Lavalle
Sara Lavery
Kevin Law
Amanda Lazar
Jeffrey Lazar
Margaret Leach

Amanda Leciejewski
Corey Leihenseder
Jonathan Leivo
Nicole Leotta
David Le Pere
Tiffany Lepisto

Lindsey Levy
Ian Lewis
Mallory Lewis
Ryan Lewis
Yun Li
Ashley Liddington

David Light
Eric Lightner
John Lipovich
Eric Litschel
Brian Lloyd
William Locke
Above: Junior Jen Griffin performs the title role in "The Diary of Anne Frank". This marked the MHS directorial debut of Mrs. McIntyre.
Sarah McDaniel
Janice McDonough
Jessica McDonnald
Jaime McGinnis
Robert McGroarty
Robert McNeill

Kevin McQuiston
Renee Medica
Timothy Meinke
John Merchant
Shawna Messinger
Kathryn Metzung

Nicholas Meyer
Kyle Mihok
Sarah Milford
Emily Millard
Daniel Miller
Marjorie Minihan

Andrew Miskimen
Jennifer Misko
Shana Misley
Alana Misseldine
Murali Mohan
Shawn Molder

Ashley Molitor
Brandon Molitor
Arminda Montgomery
Karen Moore
Michael Morosko
Dianne Muntz

Amber Musarra
Zachary Musiek
Timothy Muzzin
Holly Myllykoski
Rachel Nagy
Amanda Nebbia

Adam Neely
Tina Negrelli
Jessica Nelson
Wende Nemes
Ryan Neubert
Chris Newton
Above: Junior Greg Jones smiles at what a beautiful day it is outside. Students can often monitor the weather by looking out the windows.
Above: Juniors Emily Jacobs and Christina Johnson get close for a picture. Students can always be found gossiping during classes.
Above: Juniors Laura Cox, Elyse Keipert, Christina Johnson, and April Dervay were caught goofing off while aiding for a teacher. Grade some papers, ladies!

Doug Reid
Carol Reidy
Sarah Reilley
Christopher Reye
Kelsey Rhoades
Donald Rhoads

Jonathan Richards
Olivia Richman
Ryan Rico

Heather Riedel
Renee Riedel
Jonathan Ring

Alayna Rini
Mallary Ristau
William Ritchey
Elisabeth Ritchie
Joanne Robertson
Jenna Robinette

Katherine Robinette
Lindsey Robinson
William Rockwell
Desiree Roeder
Emily Roeder
Richard Rohaley

Joseph Rosa
Stefanie Roszak
Jennifer Royer
Alvin Ruiz
Jeanine Ruminiski
Victoria Rusbasan

Briana Russ
Ashley Sabin
Lauren Salamon
Ashley Sanderson
Jeremy Sargent
Kyle Savoca
Above: Junior Emily Petro sports chemistry gear during an experiment. She was one of many juniors who took chemistry during the year.
Above: The junior powder puff team piled up for a group photo after winning this year's game. The ladies had some good coaching from the guys.
Elizabeth Thomas
Daniel Thompson
Melissa Thompson
Jagger Ticknor
Alicia Tomba
John Tomlinson

Michael Toth
Philip Trimble
Danielle Trunk
Kathy Ulrych
Donald Urbancic
Alexandra Vanden Broek

Sarah Vanderschel
Jason Vanek
John Vanek
Joshua Van Epps
Rachel Vannon
William Varner

Christopher Vaughn
Jon Vendi
John Verdi
Mark Villani
Anthony Vo
Paul Vojtush

Sarah Vuicich
Elizabeth Wade
Anthony Wagner
Kristen Waina
Melissa Wallace
Erin Waltz

Joshua Washock
Michael Waterman
Rachel Watson
Sarah Weir
Brittany Westfall
Amanda Weybrecht

Matthew White
onnemarie Whitehouse
Chad Wiese
Elizabeth Wilezenski
Luke Willard
Ryan Winkleman
Above: Junior John Riechert meditates upon his homework in the Student Center. Many students need to visualize a situation to complete homework.
Ady, Kelly
Albrecht, Jessica
Allen, Mario
Baer, Steven
Baker, Erin
Baldeon, Evelyn
Barrett, Antwon
Bartlett, Jessica
Bartley, Timothy
Beba, Sherry
Beck, Kenneth
Bell, Alexander
Benic, Jagoda
Bliss, Matthew
Bohinc, Nicole
Bortnick, Beau
Bradley, Julie
Bretz, David
Brothers, Justin
Brown, Matthew
Button, Terry
Cacic, Anthony
Cermak, Thomas
Champagne, Brittany
Corbisello, Ashley
Crespin, Nicole
Croaker, Christopher
Dagget, Diana
Dalrymple, Jeffrey
Dawson, Kelly
Dearden, Justin
Dell, Denver
Deric, Sanjin
Dmytriw, Daniel
Donovan, Kevin
Dornbrook, Mendon
Dorony, Dirk
Doyteck, Christopher
Drago, Jonathon
Durda, Ryan
Elsbury, Jeffrey
Evans, Christopher
Ferrara, Lauren
Ferreira, Eric
Fleece, Gerald
Fox, Katherine
Fratianne, Adam
Fried, Alexander
Godziek, Carl
Griffith, John
Harbart, Brian
Heilemann, Alisha
Herrera, Paulo
Hill, Kelly
Hine, Kathleen
Hoff, Joshua
Hoppert, Daniel
Hrastovic, Juraj
Hughes, Margot
Irish, Stefanie
Irving, Erica
Jones, Joshua
Keith, Zarr
Kennedy, Jennifer
Klein, Andrew
Knop, Steven
Kocab, Cassandra
Kocevar, Timothy
Kolbow, Melissa
Komso, Ivan
Kosovich, Matthew
Kovach, Joshua
Kraus, Tiffany
Kreske, Kevin
Land, Christopher
Lattanzio, Bennett
Ljubi, Candice
Lockard, Amanda
Long, Natalia
Marria, Melissa
Massucci, Michael
McGlone, Nicholas
McKenna, Mark
Melissa, Kolbow
Mohat, Erin
Mulhall, Daniel
Musa, Miro
Naftanail, Sarah
Nicola, Adam
Ninic, Dajan
Pachay, Timothy
Paul III, Ronald
Perl, Christopher
Pestak, Kevin
Pilny, Michael
Polcar, Richard
Rolf, Ryan
Rosipko, Brandon
Rowles, Marie
Rusnak, Amanda
Schilero, Anthony
Scott, Brandi
Shaw, Timothy
Shirer, Jeffrey
Sibley, Michael
Silbaugh, Daniel
Sobecki, Nicole
Spinks, Gregory
Stadtler, David
Steinbach, Krystle
Stephanie, Kropko
Sweet, Matthew
Tartaglio, Philip
Tavenier, Brian
Teter, Melissa
Thomas, Craig
Thompson, Thomas
Toney, Ashley
Topfer, Rory
Trynovich, Robert
Tsevdos, Michael
Tuccillo, Dana
Tucker, Corey
Vasquez, Teresa
Ventura, Samuel
Vinkler, Tiffany
Wang, Yin
Watson, Jessica
Wright, David
Zoldan, Michael
Left: Junior Alexis Woodruff is studying hard for her classes. She needs this study time because studies show that junior year is a challenging academic year.

Left: Junior Dan Krivenki is working hard on the sports section of the yearbook. A lot of work goes into the sports section, including tracking down scores and identifying many team members.

Below: Junior Zach Musick is deep in thought; there are many things a student has to think about in a day, from homework to what to have for lunch.

Above: Junior Dustin Kirby and senior Nick Jordan announce the boy's soccer team at the fall sports assembly. Normally, captain positions are held for seniors on the varsity team, but this year Dustin Kirby was elected as one of the few junior captains ever.

Left: Juniors Christina Johnson and Emily Jacobs meet in a classroom before homeroom to talk. Many students meet with their friends that they don’t see during the day before homeroom.

Left: Junior Stacey Devers and senior Jenn Thrower, members of the flag corps, pose for the camera at the fall sports assembly. The band and the flag corps start off the assembly every year with a "bang"!
Our time has finally come. We are done with Mentor High School. The arrival of this time is one many of us have been looking forward to since we began the journey with grade school so many years ago. Who knew it would arrive so quickly? Uncertainty is all that life holds for us now. We became accustomed to the sight of our friends in the hallways and the sounds of their voices. We knew when we had to be at art club, band or play practice. Friday nights always meant football games in the fall, and springtime meant it was time to start looking for that prom date. Shortly, this lifestyle will no longer exist. Many of us have worked our hardest to get into that prize college, or we have decided that going to work full time is the way we want to go. Some of us are going to live off Mom and Dad for a little bit longer. Now that graduation has arrived, that certainty of high school is gone. However, we will soon find new paths of certainty; only we will have to find these paths alone. As we do this, Mentor will continue to be a part of us. All those times we spent worrying in the Student Center over our upcoming chemistry test, trying to get a date with that one person we thought would actually accept, procrastinating to finish our research papers at the end of each year, and making the friendships we held so close to us are the times that shaped us and the times we will take with us. We are now ready to take everything we have learned from teachers and classes, from jobs and activities, and, most of all, from those friends past and present. We are ready to head out into the world, wherever the world is ready to take us.

Above: Senior Tyler Sherman gives a thumbs up before marching out onto the field. This year, the marching band gave great performances at each half time show during the football season.

Right: Seniors Justin Bina and Danielle Cimperman try to stay warm at a Friday night football game. The weather did not play a factor in preventing many fans coming to games season.
Left: Seniors Katie Kominek and Kelly Pirc smile as they complete homework in the Student Center. Many students finish homework with friends last minute during lunch.

Below: Senior Jessie Mauzy sits and reads a book for English class in the library. Students can be found working of a class assignments through out the day.

Left: Seniors Nicole Vehovec and Jill Siegel are confused about why the locker is mostly empty. Surprisingly, some seniors do not even have anything in their lockers at all!

Above: Seniors Phil Carey and Chris Schenk seem shocked to see the camera pointing at them in the Student Center. Students must wear their ID’s when they are in the building.
1. Senior Michelle Lieb smiles after being announced at the Homecoming game as being on the Homecoming Court.

2. Senior Julie Weston finds a picture of junior Alex Vanden Broek during class one day. Luckily, the owner of the picture was found moments later.

3. Seniors Kim D‘Orio and Val Tripodo take time to help with Harvest for Hunger. Mentor High donates a large amount of food each year to this cause.

4. Senior Liz Terelle stops in the Student Center to grab a bit to eat before heading to class. Many students get breakfast in the morning before homeroom each day.

5. Seniors Tyler Sherman and Erin Perrie decided to stop and have their picture taken for the yearbook. Many students tend to wait for friends after class to talk as well.

6. Senior Stephanie Seaman prepares for a math test. The library is the best place to get any peace and quiet needed to study.

7. Seniors Steph Grega and Jenny Soeder wander the empty hallways taking pictures for the yearbook. Most of the staff members can be found taking pictures around school on their free time.

8. Junior Liam Dunning and senior Megan Stack take time to smile for the camera. It seems like many students like having their picture taken.
Far top left: Homecoming was a time to celebrate since the football team won the game, and many people were just having fun dancing.

Above: The Homecoming Court gathers in the rain after halftime portion of the football game. Luckily, the rain had let up when the Court was announced on the field.

Far left: Senior Mallory Middaugh seems to be having a good time at the dance. Many people enjoyed dancing that night.

Left: This year’s Homecoming Queen was Lauren Swachik. She still seems to be recovering from all the excitement.

Far right: Seniors Mike Leppelmeier and Jaimie Weiss take a break from dancing to talk to friends. Is it time to go dance some more now?

Right: Senior Liz German and junior Alex Vanden Broek discuss how straps got on a strapless dress. How did they get there, Liz?
HOMECOMING COURT

Lauren Sawchik  
Homecoming Queen

Katie Koval  
Jill Bishop

Ashley Simpson  
Angela Moavero

Laura Middleton  
Mary Koenig

Michelle Lieb  
Jackie Langdon  
Amy Razem
Above: Seniors Lindsay Harrold, Laura Middleton, and Kim Zuchelli take a quick pose before heading to homeroom. The hallways are always crowded when trying to get to class.
Prettiest Hair

Anne Eble
Lauren Eble
Stephanie Ecker

Kelly Elig
Scarlett Englebrocht
Thomas Enright

Andy Morales
Katie Frakes

Prettiest Smile

Garett Estadt

Right: Senior Patty Fishleigh stops at her locker to grab some folders for class. Some students do not even go to their lockers since they have a majority of what they need in their book bags.

Amy Razem
Dane Randlett
MOST VOCAL

Left: Senior Nikki Switzer turned to quickly smile for the camera on her way to class. Students usually see friends in the hallway on the way to class and call out their names.
MOST INSTRUMENTAL

ERIN KLAYMAN
BOB MOCADLO

Seniors 195
Robert Heggestad
Adam Heinz
David Helset
Nina Hentschel
James Herrmann

Jeremy Hervey
Robert Hickey
Keith Hilbush
Stacy Hill
Amanda Hoade

Jamie Hodge
Jamie Hofrichter
Staci Holmy
Ryan Hollander
Andrew Hoon

Erica Hoon
Ryan Hoover
Adam Horton
Adam Horwatt
Aubree Howard
Most Dramatic

Daniel Koehler
Kristina Koehler
Mary Koenig
BRIAN HALLEN ANNE EBLE

Most Athletic

Carrie Koman
Katherine Kominek
Scott Kondik

Jeremy Konrad
Danielle Kos
Catherine Kosick

Frank Kosec
Melinda Kovach
Katherine Kovat
TOM ENRIGHT BRITTANY LAWRENCE
BEST DRESSED

ALANNA BURKE
BRIAN BROOKS
PRETTIEST EYES

Christina Marko

Jeffrey Marous

Thomas Marous

Marie Marshall

Amanda Marshall

Alicia Martin

BRIAN GAMBLE

DINA LANESE

Justin Martin

Sean Martin

Stephanie Martin

Margaret Mason

Robert Mattiaz

Jessica Manzy

Jeremy May

Timothy Mayer

Meghan McAdams

Cameron McElroy
Above: Senior Romell Peters decides to stand up in English class to talk about a book they were reading. Besides reading books, his class was also going over a paper they had to turn in.

Above far right: Senior Libby Pike smiles on her way out of class. It is not uncommon for students to breathe a sigh of relief when a difficult class is over.

Right: Junior Danielle Gallase and seniors Christina Marko and Kristen Jankovich stop in the hallway for a picture. They are often found laughing together.

Right: Seniors Annamarie Calderone, Meghan Smulski, and Jenny Boyle take time to share a hug during their lunch. Anything good on the menu today?
Left: Seniors Charlene Paul, Jen Katlen, Lenore Bamberger, and Steve Steh laugh over a conversation they were having during lunch. That is what many students do while eating lunch every day.

Middle left: Senior Ashish Gupta and foreign exchange student Louise Neumann try to read an English assignment but are distracted by the camera. They were able to have peace and quiet in the library.

Above: Seniors Bill Stricker and Leigh Ruple seem awfully happy to be working in the Athletic Office. Many students aide for the offices and teachers throughout the day.

Left: Seniors Steve Reddick and Nick Jordan work diligently on a project for one of their classes. The internet is available in the Learning Center for students who need to work on a project.
MOST LIKELY TO BE PRESIDENT

GLENN FORBES
LIZ IRWIN

FRIENDLIEST

KATIE KOVAL
RICH DOBDA
MOST ACADEMIC

Left: Senior Vic Vaitkus looks surprised to see a camera staring at him during lunch one day. He was in the middle of completing homework for physics class.

JESSICA MAUZY
CHRIS GEHRING

Erin Rowan
Darlene Rozewski
Leigh Ruple

Adam Rupp
Steven Rucque
Darcy Ryan
Megan Ryan
Kimberly Sacerich

John Sagal
Melissa Salamon
Erin Samson
Matthew Sanderson
Anthony Sanquedolce

212 Seniors
Most Changed in Three Years

Dennis Gobis
Mallory Middaugh
Most Involved

Nicole Tarach
Tomas Tatarunas
Jarrel Taylor
Leonard Taylor
Joseph Teachout
Sonja Tenerove

Most Artistic

Elizabeth Terrelle
Erin Terrell
Bryan Thomas
William Thomas
Ashley Thompson
Nicole Thompson

Devin Kaiser
Michelle Lieb

AL Frisell
Lauren Sawchik
Class Clown

Erin Samson
Joe DiBacco

Left: Seniors John Doglio and Meg Ryan can actually eat lunch without disruptions. Not really, they took a break from talking to get something to eat, though.

Bottom left: It’s a mad rush to the lockers as seniors Glenn Forbes, Katie Frakes, and Ryan Gallese grab their books at the end of the school day to go home.

Left: Senior Danielle Cimperman is shocked to realize she does understand the German language. Or is she happy to see the camera?
Left: Senior Gretchen Streiff and junior John Reichert are happy to give a little smile of excitement for being in school. Are they really that cheerful to be in school though?

Below: Senior Jenny Soeder takes time away from yearbook to ease up a little bit. Being editor-in-chief can be pretty demanding of her time.

Above: Senior Aimee Dudas glances over at the camera before heading to class. Many students get to class on time; however, there are a few this never make it on time.

Right: Senior Steph Grega tries to hide behind her large coffee mug so she doesn’t get her picture taken. Where did you get that large mug anyway?
Above: Chris McMannes delivers a pass to a student. Many of the office aides deliver passes around the school for certain students each day when the students need to go some place.

Left: Senior Tom Enright shows off his muscles for the camera. He must work out to get that strong.
Left: Seniors Sarah McGrath, Sarah Crombie, Scarlett Engelbrecht, and Sonja Tenerove stop their conversation to pose for a group shot. Many groups of people can be found talking during lunch and study halls in the Student Center.

Below: Senior Jenna Harsch begins to place her books into her locker before heading to another class. Most students frequently stop at their lockers to gather materials before they go to class.

Above top: Seniors Alanna Burke and Brian Brooks share a hug before going to class. Students can always be found talking with friends in the hallway while heading to class.

Above bottom: Seniors Shanna Fatika and Ryan Seal discuss the importance of a discussion in their English class.
Not Pictured

Jason Albanese
James Anderson
Bartolome Aponte Jr.
Emily Ayres
Thomas Barile
Ian Barrow
Brad Bentley
Amy Berzcel
Douglas Brunskole
Christina Cale
Camille Champa
Anthony Chapman
Clarence Kyle Cook
Michael Cook
Frank Cunningham
Vicky Davis
Joe Deaton
Amy Desha
Kenneth Dickson
Sarah Doolin
Kristina Drilja
Rana Ewais
Anthony Ferenczi
Janja Filipovic
Erik Flagg

Pat Galieto
Raymond Gibson
Dennis Gobis
Jeremy Goble
Kelly Godwin
Thomas Gordon
Anna Gorski
Heather Gragg
Lance Green
Jeremy Greer
Anthony Grubb
Isaac Guest
Joseph Gunnoe
James Hall
Alexa Harahan
Matthew Hausman
Michael Hill
Christopher Hodges
Ethan Howells
Steven Hoejan
Tiffany James
Justin Johnson
Eileen Jolley
Mitchell Jones
Nicholas Jordan
David Judson

Karalee Kaseda
Ronald Kasunic
Brooke Keiter
Michael Klima
Brandon Lawson
Brett Lawson
Thomas Linsenmeier
Thomas Mills
Eric Moyer
Brett Murphy
Kelly Murphy
Melissa Noeckack
Vanessa Novak
Victoria Novak
Tanja Osap
Joseph Peckis
Gary Pesta Jr.
Brian Poplawska
Sarah Poplawski
Donald Post
Christopher Pritchard
Marko Puljic
Mark Radcliffe
James Rennie
Craig Sams III
Ieva Sateikaite

Eric Scanlon
Lee Schmitz
Anthony Semosky
K. Douglas Senk
Timothy Shedlock
Matthew Skedel
Jamie Smith
Quentin Smith
Brian Snyder
Susan Stansbury
James Steverding
Amanda Susa
Alexandria Sylvia
Gene Taylor
John Troy
Phil Tsakris
Sinisa Ubipripovic
Maureen Valko
Brian Walther
Daniel Waltz
Jaclyn Watson
Branden Williams
Gregory Williams
Rebecca Wright
Laura Yeckley
Robert Zuchelli
We have finally made it. Our senior year has arrived, and we have had many chances to represent our class. There was the Homecoming Court, Winter Formal King, Senior Project, and, of course, graduation. One more incentive to becoming a senior is the opportunity to participate in the Senior Ads Section. In its fourth consecutive year, this section gives the students, their families, and their friends a chance to share some memories with the rest of the class.

by Danielle Cimperman
To Little “C”

Through all “The Days of Our Lives,” we’ve enjoyed watching you grow in your great world “The Wizard of Oz.” It was “While You Were Sleeping” that you became our “Little Mermaid.” Before we knew it, there were “Sixteen Candles” on your cake. It was time to start driving...Look out “Grease” lightning. You have always been our “Center Stage.” You are our “Pretty Woman.” Good luck in college and may you never go “Out To Sea.” Remember one day to save a dance for Daddy, “The Father of the Bride.”

Love you 1,2,3,4
Love you more
Mom & Dad
Carissa Abele, Audra Huggins, Patty Fishleigh, Gina West, and Melissa Salamon

There be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. Let your best be for your friend. Kahlil Gibran

Best Friends Forever

If you want to learn about love, start with plants and animals, they're...
Lenore Bamberger

Congratulations Lenore! We're very proud of you! Love Mom and Dad
Jill Bishop and Jeni Soeder
Ben Blakeslee

A man can't be measured by people he knows, possessions, or money.
What counts is he lived up to his name.
Does he care with the whole of his being, been honest no matter the game.
Then he's someone important who matters a lot.
'Cause a man's just as good as his name.
Grandson you've grown to a wonderful man.
Loads of luck in all you do.
Love, Grandma & Grandpa Loretto

You have been a great son and a great brother.
You have always made us proud and we know you will continue to do so.
You have a bright future ahead of you and we will continue to be behind you 100% in all you do.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Jess

Times change and years pass by,
But a Nephew only grows more wonderful everyday.
Best of Wishes in all you do.
Love, Aunt Toni, Uncle Jan, and the girls
Jaimee Brumfield

Enjoy yourself! These are the good old days you're going to miss in the years ahead!
Kelley Burger and Jessica Mocilnikar

Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget.

The hardest thing to do is watch the one you love, love somebody else.

If love isn't a game why are there so many players?
Elisa Cloud and Jessica Czeck

When you get the choice to sit it out or dance...dance

(Mark D. Sanders, Tia Bitters)

We love you, Mom Czeck, Mom and Dad Cloud and Miranda
Lauren Eble and Angela Smolik
Lisa Gercar and Heather Nicholson

MUST MEET BOB BARKER!

BEST FRIENDS (EST. 1994)

E.C.E. (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)
Dear Leah:
There are so many memories that seem like yesterday...

May all your dreams come true, and your tomorrows filled with happiness.
We love you, Mom, Dad, Sara & Alex
Kristina Koehler

Kristina, we are so proud of you and the special person you have become. You have confidence and poise. Your beauty comes from your heart. We know that whatever you dream, you can make it reality. As you head off to college always remember, we love you.

Mom Dad Robert
William Thomas
and Chelsea
Carrie Koman and Amber Kozlovich
Keith Krebs

Keith Michael Joseph Krebs

Into this world
We come with a heart that's open wide
And the best of this life
Is all I ever want for you
A love you believe in,
Your every dream,
Your every passion
In time I know you'll come to see
That nothing means so much to me

There will come a time when you'll be
on your own
But in your heart you're never
far from home
Every road you take
Every living day
You will always be,
The soul of my soul

Soul of my soul, heart of my heart
The greatest treasure of my life
that's what you are
Soul of my soul, child of my heart
I love you more than you know

Soul of my soul, heart of my heart
Some kind of miracle of life
that's what you are
Blood of my blood, light of my life
You mean much more than you know
Congratulations
God Bless You Always,
Mam

Ridge Jr. High Class President
Matt Micchia

"Does like.. October come before September."
- Kevin Bergem-

"Track 1,
Track 2,
Track 4,
Track 5."
- Brett Murphy-

"I'm so sloppy."
- Sloppy Joe Loparo-

"It's Saturday and I'm to fat to ride a bike."
- porpoose-

"Dude that was a risk picking rock."
- Mike Jones-
Erin Oppenheim and Maria Scaperato
Looking Back

Remember fun times
"Congratulations"

Well, the time has finally come for you to move on toward your future. When I look back over these 18 years, they were good years, with your family and friends. Lots of laughs and fun we all had. We are proud of you, John, what you have accomplished in these years. Now, going towards your goal in life, we know you will make it. You have become responsible and mature, ready for your next step in life. We know you have the ability to do anything you desire. God Bless You.

Dad, Mom, Marci, Connie & Ted.
Jessica Cope

Little by little time goes by,
short if you sing, long if you sigh.
Note by note, life’s music plays,
songs ever changing but never gone.

I’m famous
You just don’t know it yet...

Kim D’Orio

Class of 2002

Thanks for all your effort in the classroom and on the court!
You always make us proud!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Beth & Wishbone

Go Cardinals!!!
You did it!  
We’re proud of you!  
The world is waiting for you!  
Love, Your Family

Bryan Fry

Dear Bryan,

We are very proud of you and love you very much!

Mom, Dad, and Brandi
Melanie Kalmukos

Ryan Hoover

Ryan: You're ready to set the world on fire!
Love, Mom and Jamie
Ashlee Rae Kern

Our little girl is all grown up.
We Love You, Ashlee
Mom, Dad,
Cody, Anna, Lucas

Christine D. Mackey

Christine,
Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul ...
Dream deep, for every dream precede the goal ...

(Pamela V. Starr)
Congratulations
and much love to you,
"Your Family"
ALICIA ANN MARTIN

Dear Alicia,

God has blessed us with many memories we cherish so dear,
A fiesty little girl from the start...but whatever you did, came from the heart!
We are so very proud of you and your accomplishments!!!
Love & God bless,
Mom, Dad, Andrea & Harry IV  (Harley & Brooke, too)

Kim Queisser

To our free spirit

aim high – the skies the limit

you can make a difference!

We love you. Mom & Dad
(Den & Ashley too!!)
None of us becomes something overnight. The preparations have been in the making for a lifetime. Begin now to build on those experiences.

Look where you were... Look where you are... The world is waiting... We love you, Mom, Dad, Brian, and Jaz
Natalie Stout

Natalie

May all of your dreams come true!

Love,
Mom, Dad and K-dogg

Jason Stropko

CONGRATULATIONS, JAY!!!!

It just seems like yesterday that you were a little boy. And we have treasured every moment we have spent with you. We are all so proud of you. You have grown into a wonderful, caring young man. And as you journey down this new, exciting road in your life, remember that we will always be here for you. Never give up on your dreams.

WE LOVE YOU,
MOM, DAD, JES & GABBY

GOD BLESS YOU AND ALWAYS WATCH OVER YOU.
Valerie Tripodo

Val.
Since your first days of school,
You have achieved so much!
Great friendships.
Cherished memories.
You always challenged yourself
And never gave up!

We are very proud of you!
Accomplish your dreams!
Strive for success!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Veronica

Stephanie Nameth

Erin Perme

may_all_your_dreams_come_true

Erin
Always
our
"little girl"

Congratulations,
Love,
Your Family

Love You,
Mom
and
Dad

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Christina Marko

Christina,
You have become
such a beautiful
butterfly!!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Greg, Vicki
Matt & Melissa

Amber Justice

Always Chase Your Dreams

We couldn’t be prouder and
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Mom, Dee, and Taryn

Sean Keegan

SEAN KEEGAN
To The Boy (Thuglet):
Words cannot begin to tell you how proud
We are of you. We love you very much!
Love, Mom, Dad & Kelly

Mary Koenig

Follow Your Dreams

Love,
Mom & Dad
Shannon Meadows
Success
Happiness
Aspirations
No limits
New beginnings
Opportunities
Never giving up

Always believe in yourself. The impossible dream can be yours.

Congratulations. You made it!

We love you.
Mom, Dad,
Jerry, and the family

Congratulations to
Class of 2002!!!

Cardinal Notes Staff
Colophon

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A portion of the proceeds from all World Beat sales will go directly to the September 11 Josten's Disaster Relief Fund.
“We will rally the world to this cause by our efforts, by our courage. We will not tire, we will not falter and we will not fail.”

—President George W. Bush
California residents endure drastic electricity shortages in the fall. To support energy conservation measures, Jay Leno stages an “unplugged” episode of NBC’s “The Tonight Show.”

Democrats gain majority control of the Senate for the first time since 1994 when Vermont Senator James Jeffords leaves the Republican Party because of his opposition to President Bush’s agenda.

Argentina’s economy collapses, sparking deadly anti-government protests and looting as the country reaches an unemployment rate of 18% and a budget deficit of $11 billion.

During a year marked by economic recession, Americans open their hands, and wallets, to much-anticipated IRS rebate checks.

World

Russian President Vladimir Putin and President Bush agree to cut nuclear missile arsenals by nearly two-thirds. Later, Bush unilaterally pulls out of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty to pursue a missile defense system.

Americans face armed guards and tighter check-in procedures as airport security restrictions are heightened following the terrorist attacks on September 11.

Japanese Crown Princess Masako gives birth to a baby girl in December. The birth generates fresh debate about male-only succession to Japan’s throne.

Americans face another form of terror when anthrax-laced letters are sent to members of Congress and the media. Five people are killed in the attacks, and clean-up of government buildings costs millions of dollars.
Former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic faces the International Tribunal in The Hague for U.N. war crimes, including the murder and persecution of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

American Airlines Flight 587 crashes into a Queens neighborhood in New York City on November 12, killing all 255 people on board. Structural failure of the plane’s tail assembly apparently causes the tragedy.

Twenty-eight youths are arrested for starting bush fires that destroy hundreds of thousands of acres of forest and farmland and kill thousand of koalas and kangaroos in southeast Australia.

Convicted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh is executed by lethal injection for destroying the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in April 1995, killing 169 people.

After Houston energy giant Enron collapses, thousands lose their life savings, accounting firm Arthur Andersen encounters accusations of unethical practices, and the General Accounting Office sues the Executive Branch for confidential transcripts in its investigation of the scandal.

Violent Israeli-Palestinian confrontations escalate as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and PLO Leader Yasser Arafat struggle to find an answer to their countries’ ongoing hatred for one another.

The U.S. welcomes overwhelming support and aid from dedicated allies in Operation Enduring Freedom, including Great Britain’s Prime Minister Tony Blair.

U.S. and allied forces mount Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, driving the repressive Taliban regime from power.

President Bush establishes a new cabinet position, Director of Homeland Security, to coordinate the fight against domestic terrorism. Former Pennsylvania governor Tom Ridge becomes the first incumbent.

As Operation Enduring Freedom begins, the U.S. military airdrops food rations to the starving people of Afghanistan.
Researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, unveil a new technology that uses facial heat patterns to detect lying. Blood flows to the face when a person lies, causing dramatic changes in heat patterns.

In November, stargazers are treated to a spectacular shooting star display as the Leonid meteor shower returns after a 33-year absence.

Combination PDAs and cellular phones take portable communication to the next level of convenience.

American surgeons in New York perform the first remote control surgery. Signals sent through fiber-optic lines enable robotic surgical arms to operate on a gallbladder patient in France.

Scientists at Massachusetts General Hospital discover that beauty triggers a brain response in men that is similar to reactions to cocaine and money.

President Bush approves stem cell research, but only on cells already extracted. The research is highly controversial because extracting the cells kills human embryos.

Winter weather buffs are left out in the heat as Americas experience record warm temperatures across the country in December and January.

Scientists report that vast fields of carbon dioxide ice are eroding from the poles of Mars. Over time, this could possibly prompt the return of water to the Red Planet.
On November 7, the supersonic Concorde airplane flies for the first time since the July 2000 crash that killed 113 people. Flight 002 travels from Paris to New York in just under four hours.

Dr. Judson Somerville donates his own DNA to researchers who produce the first cloned human embryo.

A new class of giant squid is discovered. The new squid can grow to lengths of 25 feet, and has fins and 10 spidery arms with elbows.

Scientists in Argentina discover several 80-million-year-old unhatched dinosaur eggs with petrified dinosaur embryos inside.

Apple releases the sleek new iPod, allowing users to store up to 1,000 digital song files for on-the-go enjoyment.

The MR2 camera pill allows doctors to examine the inside of the human intestine without surgery. Patients swallow the "pill," which transmits digital images to a data recorder.

The Segway Human Transporter, a gyro-controlled scooter invented by Dean Kamen, is tested by police and postal workers in several states.

The AbiCor, the world's first fully implantable artificial heart, is given to 59-year-old Robert Tools. Sadly, Tools passes away in December from unrelated causes.
The American economy enters a recession in March 2001, and the situation worsens significantly after September 11. Unemployment rises to its highest rate in six years.

Winnie the Pooh, fondly known by countless children and adults as "the tubby little cubby all stuffed with fluff," celebrates his 75th birthday.

Popular shoemaker Vans releases a shoe of a different color—white shoes that turn yellow, pink or blue in the sunlight.

Summer camps that teach skills to prepare children for the business world become popular with career-conscious kids and parents.

Lifestyle

M&M/MARS acknowledges the growing Hispanic American population with a new M&M’s flavor "dulce de leche," the caramelized sweetened condensed milk mixture popular in Latin America.

Hollywood pledges support for New York after the September 11 terrorist attacks by making a variety of "I Love NY" fashion statements.

Reacting against sexuality in advertising, music and the arts, young men and women across America join the "true love waits" movement.

In the new arcade game Dance Dance Revolution, players watch a dance pattern on screen and duplicate the moves on a corresponding dance floor.
Hoping to perpetuate its mystique with motorcycle fans, Harley-Davidson unveils the V-Rod, its first new "hog" in a half-century.

Teens across the country are on a roll with retro style roller skates and the newest fad: shoes with retractable wheels.

The Journal of the American Medical Association reports that childhood obesity has reached epidemic proportions thanks in part to larger fast food servings and in-school soda machines.

Cover Girl turns lips into a work of art with LipArt. The new fad comes complete with stencils, a freestyle lip brush and 26 shades for creating unique lip designs.

Bobbleheads make a comeback representing not only sports figures but also pop music superstars such as 'NSYNC.

Extreme soda drinkers receive another huge jolt of caffeine as Mountain Dew introduces its newest beverage—cherry flavored Code Red.

Topps releases an "Enduring Freedom" card set featuring portraits and bios of many leaders involved, including President Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

At 10:45 a.m. September 11, Fox News Channel introduces the headline ticker. Other networks follow, creating a non-stop flood of headlines. Each "crawl" rotates nearly 80 headlines in a 7- to 15-minute loop.

The American flag shows up anywhere and everywhere as patriots across the country display their support for U.S. troops battling in Operation Enduring Freedom.
Shrek and Donkey, voiced by Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy, hit the theaters to teach a valuable lesson about true love in *Shrek*.

MTV, the first television network devoted exclusively to popular music, celebrates its 20th anniversary.

CBS's "Late Show with David Letterman" helps people cope with their emotions in the weeks after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Russell Crowe receives his third straight Oscar nomination for Best Actor with his challenging role as a paranoid-schizophrenic in *A Beautiful Mind*.

1970s Swedish band Abba enjoys revival in the Broadway smash hit *Mamma Mia!* The musical features three interwoven love stories and over 20 of Abba's greatest hits.

The Emmy Awards for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy go to *CBS's "Everybody Loves Raymond"* stars Patricia Heaton and Doris Roberts.

The WB scores a flyaway hit with "Smallville," the story of Superman's high school years. The show stars newcomer Tom Welling as the young Superman.

Actor Josh Hartnett solidifies his role as a leading man in Hollywood with a pair of blockbuster war movies: *Pearl Harbor* and *Black Hawk Down*. 

Entertainment
Entertainers and major TV networks come together in historic fashion for the "America: A Tribute to Heroes" telethon, raising over $150 million for September 11 relief efforts.

Nintendo's Gamecube and Microsoft's X-Box enter the video game market to compete with Sony's smash-hit PlayStation 2.

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, the first movie of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy trilogy, receives 13 Oscar nominations including Best Picture.

Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks collaborate to produce the 10-episode HBO World War II epic Band of Brothers, based on the best-selling book by Stephen Ambrose.

Kiefer Sutherland stars in Fox's Golden Globe winner "24." The show is delivered in two dozen real-time episodes based on one action-packed day in the life of fictional CIA agent Jack Bauer.

Popular WB TV series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" receives rave reviews for presenting an entire episode as a musical.

The highly anticipated movie Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone sets records for opening weekend, and first, second and third place single-day box-office totals.

Sony Pictures, Warner Bros., Universal, MGM and Paramount movie studios discuss the joint creation of Movieloy— the first Internet-based downloadable movie rental system.
Music

Neil Young's song "Let's Roll" celebrates the spirit of the passengers who overtook hijackers on Flight 93 in Pennsylvania on September 11.

Colombian music sensation Shakira brings her high-energy Latin pop to the U.S. with her first English-language album, Laundry Service.

To benefit AIDS research and September 11 relief efforts, U2's Bono recruits musicians to record Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On." Participating artists include Nelly Furtado, Fred Durst, Gwen Stefani, Moby and many more.

Modern rock group Incubus storms onto the music scene with the release of the widely acclaimed album Morning View.

Popular rapper Ja Rule is nominated for the 2002 NAACP Image Awards Outstanding Hip-Hop/Rap Artist for the song "Livin' It Up."

Singer/actress Aaliyah is killed in a private plane crash in the Bahamas. During her eight-year career, Aaliyah released three hit CDs and appeared in several feature films.

Musicians join together for several concerts, including The Concert for New York City, to pay tribute to the victims and raise money for recovery efforts after the September 11 terrorist attacks.
↑ Irish rock group U2’s Elevation Tour is the top-grossing tour of the year, earning U2 the title of Band of the Year from both Spin and Rolling Stone magazines.

↓ Fatboy Slim wins six MTV Video Music Awards for his video for the song “Weapon of Choice,” featuring a dancing Christopher Walken.

↑ Alicia Keys wins two American Music Awards for Favorite New Artist in both the Pop/Rock and the Soul/R&B categories for her debut release Songs in A Minor.

↓ Country singer Tim McGraw wins five Billboard Music Awards, including Country Album of the Year for Greatest Hits.

↑ Limp Bizkit guitarist Wes Borland leaves the band to pursue his own musical career.

↑ Legendary Beatles’ guitarist George Harrison, the so-called “Quiet Beatle,” dies after a three-year battle with cancer.

↓ Rock bands like P.O.D. use their faith to help bring the Christian rock/pop music message into the mainstream music scene.

↓ Australian female string quartet Bond reaches the top of the U.S. classical album charts—despite being blacklisted from the U.K. chart for sounding too similar to pop music.
Sports

- The 14-point underdog New England Patriots shock NFL viewers by kicking a dramatic last-second field goal to upset the St. Louis Rams 20-17 in Super Bowl XXXVI.
- Michael Jordan, 38, returns to the NBA with the Washington Wizards. Jordan fills arenas nationwide and propels the previously doormat Wizards to instant respectability with an over-500 record.
- Swedish golf superstar Annika Sorenstam wins the 2001 money title, eight tournaments and Player of the Year, and sets over 30 LPGA records, including the all-time low score of 59.
- The Arizona Diamondbacks stun the New York Yankees to win the World Series with a two-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning of Game 7.
- San Francisco's Barry Bonds makes baseball history with 73 home runs and an astounding slugging percentage of .863—both all-time records.
- After her team loses only five games all season, playoff MVP Charla Lastine leads the Los Angeles Sparks over the Charlotte Sting to win the 2001 WNBA Championship.
- In July, Dale Earnhardt Jr. wins the Pepsi 400 in Daytona, Florida. Ironically, Earnhardt's victory comes on the same track where his father died just five months earlier.
- In November, NASCAR superstar Jeff Gordon wins his fourth Winston Cup Championship.
→ Former Georgia high school homecoming queen Ashley Martin becomes the first female to score in Division 1-AA college football by kicking three extra points for Jacksonville State.

→ The Colorado Avalanche skate to victory in the 2001 NHL Finals against the New Jersey Devils, marking the first Stanley Cup win for 20-year veteran Ray Bourque.

→ Future Hall of Famers Tony Gwynn, Mark McGwire and Cal Ripken Jr. all retire from major league baseball at the end of the 2001 season.

→ In 2001, superstars Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal propel the Los Angeles Lakers to their second straight NBA title.

→ America welcomes athletes from all over the world to Salt Lake City, Utah, to compete in the 2002 Winter Olympics.

→ On their way to an undefeated season and undisputed NCAA Football national championship, the Miami Hurricanes roll over the Nebraska Cornhuskers 37-14 in the 2002 Rose Bowl.

→ The NFL season begins on a tragic note when Minnesota Vikings tackle Korey Stringer collapses at practice and dies a day later from heatstroke complications.

→ In the first Saturday night women's U.S. Open final, tennis ace Venus Williams defeats her younger sister Serena 6-2, 6-4.
An estimated 350 search-and-rescue dogs brave fire, dehydration, toxic fumes and rubble collapse as they comb the World Trade Center wreckage for survivors and victims.

Terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden tops the FBI's most wanted list for his role in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Sarah Jane Olson, once known as Kathleen Soliah, is charged with domestic terrorism as a member of the Symbionese Liberation Army in the 1970s and sentenced to 20 years to life.

Hired as campus spokesmen for First USA Bank, New Jersey high school seniors Chris Barrett and Luke McCabe become the first students to finance their college educations through corporate sponsorship.

New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani makes many public appearances in an effort to make New Yorkers and all Americans less afraid to return to normality after September 11.

Actress/Singer Jennifer Lopez marries dancer/choreographer Cris Judd in September.

Wendy's founder and familiar television figure Dave Thomas succumbs to liver cancer at age 69.

John Walker Lindh, a 20-year-old California native, becomes a prisoner of war after he is found in Afghanistan fighting for the Taliban forces. As a U.S. citizen, Walker may face charges of treason.