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On any given day at Mentor High School, you can observe students laughing, thinking, sweating, working, dreaming, and looking toward the future. The 2002-2003 school year has been a year of precedence. Students were able to experience a state-of-the-art cafeteria and had the opportunity to participate in Fishing Club. For the first time, the Theatre Department performed a spring musical along with a spring play. Sports teams, across the board, excelled and advanced further than in years past. This has been an extremely successful year for the entire Mentor High community with coaches being inducted into the Hall of Fame and students achieving both academic and athletic excellence. Hopefully, this edition of Cardinal Notes has captured the essence of the year and...made you remember.

by Tina Negrelli
Above: Senior Tony Ivancic leaps into the air during a game of ultimate frisbee. Insider sources say that Tony was an avid participant in gym class at Center Street Village Elementary School.
Student Life

Another year has passed us by before we knew it. It was a year that made us remember the events of September 11 when we commemorated the anniversary with a special flag-raising ceremony. A year that made us think during class. The year made us sweat during sports events when both the volleyball and football teams made it to states. It made us dance and sing at rehearsals for the spring musical. Whether it was donating blood, bringing in food for the Harvest for Hunger, or volunteering at the Senior Citizen's Dance, Mentor High made us help. However, most of all, it was a year that made us live our lives to the fullest. After all, they always do say that these are the best days of our lives. These are the years that will make us look back and smile. Let's enjoy them while we can.

by Mate Soric
Above: Seniors Joanne Robertson and Allyson Parry have some fun at the end of a one-act rehearsal. Joanne and Allyson have gotten involved with theater in any way they can and as often as their busy schedules allow them to.
Above: Principal John Schweitzer shakes hands with a member of the Mentor Fire Department’s Bagpipe Brigade. After the flag was raised, the brigade performed a rendition of “Amazing Grace.”

Center: The flag flies high over the group of onlookers. Mentor High School is awaiting the return of a flag that was donated by a past Mentor High student who served in Afghanistan.

Bottom Left: The Fire Department’s bagpipe brigade performs their rendition of The Star Spangled Banner. As the music played, members of the Mentor Veterans of Foreign Wars raised the flag.

Above: A group of Mentor High students looks on as the special flag-raising ceremony goes on. The flags in their hands were handed out before the ceremony began.

Bottom Center: The Assistant Chief and Lieutenant of the Mentor Fire Department look on as the bag pipes are played. The Future Leaders Club was responsible for getting the Mentor Fire Department

Bottom Right: Greg Allen shakes hands with the two members of the Mentor VFW in attendance at the flag-raising ceremony. Greg Allen, among many other staff members, put many extra hours into organizing the morning’s events.
Above: Senior Thomas Cermak and junior Kristen Moore take time out from their lunches to write down their thoughts on the day’s events. Students could write down their thoughts or could get interviewed on camera.

Center: Senior Rich Rohaley shows his spirit by painting his face in red, white and blue paint. Rich is known for showing his spirit every chance he gets.

Below: Seniors Sean Hansen, Gary Juricka and Elyse Keipert look through the special edition of the Plain Dealer. Students with free mods could spend time watching coverage of ceremonies around the globe.

Top Center: Seniors Jim Deering and Drew Pasquale sport their red, white and blue shirts in the Cardinal Cafe. Students all over the school were wearing the nation’s colors to commemorate the day.

Top Right: Joey Walliette shows his love for our country with his patriotic colors. Even some of the children in Early Child Care here observed this tragic anniversary.

Below: Sis Epperson and Dolly Matej wear their American flags proudly while working in the Cardinal Cafe. Many members of the Cardinal Cafe staff wore patriotic colors in memory of the victims of 9/11.
Harvest for Hunger

Above: Junior Jim Manson carries two heaping bags full of cans. Although his chemistry class was not the top donating class, it was one of the many classes that donated this year.

Above: Austin Lockwood, junior, carries two bags full of treats to donate. This is the fourth consecutive year that Mentor High School has donated 40,000 pounds of food or more.

Top Right: Ryan Lewis and Tyler Cortelezzzi, juniors, enjoy playing with some of the canned goods in their chemistry class. Students have been donating canned goods to this cause for nearly a decade.

Above: Junior Jeff Frato admires the enormous pile of food in his A.P. Chemistry Class. Many classes hold competitions with other classes to see who can bring in the most food.

Above: A group of sophomores waits in line to give their donations in Lee Anne Sabol’s Spanish class. Although some teachers offer extra credit for donations, many students donate out of the kindness of their own hearts.

Right: Junior Tina Negrelli and sophomore Kelly Brown help organize the many bags of donated, non-parishable foods. It takes a large number of volunteer workers to collect and transport the load to where the food will be picked up.
Far Left: Senior Ashlee Rae Kern enjoys dancing with some of her closest friends. In May 2002, nearly 1000 students attended Prom.

Left: Juniors David Hayward and Lauren Gilbert wait out this dance. Students who weren’t dancing could enjoy the food provided by LaMafa.

Below: Juniors Louis Barberio, Kevin Bonner and Sam Budzicki escort their dates. Juniors April Nielson, Nicole Novak and sophomore Traci Albrecht, into the dance. After entering, people could get their pictures taken by MK Photography.

Left: Juniors Joanne Robertson and Kyle Binns take a break from the dancing to just enjoy the music. The dance floor got so packed at times that some people could not even fit.

Above: Junior Craig Sundstrom and his date dance the night away. The music, this year, was provided by the NRG DJ Company.
Top Left: Sophomore Ian Strickland and junior Ian Taylor are busily hanging up election posters after school. Ian went on to become the Sophomore Class president in the Fall 2002 elections.

Top Right: In the Spring 2002 elections, Sophomore Brad Vanderhide sets up a table in the Student Center. Brad managed to come out victorious as the Junior Class president.

Far Left: Junior Allyson Parry takes a break from her lunch mods to vote in the Spring 2002 elections. Although elections are an important part of the school year, many students did not get out to vote.

Left: Sophomore Kyle Deighan picks his favorite candidates in the Spring 2002 elections. Although Kyle has never run for class office, he tries to vote every year.

Left: Sophomores Nicole Schutz and Jenna Aingworth talk with other students about their plans for the junior year. Jenna helped Nicole go on to win the Junior Class vice presidency in the Spring of 2002.

Bottom Left: Juniors Molly Carey and Jeremy Sargent get their names checked off of the list before they vote. Voters must check in so that no one votes more than once; however, no voter fraud was committed in the Spring 2002 election.

Below: Sophomore Bryan Reo waits for someone to come and talk to him during the Spring 2002 elections. Although the class office elections were very competitive, the Student Council candidates ran unopposed.
Above: Seniors Sarah Kolat and Carla Ivka spent their entire day volunteering for the Bloodmobile. This was their first year volunteering.

Top Right: Brian Lloyd, a senior, fills out the forms necessary to donate blood. Mentor High has been participating in Red Cross blood drives for over 20 years.

Right: Senior John Verdi opens up one of the bottles of water that were handed out by the bloodmobile volunteers. In the fall drive, 253 pints of blood were donated.

Far Right: Shaun Chample gets his blood drawn. Every pint that is donated can potentially save four lives.

Right: Senior Kelsey Rhoades is asked important questions to see if she is eligible to give blood. The spring drive is always more successful because more students are eligible.

Bottom Right: Jaime McGinnis gets her temperature taken at a nurse's station. Many students feel that the worst part of getting their blood taken is the prick of the finger.

Bottom Left: Seniors Melissa Zummo and Nathan Dewer enjoy the free food and drinks. The Red Cross depends on Mentor High because MHS students consistently makes the largest donation in all of Ohio.
Below: Seniors Amber Barko and Kristen Kramer wear their Powder Puff football shirts for red and gray day. This year, the seniors beat the juniors in the big game.

Right: Matt Nutter, senior, plays a card game in the Cardinal Cafe in his Hawaiian shirt. Although Matt showed his spirit on Hawaiian Shirt Day, he wears these shirts on a regular basis.

Below: Sophomore Ian Strickland teases out his hair especially crazily for Crazy Hair Day. Ian has some of the most unique hair you will find in Mentor High’s halls.

Above: Senior Ken MacKinlay sports his pajamas while he waits in line for lunch. Pajama Day has been made an annual event thanks to its popularity.

Above: Shawn Ramey wears a pair of his funky socks for Crazy Sock Day. Shawn enjoys participating in activities, such as Halloween, that allow him to wear odd clothing.

GO TEAM

SPIRIT WEEK

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Left: The varsity girls tennis team shows the crowd what it is made of. Although the performance at the assembly was not perfect, the team ended the season with a second-place finish in the league.

Above: Senior Homecoming candidates Emily Davis, Jacqueline Kovach, Amber Mussara and Jessica Oblilbee are announced to the school. This year, over 500 students voted for queen.

Far Left: The girls golf team gets situated before they dance for the audience of Mentor High students. The team was led by the only returning senior, Lauren Lausberg.

Left: Homecoming Queen Ashley O’Neil opens her box to find the single white rose. This year’s votes showed Ashley to be, by far, the school favorite.

Left: The Mentor High volleyball team practices its bumps at the assembly. This year, the team went to states as one of the top four teams in Ohio.

Below: The girls cross country team performs its cheer. This year’s girls cross country team had a very successful year, making it out of districts.
Below: Senior David Ensinger perfects his four square game in the counselor's lounge. Considering David has no younger siblings, being around so many children was a new experience for him.

Top Center: Senior Alexis Parker laughs at a joke told by one of her fellow camp counselors. The last few weeks of camp turned out to be rather cold, forcing campers and counselors to bundle up.

Bottom Center: Seniors Brad Dombos and Lauren Salamon head back to meet with the rest of the counselors after a boating class. This year, many new classes were offered at camp, such as clay pottery.

Below: Junior Mallory Rico sweeps up her cabin just before breaking for lunch. Although Mallory stayed in an older cabin, some lucky campers got to sleep in the brand new cabin.

Sixth Grade Camp

Top Left: Senior Mate Soric enjoys his apple juice after a long day of camp. Mate was chosen as one of the team leaders for his week at camp.

Bottom Left: Senior Amber Kokal helps blindfold a sixth grader during a game. Amber enjoyed the fact that she was able to be a counselor for her old elementary school.

Center: Junior Scott Boyle makes candles with his sixth graders. This was Scott's very first year as a Sixth Grade Camp counselor.

Above: Senior Josh Van Epps puts bait on a hook for a sixth grader. Josh enjoyed warm weather during his week at the Hiram House Camp.
1. Seniors Jim Dearing and Kathy Kneirim eat some snacks in their free time at sixth grade camp. This was the first year that either of the two was a camp counselor.

2. Sophomore Ben Weiss chats with his friend Den Queisser in biology class. This year, Ben earned a letter for playing on the boys golf team.

3. Seniors Eric Litschel and Kyle Binns cheer at a Mentor football game. The game was a wet one, but it also was a victorious one.

4. Danielle Nowak, junior, works on her A.P. American History homework. This was the first year that A.P. American History was offered to sophomores.

5. Senior Katie Daniels waits for a nurse to start the donating process. Mentor High averages 600 pints every school year during the Blood Mobile drive.

6. A group of sophomores sits in study hall in B lecture. All sophomores must take a study hall for one mod opposite their lunch.

7. Senior Bill Varner practices his golf swing. Although Bill was not a part of the Mentor High golf team, he did enjoy playing basketball at Ridge Junior High.

8. Sophomores Matt Deitz and Nick Pagen get festive on Halloween by coming to school in costumes. Halloween is a very popular day because students wear crazy outfits.

9. Senior Josh Van Epps helps sophomore David Behtke around the school at Sophomore Orientation. Josh can be seen helping his fellow students in any way he can.

10. Bryan Sespicc, sophomore, plays a game on his calculator during one of his study halls. When Bryan is not playing on his calculator, he enjoys practicing with his band, the Guilty Bystanders.

11. Seniors Marcus Gefert, Bob McNeil and junior Taylor Dopuch wait for the explanation of the night hike at Sixth Grade Camp. Taylor was one of the few juniors who were able to attend sixth grade camp as a counselor.
Right: Senior Ken MacKinlay jokes around before his AP Biology class begins. Ken’s close friend, Ryan Noble, also dressed up in a matching homemade pig costume.

Far Right: Seniors Robert Noble, Alex Donofrio and Ian Taylor gather around a table during one of their free mods. The “mafia man” costume was a popular choice among band members.

Below: Senior Ryan Craggs wears his famous Hamburger costume during his physics class. Ridge alumni remember the costume from a prior Halloween.

Bottom Right: Sophomore Stephanie LaSpina chats with her friends before lunch. Stephanie’s Cruella DeVille costume was a big hit among her friends.

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Halloween

Left: Senior Lee Champion shows off his split face design as he walks to class on Halloween. Lee was honored later in the year by being named a member of the court for the Winter Formal Dance.

Right: Senior Rob Drake decides to get festive this year with a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle costume. When Rob is not dressing up for Halloween, he participates in Academic Decathlon.
Left: A group of Student Council representatives gather in the lobby of the Ronald McDonald House. This was the first year Student Council did their holiday service project at Ronald McDonald House.

Below: Rich Elwell watches as children open presents brought by the Student Council. This is Rich’s second year as the Student Council advisor.

Left: Seniors Val Harper and Jaclyn Fratus play with two of the younger residents of the Ronald McDonald House. These two babies came all the way from Iowa to receive treatment.

Above: Senior Raju Chatterjee helps a child open a present. All of the presents were donated by Student Council representatives except this present, which was donated by government teacher Jack Wagar.

Left: This child, a resident of Ronald McDonald House, snacks on a cookie that was baked by the Student Council Secretary Tina Negrelli. The children were able to decorate the cookies themselves before they ate them.
Winter Formal  February 7, 2003

Above: Junior Beth Macura is happy to be dancing with alumnus Josh Nichols. Beth is involved in NHS, the yearbook, and A Cappella choir.

Above: Sophomores Kelly Velikonya, Nicole Buckley, Brianna Dams, and Anna Short pay for their pictures to be taken before they hit the dance floor. Ellie Vayo photographed this year’s Winter Formal and provided an elegant red and white backdrop.

Above: Senior Mike Hess and his date wait in line to have their picture taken. Mike, who brought two dates to his junior prom, opted to bring just one date to Winter Formal.

Above: Sophomores Stephanie Kosec and Dan Barker enthusiastically dance together. When these two are not dancing the night away, they enjoy playing the game Taboo.

Above: Senior Ashley Galati and her date decide to dance in a less crowded area where they have room to boogie. The new cafeteria provides ample space for dancers.

Above: Seniors Tom Sheppard and Mal Lewis contemplate which picture package to choose. After much debate, they decided to go with one of the smaller packages.
Snow King Court

Left: Junior Taylor Dopuch leans in to hear senior Nicole Sayles over the loud music. This year’s music was provided by Rock the House Entertainment.

Below: Juniors Dean Lanese and Erica Mignogna spend time together off the dance floor. This is the first Winter Formal they attended together.

Above: A group of students follow the DJ’s instructions to put their hands in the air. This year’s song was “At Last” by Celine Dion.

Below: Liz Schormueller opens a bottle of pop to add to the punch. She is always willing to help chaperone a dance.

Eric Litschel
SNOW KING

Above: Senior Mary Kratchovil and junior Matt Silvi dance to “Jump, Jive and Wail.” Both students enjoy swing dancing.

Above: Juniors Scott Petty, Jen Shaw, Jessica Lehman, Aleisha Ambrose, and Ashley Calhoun wave their hands in the air during a song by Eminem. The DJ’s like to tell the students how to dance and taught numerous line dances throughout the evening.
ACTIVITIES

Throughout the years at Mentor High School, clubs have been offered to the many students. Whether or not students choose to participate in them, the clubs have contributed to what Mentor High School is today. These clubs give students a chance to make friends and have great new experiences within the school environment. Whether it be before school or after, teachers as well as students put forth a great deal of effort to make these clubs work well. There is a wide range of clubs offered at Mentor High School. Some make you think, sing, dance, fish, act, learn, run, help others, laugh, teach, lead, play, participate, ski....

by Emily Garrison, Val Harper, and Kelly Brown
Above: Senior Amanda Siko looks over a list of supplies that are needed at an elementary school in Cleveland. The National Honors Society adopted this elementary school as a sister school this year because many of its students are not fortunate enough to own a toothbrush.
Right: Senior Shannon Sidorick, junior Jen Griffin, sophomore Nicole Sidorick, junior Emily Davis, and junior Jen Berardinelli are awaiting the arrival of Winnifred. It was important for Winnifred to pass the test so that all of the ladies in waiting could soon be married.

**ONCE UPON A MATTRESS**

Above: Sophomore Monirah Wehbi (Lady Satine) looks on as the women dance for the Princess. The performers have to be experienced in acting and dancing.

Left: Senior Melissa Kraus (Minstrel) sings the opening of the show. The song was about the real story of *The Princess and the Pea*.

Above: Dancers in "Very Soft Shoes" perform a kick line while senior Chrissie Mackey (Jester) dances throughout the song. Chrissie had to tap on special boards to enhance the sound.

Above: Senior Annie Eble (Winnifred) sings "The Swamps of Home," which describes her family background. Annie was up for the Rotary Award for the lead role in a musical.

Center: Senior Chrissie Mackey (Jester), Junior Jagger Ticknor (King Sextimus), and senior Melissa Kraus (Minstrel) sing "The Minstrel, the Jester, and I" which was about friendship. The song could not literally be considered a trio because the King was mute and mimed his lines.
Cast of Characters

Princess Winnifred..................Anne Ebie
Prince Dauntless the Drab........Nick Heggestad
Lady Larken........................Jessica Cope
Sir Harry.............................Joe Siders
Queen Aggravain....................Joanne Robertson
Minstrel..............................Melissa Kraus
Jester................................Chrsissie Mackey
King Sextimus the Silent..........Jagger Ticknor
Wizard................................Mike Sugilo
Princess #12..........................Jen Berardinelli
Sir Studley (Court Dancer).......Justin Maine
Lady Beatrice (Dance Captain)....Christy Kaminski
Sir Luce...............................Simon Foxall
Lady Rowena.........................Hilary Petersen
Lady Merrill.........................Lauren Bowers
Lady Lucille/Panto Queen..........Shannon Sidorick
Lady Mabelle........................Jennifer Griffin
Lady Helena..........................Jackie Price
Lady Robin............................Nicole Sidorick
Lady Rose/Statue.....................Jen Berardinelli
Lady Satine...........................Monirah Wehbi
Lady Margaret.......................Maggie Leach
Lady Zalinka/Panto Princess......Melissa Zumbo
Lady Elizabeth.......................Emily Davis
Lady Bee..............................Ellen Bede
Knight 1/Panto Prince..............Doug Sargent
Knight 2..............................Eric Lightner
Knight 3..............................Matt Gnesmer
Knight 4..............................Andrew Goldsworth
Emily, Servant.......................Jessica Pirc
The Good Servant....................Melissa Kidd
The Bad Servant......................Christina Banno
Stage Manager.......................Elizabeth Irwin
Assistant Stage Managers..........Molly Kobelt
Assistant Directors.................Beth Chamberlain

Above: Junior Nick Heggestad (Prince Dauntless) sings "Opening for a Princess." The role of Prince Dauntless was Nick's debut in Mentor theater.

Below Right: Junior Christy Kaminski (Lady Beatrice) and senior Justin Maine (Sir Studley) play court dancers and demonstrate "The Spanish Panic." This dance took weeks of practice because of the many difficult lifts and steps that it featured.

Left: The entire cast of Once Upon a Mattress joins arms and dances together on stage for the finale. At times, this scene could be hectic because there were 32 performers on the stage at once.
Above: Senior Eric Lightner (Dr. Bradman) arrives at Charles' house for a seance. The seance was held to gather information for a book that Charles was writing.

Above Right: Senior Hilary Petersen (Ruth) and senior Jen Berardinelli (Madame Arcari) exchange information on exorcism. Ruth wanted to get rid of Elvira, the ghost haunting her house.

Above: Senior Melissa Zumbo (Mrs. Bradman) discusses the current predicament with Ruth. Her character added some comic relief to the play, for she was eating in almost every scene.

Left: Senior Hilary Petersen (Ruth) looks in the direction in which she thinks Elvira is sitting. Charles was the only character able to see Elvira, which proved to be a challenge throughout the show.

Above: Seniors Hilary Petersen (Ruth) and Christy Kaminiski (Elvira) prepare for the exorcism. They made a dramatic exit by being swept up the fireplace in one of the show's final special effects.

Above: Senior Jagger Ticknor (Charles) winces because of an injury to his arm. It was broken by Elvira in an attempt to take his life.

Left: Seniors Jen Berardinelli (Madame Arcari), Eric Lightner (Dr. Bradman), Hilary Petersen (Ruth), Jagger Ticknor (Charles), and Melissa Zumbo (Mrs. Bradman) get prepared for the seance. A glitch in the seance caused the return of Charles' ex-wife, Elvira.

Above: Senior Jen Berardinelli (Madame Arcari) believes she smells a ghost in the room. This year was Jen's first main stage fall show.
Above: Senior Christy Kaminski (Elvira) finishes applying the makeup for her character. In an hour and a half, three makeup artists transformed Christy into a ghost.

Below: Seniors Jen Berardinelli (Madame Arcati) and Jagger Ticknor (Charles) try to convince junior Emily Martin (Edith) to confess that she can see the ghosts present in the room. This was Emily's Mentor Theatre debut.

Above: Seniors Christy Kaminski (Elvira), Jen Berardinelli (Madame Arcati), and Hilary Petersen (Ruth) work late into the night in an attempt to send themselves to the "other side." Madame Arcati used Daphne, an invisible ghost child, to make her seances successful.

Left: Senior Jagger Ticknor (Charles) ends the show in a monologue while his ex-wife, Christy Kaminski (Elvira), looks on. During this monologue, many special effects that relied on the use of fishing wire were used.
Above: Senior Andrew Goldsworth (Harry) thanks Allison Perry (Kay) for the flower he received while junior Beth Gaffney (Nancy) awaits the arrival of her date. *If Girls Asked Boys for Dates* reversed the roles of a modern date situation.

Above: Sophomore Nick Babica (the announcer) tells the audience the background of the one-act. This was Nick’s first performance on Mentor High’s stage.

**IF GIRLS ASKED BOYS FOR DATES**

Below: Seniors Lauren Bowers (Amanda) shows her frustration with senior Nick Heggestad’s (Lawrence) obsession with swizzle sticks. Nick finally gets aggravated enough to break a stick at the end of the play.

Above: Sophomore Scott Schram (George) is embarrassed by junior Beth Gaffney (Nancy) because of her advances on him. Scott’s character was very nervous before his big date that night.

Above: Senior Heather Broge (Mrs. Smith) gives advice to her son for his upcoming date. Heather has been involved in theater for three years.

Above: Junior Doug Kleckner (Tom) performs his monologue about going to the moon. This year marked Doug’s first performance at Mentor High.

Above: Junior Brittany Perkins (Ginny) asks senior Lauren Bowers (Amanda) for a drink. In *For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls*, Brittany played a loud, obnoxious factory worker.

**FOR WHOM THE SOUTHERN BELLE TOLLS**

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Who Am I This Time?

Above: Senior Joanne Robertson (Doris) announces that senior Steve Potts (Newt) will be the new director. This announcement left sophomores Gretchen Stout (Susanne) and Samantha McColg (Mary) very surprised.

Above: Senior Steve Potts (Newt) narrates the action of Who Am I This Time? Steve enjoyed his first performance at Mentor this year.

Above: Junior Nicole Sidorick (Jane) reads the newspaper while she contemplates suicide in ‘dentity Crisis. This year was Nicole’s third performance on Mentor High’s stage.

Left: Sophomore Max Munson (George) tastes coffee that was made without sugar. Who Am I This Time? was Max’s first performance at Mentor High.

Right: Senior Jen Griffin (mother) is inventing banana bread in ‘dentity Crisis. Jen has participated in theatre for three years.

Above: Seniors Lindsey Stegh (woman), Simon Foxall (Mr. Summers), and Jen Griffin (mother) are trying to persuade junior Nicole Sidorick (Jane) to cut her birthday cake in ‘dentity Crisis. Nicole was hesitant to cut the cake because it was not her real birthday, but her family insisted that she do it anyway.

‘dentity Crisis
Below: Juniors Will Koehler, Holly Klass, Carli Macek, and Mackenzie Rust and senior Scott Bergoch perform their dance for "Up, Up and Away." Top 25 traveled to New York City this year to compete in the largest showchoir competition in the country.

Right: Junior Pat Buccilli claps his hands during "Fly Like and Eagle/ Dust in the Wind." This is Pat's second year in the group, and he plans to try out again next year.

Above: Senior Beth Brewer performs a dance move during "Up, Up and Away." This year marked Beth's third year as a member of Top 25.

Above: Juniors Carli Macek, and Mackenzie Rust and senior Beth Brewer move to another formation during "Up, Up, and Away." This song was one of the many that featured formation changes to differentiate the dances.

Above: Dr. Keith Touchton introduces Top 25. This year is Dr. Touchton's sixth year directing the group.

Above: The members of Top 25 come close together as a group while dancing to "All That Jazz." This song took a lot of attitude and physical interaction.
**Top 25**

**Sopranos**
Beth Brewer  
Jacqueline Kovach  
Allison Sundstrom  
Courtney Brown  
Rachel Canteri  
Heather Zbasnik  
Rachel Schuster  
Carli Macek  
Melissa Csuhran  
Ashley Luke  
Christina Nero  
Nickie Wonsitter  
Lauren Fenton  
Laura Wise

**Altos**
Amber Musarra  
Joanne Robertson  
Christina Guerrieri  
Holly Klass  
Mackenzie Rust  
Danielle Morgan

**Bass**
Scott Bergoch  
Anthony Berzin  
Steve Jacobson  
Craig Sundstrom  
Jon Duy  
Brenden Burt  
Aaron Ujic  
Danny Radabaugh

**Tenors**
Pat Buccilli  
Will Koehler  
Matt Griesmer  
Mike Hunter  
Erich Jeschelnig  
Adam Bergoch  
Dan Barker  
Scott Schram

**Above:** Sophomore Danny Radabaugh sings his solo during “Soul With a Capital ‘S.’” Danny’s solo was a great achievement since he was a sophomore.

**Below:** Junior Ashley Luke tells the audience her pick-up line during “Big Spender.” In the beginning of the song, the girls use the chairs as props to add to the vivacity of the tune.

**Above:** Seniors Courtney Brown and Amber Musarra show off their dance moves to “Spinning Wheel/ Will it Go Round in Circles.” This year, Amber was part of a duet, and Courtney enjoyed her second year in the group.
Above: The Marching Band plays a song in their "MHS Formation" while at a home game at Mentor High Cardinal Stadium. This formation was also done to the song "Hoorah for Mentor."

Above: The Marching Band is partially directed by junior Drum Major Kaylee Baker. The band was asked to play during the Fall Sports Assembly.

Above: Sophomore John Rearden shines a flashlight while dancing to "I Will Survive." John is enjoying his first year in Marching Band.

Above: Sophomore Corey Woodford is pretending to be a disco ball. The dance revolved around the theme of the 1970's dance music.

Right: Sophomores Devon Rayasa and Max Munson dance in the Sophomore Talent Show at band camp. The band held a dance for the sophomores to compete in that night.
Above: Drum Majors junior Kaylee Baker and senior Coralee Skoch accept the band trophy. The position that they are standing in is the formal way to accept a trophy.

Above: The band gears up in their white hats and raincoats for the rain. This year the band bought new rain coats and they plan to wear them next year.

Left: Sophomores Nick Babika and Mike Sraj play “Do Wah Diddy.” The boys played the song as a duet in the Sophomore Talent Show.

Above: Sophomores Scott Raines and Ian Strickland dance to “Saturday Night Fever.” During the talent show, the boys performed a skit and dressed in '70's clothes.

A group picture of the marching band was not supplied to the yearbook staff in time for publication.

Above: The band lines up to play “The Mentor High School Alma Mater” during a home football game. The song is Mentor High School's song that is played at sports events and at assemblies.
Above: Junior Ed Criswell plays his electric guitar during the winter show performance. The guitar was an added feature to the jazz band this year.

Above: The clarinet section plays during their winter performance. The program was held in the Fine Arts Center this year.

Right: Mr. Byron Hunsicker directs the Wind Ensemble. The band directors each conduct the various bands.

Right: The Gray Band prepares to exit the stage. After a great performance, the band was ready to take a break.
Above: Senior Eric McClanahan, junior Alex Donofrio, and senior Ryan Mahaffey play their brass instruments in sync during the show. To be able to play well with others, a performer must have a good sense of rhythm and an ability to play his instrument well.

Above: Junior Danielle Capriato adjusts her mouthpiece during the performance. Sometimes, it is necessary to adjust to keep in tune with the other performers.

Above: Mr. Shawn Vondran conducts the entire Gray Band in order to keep the musicians together while playing. That evening, the stage was shared among three different bands.

Left: The trumpets of the Scarlet Band are hard at work on their piece for the performance. The trumpets are only one section of the many that contribute to the band.

Group pictures of the bands were not provided to the yearbook staff.
Mentor Symphony Orchestra

Orchestra Seniors

Regional Orchestra

Right: Junior Ed Criswell practices a scale on his bass before the Winter Orchestra Concert. This is Ed’s fourth year playing bass in the orchestra.

Above: Junior Shelbie Ely plays along during the Winter Orchestra Concert. Shelbie is one of two juniors to have a solo in the concert.

Above: Junior Kenny Anderson goes off in front of band director Byron Hunsicker. Kenny is a member of the Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra.
Above: Junior Kelsey Fischer practices her violin before going on stage at the Winter Orchestra Concert. Kelsey is a member of the Mentor Chamber Orchestra and is also the concert master.

Left: Senior Sara Kolat tunes her violin before the Winter Orchestra Concert begins. Sara has been playing the violin for nine years and is currently the vice-president of Orchestra.

Above: Seniors G. T. Bulzan and Jen Dehner prepare for their performance in the Winter Orchersta Concert. G.T. and Jen are members of the Mentor Chamber Orchestra.

Left: Scott Burns, a private cello instructor to many MHS students, performs his solo during the Winter Orcherstra Concert. Scott has been studying the cello since the age of nine.

Orchestra Officers
Row 1: E. Litschel, C. Grinstead Row 2: S. Kolat, S. Ely, J. Beech, K. Briggs, M. Unger

Mentor Chamber Orchestra

All State Orchersta
K. Briggs, J. Dehner, S. Kallio
Above: Junior Julie Miller and sophomore Erica Kondas follow along with Keith Touchton as he plays scales on the piano. Julie joined the Chanticleer choir as a sophomore which is a great accomplishment.

Above: Sophomores Sara Debevec and Lisa Jackson stretch their abdominal muscles before practicing in the Chanticleer choir. Dr. Touchton likes his singers to stretch before singing to get the best vocal sound.

Above: Juniors Michelle Yee and Kelly Sharp listen for instructions on what to sing next. The Chanticleer choir meets everyday to ensure they produce the best sound possible.

Above: Seniors Allison Sundstrom, Jacqueline Kovach, and Leslie Barcus read over their sheet music before the period begins. They have all been involved in various aspects of the Mentor High School choir program.
Above: Choral director Keith Touchton plays the piano to warm-up the choir. In addition to directing the various choirs, Dr. Touchton also serves as the director of Top 25.

Above: Members of the A Cappella choir wait patiently for Dr. Touchton to begin warm-ups during practice. It is up to the A Cappella choir members to warm-up themselves before attending a concert because they do not warm-up as a group.

Above: Sophomores Danielle Morgan and Annie Dudas reach into the candy box at the same time as junior Rachel Schuster and sophomore Allison Fifolt. The music department raises money every year to benefit the various music groups at Mentor High School.

Above: Junior Jessica Luoma reads over her music while seniors Amanda Preis and Lisa Koenig quietly socialize. In order to qualify for the Chanticleer choir, a recommendation is required as well as an audition.

Above: Sophomore Kristina Sonic takes a break from her M&M’s during her warm-up scales. Kristina has to keep her snack hidden because there is a no-food rule while singing.
UNIT 10 Office Aides


UNIT 11 Office Aides


UNIT 12 Office Aides


CLINIC AIDES


Above: Junior Katie Weber waits to deliver a pass. There are about 25 passes that go out daily from the Unit 11 office for behavioral or attendance reasons.

Above: Junior Courtney Ruple and senior Jamie McGinnis fill out the sign-in sheet for a new patient in the clinic. On a regular basis there are about 25 students per day who are admitted into the clinic, which keeps the clinic aides very busy.
Above: Junior Melissa Kolbow stuffs envelopes that will eventually be sent to all Mentor High School students. Student aides do various jobs, including delivering passes and doing paper work for the secretaries.

**Main Office Aides**

Row 1: J. George, N. Miller, M. Perks  
Row 2: K. Liptak, M. Freeman,  
L. Bauman, J. Kurowski, T. Lanese, A. Kroll, S. Carver, M. Rosin  
Row 3: J. Lehman, S. Shelstad, M. Fulmer, A. Zieski, A. Almasy, T. Tate., B. Westfall, J. Schweitzer

**Attendance Center Aides**

Row 2: M. Yee, C. Guerrieri, T. Kraus, V. Koporc  

**Guidance Office Aides**

Row 2: A. Chickino, B. Jones, T. Huber, R. Winkleman

**Audio Visual Aides**

Row 1: J. Long  
Row 2: D. Alvarez, O. Richman, D. Zukoski  
Row 3: R. Smolik, J. Vanek

Above: Junior Christina Morin, an attendance center aide, looks over her book for an upcoming test. There can be a lot of down time while aiding in the Attendance Center of Mentor High School.
Class Officers

Senior Class Officers
President, Kevin Iacofano; secretary, Nicole Leotta; vice-president, Sarah Kolat; treasurer, Dustin Kirby.

Junior Class Officers
Secretary, Carli Macek; president, Brad Vanderhied; treasurer, Jim Robertson; vice-president, Nicole Schutz.

Sophomore Class Officers
Treasurer, Corey Scherer; secretary, John Eble; president, Ian Strickland; vice-president, Andrew Vogt

Student Council

Above: Secretary, Tina Negrelli; vice-president, Ryan Lewis; president, Raju Chattorjee; treasurer, Nisha Shaw

Above: The Student Council members look and listen as the officers talk. Student Council usually meets every Friday to plan activities to help out Mentor High School.

Above: Senior Kevin Iacofano waves to the crowd during the Homecoming parade. This year, it rained during the parade, which put a slight damper on things.
Above: Seniors Jaclyn Fratus and Raju Chatterjee smile after working with children at the Ronald McDonald House. Student Council members brought presents and treats for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House.

Above: Senior Nate Hough-Shee tunes his guitar to burn some extra time in Greg Allen’s room. Many of the students who are aides for Mr. Allen are also members in of his many clubs.
MADE YOU THINK

MADE YOU EAT

ACTIVITIES
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YOU ......

MADE YOU SUCCEED

MADE YOU SMILE

MADE YOU DANCE

MADE YOU TUNE
Right: Junior Tony Martucci prepares to serve during an intramural wallyball game. Tony’s team came in second place, losing in the championship game.

Below: Senior Brandon Benson plays quarterback and starts to launch the football across the field. Some teams bend the rules and play tackle football instead of flag football, which is recommended.

Above: Senior Ryan Neubert makes a diving catch in ultimate frisbee. Ryan led his team to a second place finish.

Above: Senior W.J. Behlke throws the frisbee across the field to his teammate Ryan Newbert. Thanks to his speed, W.J. led his team in catches.

Above: Senior Chris Reye prepares to serve the tennis ball during intramural tennis. Intramural tennis is played on the tennis courts at the Civic Center.

Above: Seniors Chris Lukas and Ryan Lewis argue over a call while senior Paul Markell breaks up the feud. Ryan and Chris are good friends but take their intramural sports very seriously.

Above: Junior Tom Doty takes a breather from a flag football game. Some teams have more players than are allowed, so they have to rotate, minimizing their playing time.
GAME AND STRATEGY CLUB

Above: Senior Dan Schutt organizes his cards for his next move while playing Magic. It takes a great deal of logic and wit to win in the game of Magic.

Above: Senior Victoria Harris picks up her chips to place them in the correct location on the board during a game of Dune. The Game and Strategy Club is so large that they have to meet in one of the lecture halls.

Above: Junior Brandon Adams lays his cards out in the middle of a game of Magic. One game of Magic can take hours to complete.

Left: Junior Brian Giblock glances over to see his opponent's discard. Magic requires the ability to strategize throughout the entire game.

Above: Sophomore Scott Lovasz looks at his opponents across the Risk board. In order to play Risk, a lot of time is necessary to complete an entire game because of time it takes to strategize and plan ahead.

FISHING CLUB


THEATER OFFICERS

Row 1: M. Zummo, H. Peterson, E. Bede Row 2: C. Kaminski, L. Bowers, M. Suglio Row 3: N. Heggestad, B. Macura, A. Goldsworth
National Honor Society Officers

Row 1: J. Robertson, J. Misko  Row 2: J. Reichert, M. Siko, J. Granger

Future Leaders

Row 1: Vice-president K. Mohan; Vice-president J.D. Drcar; president J. Van Epps; Vice-president K. Iacofano  Row 2: secretary J. Royer; treasurer K. Kleber

National Merit Scholars


Above: Junior Valerie Hall presents a plate of food to Judy Gianciola, a food service employee in Mentor High School's new Cardinal Cafe. The Future Leaders Food Service Meal is one of the many functions the club runs during the school year.

Above: Junior Nikki Wonseller, senior Emily Martin, and juniors Marie McNeely and Adrian Stupica gather in the kitchen to prepare the food for the Future Leaders Senior Citizens Dance. The Future Leaders Club holds the dance every year and invites the senior citizens from the Mentor Senior Center down the street from Mentor High to attend.

Right: Senior Josh Van Epps and junior Bryan Zivich are preparing to take a ride down Center Street to represent the Future Leaders in the Homecoming Parade. Josh and Bryan were both involved in leadership programs at Memorial Junior High School.
Above: Seniors Tina Negrelli and Josh Van Epps and junior Jessica Fox present their poster at the Student Educators State Competition. Each year the convention gives students the chance to compete against each other with challenges ranging from impromptu speeches to teaching skills.

Above: Seniors Mandy Siko, Jeff Granger, Joanne Robertson, and John Reichert gather after the National Honor Society induction ceremony. They are all second-year members of this group.

Future Education Officers

Row 1: J. Fox, N. McElroy Row 2: E. Stanton, M. Hallen

Community Service


Science Olympiad

Above: Greg Allen, one of the three academic decathlon advisors, works on his computer during one of his free mods. Mr. Allen has been an advisor for 20 years.

Above: Senior Ecology Club member Jim Deering takes a look at the fish tank in C wing. Biology teacher Scott McLaughlin rescued the fish tank from Memorial Junior High School's basement last year with the help of an Ecology Club member.
Above: Seniors Ashley O'Neill and Andy Patterson show nothing but excitement a few minutes after Ashley was crowned Homecoming Queen. Andy and Ashley are good friends and have both been involved in athletic training for several years.

Above: Senior Jen Griffin works diligently on her self portrait for art class. Jen is making her portrait on fabric that she will put on a chair cushion.

Above: Senior Allison Avery compares the photo of herself to what she is painting in art class. Many of the art students are assigned self portraits their senior year to add to their portfolios for art school.
Cardinal Notes


Above: Junior Kelly Brown works diligently as she makes a master list of the clubs for this year. Next year, Kelly will be the editor-in-chief of the yearbook.

WMHS

Row 1: L. Jenkins Row 2: A. Stupica Row 3: M. Rico, J. Geffert Row 4: S. Bergoch

Above: Senior Erin Waltz takes a homework break after finishing up her pages in the Senior Section. This was Erin's first year involved with the yearbook.

WEB TEAM


Above: Junior Mallory Rico reads the morning announcements over the PA system during homeroom. This is Mallory's first year in WMHS.
Row 1: L. Testa, D. Gladding  
Row 2: B. Needham, A. Varhol,  
R. Latina, C. Hutson  
Row 3: M. Gozner, L. Blood, J. Gedeon,  
C. Fleischhauer, J. Riggle

Row 1: N. Freeman, A. Corbisello, D. Wright  
Row 2: D. Light  
Row 3: M. Gamber, J. Elsberry, P.M. Baldwin  
Row 4: A. Kramer, D. Swank, K. Ady, C. Court  
Row 5: J. Bruno, J. Kovach

Above: Junior Jaala Chopak assists the preschoolers with their pumpkin projects in the Early Childhood Education class. Early Childhood Education gives Mentor High’s students a chance to learn the basics of working with children before college.
Administrative Office Technology Seniors

Row 1: V. Kline, B. Paparizos, E. Keiper, C. Johnson, K. Bonadio, S. Taylor
Row 2: D. Trunck, C. Brancazio, J. Raupach, M. Montgomery, B. Koscho

Auto Service Technology Juniors

Row 1: S. McCullough, T. DeLong, K. Nichols, J. Clough

Auto Service Technology Seniors

Row 1: A. Oldenburgh, M. Marria, S. Molder
Row 2: D. Kamp, D. Hoppert

CAD/Engineering Technology Juniors

Row 2: D. Stewart, A. Tomicic, T. Tafer, C. Fuchs, P. Ambrose, A. Colbow, M. Gerson
**CAREER BASED INTERVENTION**

**JUNIORS**

Row 1: M. Contorno, J. Berlint, R. Teachout, S. Nelson, M. Workman, B. Mercer  
Row 2: C. Sybo, M. Archie, C. Griffith

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**CNET**

**JUNIORS**

Row 1: R. Brickman, K. Ochsner, C. Earls  
Row 2: D. Satyshur, A. Staidle, R. Plut

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**CNET**

**SENIORS**

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**COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

**JUNIORS AM**

Row 1: C. Spence, A. Burnett, V. Li, T. McDaniel  
Row 2: M. Rhoa, B. Rowe, N. Molder, B. Garvas  
Row 3: J. Yates, B. Spakes, C. Hiller, M. Broadhurst

Right: Row 1: M. Rehberger, B. Noe, M. Villani Row 2: C. Novak, J. Gunn, S. Ventura, M. Sibley

Row 1: C. Carrasquillo, N. McGlone

Cosmetology
Juniors

Row 1: J. Fisher, A. Krall, D. Mocny, S. Beard

Cosmetology
Seniors

Row 1: E. Nowak, K. Steinbach, S. Cochran
Row 2: A. Adkins, A. Misseldine, C. Wojciak, C. Kocab, F. D' Ambrosio

Criminal Justice & Commercial Art
Juniors

Row 1: R. Vance, M. Hubbard, J. Albrecht, K. Urban

Criminal Justice
Seniors

Row 1: R. Topfer, R. Rolf, M. Shuba
Row 2: S. Hansen, T. Button, M. McKenna, C. Thomas
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
JUNIORS

Row 1: K. Hoose, L. Dyson, A. Hommel, S. Stephens, J. Chopak, E. Gray
Row 2: D. Balog, S. Silbaugh, B. Shakes, N. Urankar, B. Zele, K. Corrales, K. Thompson, K. McManus, A. Ambrose

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
SENIORS

Row 1: J. McFadden, T. Lepisto, M. Rustau, A. Lezar, H. Booth, A. Stuck, T. Bartlebaugh

GRAPHIC ARTS
JUNIORS

Row 1: J. Fenick, J. Marsich, J. Funk, G. Puracchio
Row 2: C. Miller, A. Arms, S. Rohaley
Row 3: N. Lorber, D. Gorney
Row 4: P. O'Bryan, M. Lanning, J. Callan, T. Fiebig

GRAPHIC ARTS
SENIORS

Row 1: B. Shandle, R. Coughlin, S. Frankenberry, R. Swirtz, D. Daggett, B. Kamp, B. Reed, S. Boylen
SPORTS

Made you sweat, made you work, made you cry, made you win, made you throw, made you run, made you pin, made you swim, made you dive, made you hit, made you score, made you shoot, made you cheer, made you flip, and, this year in particular at MHS, made you talk. These are all things that people think of when you think of Mentor High School athletics. This year was by far one of the best in school history. The teams did not know how to loose or give up. The teams this year did an excellent job of getting the state of Ohio to recognize our school. Mentor teams gained respect from all and hope to do even better next year.

by Alex Vanden Broek, Phil Trimble, and Jon Richardson
Above: Sophomore Milda Chimielauskaitė prepares to enter the water during a diving routine. Minimizing your splash after hitting the water, will increase your score with the judges.
The 2002 season was a success due largely to the senior leaders on the team. The senior pitching staff finished the year with a record of 17-2. As a whole, the varsity team finished with a win/loss record of 23-5 overall and 11-1 in their league. The boys finished the season with a team batting average of .340. Five under- classmen batted over .350 in last year’s season, ensuring promising years for the team in the future.

by Phil Trimble

Above: Junior W.J. Behlke leads off second base in a game versus Riverside. W.J. had many chances to utilize his speed with an on base percentage of .413.

Below: Senior Jim Barry focuses on a throw from third base. Jim led the team in runs, hits, and RBIs this season.

Above: Senior Jason Albanese connects in a game versus Riverside. Jason was a key player for Mentor, both offensively and defensively.

Above: Senior pitcher Jason Albanese begins his delivery in the game versus Cleveland Heights. Jason was the team’s star pitcher with the most innings pitched and an 8-0 record.
Above: Junior Brandon Benson prepares for a pitch. Brandon was a reliable middle infielder for the varsity team.

Left: Junior Ryan Rico grins after making an inning-ending play against Garfield Heights. Ryan had a dual role on the team playing infield positions as well as pitching.


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The 2002 season was highlighted by new school records, several league awards, and a 16-8 overall record. Senior Emily Albanese’s leadership at the plate led the team offensively and junior Meghan Lynch’s pitching helped keep opposing offenses at bay.

by Phil Trimble

Above: Senior Laura Middleton squints into the sun during a game versus Eastlake. Laura was a leader in the outfield in both her junior and senior years.

Above: Junior Megan Lynch releases in a game versus Lakewood. Megan’s pitching led the team to a 7-0 win.

Above: Sophomore Kira Bloomstine trots back to position after a play versus Lakewood. Kira played infield in every game of the season.

Right: Senior Emily Albanese jogs back to the dugout after making an inning-ending play. Emily set three school records for most at bats, most doubles, and most grand slams.
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Junior Varsity  Row 1: Jessica Pfister, Emily Haas, Molly McGrath, Carla Ivka, Kim Ciani, Angie Buccilli, Sarah Nameth  Row 2: Mallory Rico, Emily Seifert, Ame Cox, Erica Damante, Carrie Penko, Valerie Webb  Row 3: Coach Betsy Hada, Lauren Teringo, Heather Riedel, Erin Bevis, Christy Casanova


Left: Sophomore Kim Ciani awaits a pitch in the J.V. game against Eastlake. Playing on the J.V. team helps players gain the needed experience to move up to varsity.

Right: Sophomore Lee Negrelli watches the ball after a throw to first base. Lee was one of the youngest girls to make the varsity squad.
Although finishing 4-10, this year was a productive one for the lacrosse team. Led by leading scorer Steve Sherer and goalies Ryan Neubert and Eric Garrity, the team made it through a tough year. Despite the fact that they were eliminated in the first round of the state tournament, their future is bright. As more than half of the starters return next season, the lacrosse program will develop into a lacrosse powerhouse.

by Jon Richardson

Above: The lacrosse team prepares to start the second half of its game. This is the team’s third year in existence at Mentor High School and had 12 sophomores on the team.

Above: Senior Mike Frederick and sophomore Chad Fishler fight for possession of the ball against Kent Roosevelt. Due to Mentor’s short lacrosse history, sophomores like Chad saw ample playing time.

Above: Sophomore Brandon Jeric and senior Steve Sherer lead an offensive strike. Steve was one of the four senior team captains along with Mitch Daniels, Trevor Knaus, and Matt Micchia.

Left: Junior goalie Ryan Neubert attempts a save while senior Mike Frederick helps with defense. Even in his first year on the team, Ryan got to start in many games.

Right: Senior captain Trevor Knaus makes contact in the game against Kent Roosevelt. Trevor was also a team captain for Mentor’s varsity hockey team.
Below: Sophomore Ed Bolden watches while senior Trevor Knaus fights and wins the ball against an opponent. This year, Trevor led the team in assists and was second on the team in total points.

Left: Sophomore Ed Bolden launches the ball down field to the Mentor attackers. Since the Mentor lacrosse program is fairly new, upcoming years will see more and more experienced players.

Below: Junior Craig Sundstrom stands at midfield waiting for the game to begin. An experienced lacrosse player, Craig played and shared his experience with his teammates.

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The 2002 girls track team had a very impressive showing. The girls wound up 2nd in the L.E.L. district. The girls also came back from the previous season to win the Mentor Relays and Euclid Relays again. The girls set four new records during the season with senior Liz Terelle’s 3200 meter race, sophomore Ashley Koshiol in the pole vault, (Havel, Janezic, Milford, Cerpeak) in the 4x200 meter relay, and (Havel, Janezic, Milford, Downing) in the 4x400 meter relay. The team also had many Regional qualifiers: 4x800 meter relay (Corbett, Janezic, Milford, Downing), 4x400 meter relay (Havel, Janezic, Milford, Downing), 4x200 meter relay (Havel, Janezic, Milford, Cerpeak), 4x100 meter relay (Vanden Broek, Martin, Hirter, Poppy), Amy Lavalle in shot put, Ashley Janezic in long jump, Liz Terelle in the 3200 meter, and Lindsay Corbett along with Megan Downing in the 800 meter, and Danielle Benson in the 1600-meter race.

by Alex Vanden Broek

Above: Freshman Carly Cerpeak finishes her long jump attempt. This was Carly’s first year on the team, and already she holds one school record with her teammates on the 4x200 meter relay race, a record broken at the Regional meet.

Above: Sophomore Jenna Aingworth vaults over the pole at a height of six feet. Jenna was competing at the L.E.L. meet. This year the team purchased safety helmets for the boys and girls pole vaulters for the athlete’s protection during competition.

Right: Junior Sarah Milford runs the 4x400 meter relay race at the L.E.L. meet. The girls broke the school record this season with a time of 3:56.74 at the Regional meet at Austintown Fitch High School.

Above: Freshman Megan Downing hands off the baton to Junior Ashley Janezic during the 4x400 meter relay race at the District meet at Mentor. Megan ran the third leg of the race while Ashley ran the anchor, or fourth position, of the race.
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The boys track team had a very impressive season and finished undefeated with a record of 8-0. The team won the Mentor Relays and the Medina Relays. The team was number one at the Lake Erie League meet and also finished first at the District meet. Many athletes made it on to the Regional meet, while two athletes moved on to the State meet. Junior Kyle Binns moved on in the high jump event, and senior Mike Clinton competed in the shot put at the state meet. The team was lead by many impressive seniors as well as underclassmen. The boys hope to continue their winning streak in the seasons to come.

by Alex Vanden Broek

Above: Sophomore Doug Kleckner is in the ready position for the 110 meter high hurdle race. Doug was the leader in the event all season long for the boys team and received many first place finishes for the Cardinals.

Right: Sophomores Sean Mastin and Nick Ivancic exchange positive words after completing their 4x400 meter relay race at the district meet. The boys team won the meet with many outstanding performances, moving them on to the Regional meet.

Above: Junior Kyle Binns clears the the high jump bar at Districts. Kyle moved on to Regionals at Austintown Fitch then, from there, earned a trip to the state meet in Dayton at Welcome Stadium.

Above: Sophomore Mike Juler and junior Alex Fried are running in the major pack of the 2-mile open race at Mentor Stadium. Alex Fried eventually won that race and moved on to Regionals.
Above: Sophomore Steve Perusek and junior Kevin Iacofano are closing in on the leaders during the 800-meter open race during Districts. At Districts, teams are allowed to put two runners and two throwers in open events, while relay races are allowed four people to run each leg of the race.

Above: Sophomore Doug Kleckner hands the relay baton off to sophomore Sean Mastin during a 4x400 meter relay. The boys were running in the District meet, which is held at the Mentor High School stadium every year. Sean had to overcome a fracture in his foot to run in this race.

Above: Sophomore Ollie Thomas practices the set position in the starting blocks at the boys practice. The boys won the LEL meet along with eight consecutive wins during their regular season.

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Sports 69
This year, the Mentor boy's tennis team had a solid season finishing up with a winning record. The team had a rough first half of the season starting off at 3-8 but was able to turn things around and won six straight. With the leadership of the seniors and the skill of the juniors, sophomores and freshmen had an outstanding season. In fact, no varsity player had an overall individual losing record.

by Jon Richardson

Above: Senior Scott Nelson awaits the return of his serve. Scott received the Coach's Award, which is presented to the player who best exemplifies the work ethic, leadership ability, and competitiveness needed to have a great boys tennis team.

Above: The team practices a scrimmage while Coach Ron Wood watches and advises them. The team's intense practices helped improve their skills.

Above: Sophomore Jeff Geffert awaits a return during a scrimmage in practice. Jeff was the only sophomore on the varsity team.

Above: During practice, junior Chad DeFife performs an overhand serve. This season Chad led the team in wins in doubles.
Left: Senior Grant Burchell waits while Senior Bill Thomas tosses up in the air for the serve. Bill and Grant played first doubles together this year and fared very well.

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Girls Tennis

The girls team had a successful season in 2002 winding up second overall in the league. There were two varsity teams this year an A and a B team. Despite the fact that the A team had more matches than the B team, the B players held their own. Unfortunately, all but two players on the varsity A team were seniors and will be greatly missed next year because of their talent and experience. Everyone on the team had a successful season, with each winning at least 14 matches out of 18. The underclassmen will have to carry on with the hard work the seniors started to ensure great things for seasons to come.

by Alex Vanden Broek

Above: Senior Amanda Kolenc prepares to serve the ball during her match with Cleveland Heights High School. Amanda played first doubles all year long and made it to sectionals.

Above: Senior Jen Berardinelli returns the ball with a forehand at the Mentor Garfield Park. The varsity team has all their home games and practices at the park.

Above: Senior Mandy Siko and sophomore Terra Kump talk with players from Warrensville High School about who will start the match. In tennis, players spin a racket to decide who plays the first point, which is like a coin toss.

Girls Varsity A

Normandy 4-1
Southview 4-1
Shaker Hts. 0-5
Euclid 3-2
Chagrin Falls 0-5
Elyria 4-1
Valley Forge 5-0
Wickliffe 5-0
Parma 5-0
Admiral King 3-2
Lakewood 2-3
Lakeside 4-1
Brush 5-0
North 5-0
Beachwood 5-0
Lake Catholic 4-1

Above: Seniors Amanda Kolenc and Kristen Briggs watch as they wait to receive the ball from Lakeside opponents. The girls are playing doubles and were partners all season long.

Above: Junior Anna Schoeneman returns a ground stroke with a forehand. Anna has played on the varsity team for two years now and played second doubles.

Above: Senior Alex Vanden Broek relaxes after a point is played out against the meet with Brush High School. Alex played second doubles all season long and received the Coach’s Award at the banquet.

“This is a year of rebuilding, and I think we will perform great. The seniors have really stepped up to my demands.”

- Coach Joe Morgan
Boys

Cross Country

The boys team had a successful season this year, earning a trip to the State meet as a team. The team was led by seniors A.J. Carl, Alex Fried, Bill Wroblewski, Kyle Mihok, and Jansen Gefert. The underclassmen also did their part to contribute to the points the team earned as a whole. With friends and family supporting them, the boys would run their hearts out, improving their times with every race. As a result of team unity the boys became really good friends as well as teammates. The team would leave all their personal life on the bus, and when it came down to lining up at the starting point, they would be prepared mentally and physically. The team hopes to carry their success to next year.

by Alex Vanden Broek

Above: Sophomores Peter Strieff and Adam Erinc celebrate after both achieving personal records during their race. The boys team won many invitationals this season.

Above: Junior Doug Nagy points to his shirt after a race at the Cardinal Classic. Most invitationals sell T-shirts to athletes for memories and publicity.

Above: Senior Bill Wroblewski shouts words of encouragement to the MHS runners. Bill was the captain of the boys team this season and was a valuable member of the team.

Boys Varsity
Cross Country

Stats for this sports team were not supplied in time for publication.

Left: The junior varsity pack of runners is ahead of the competition while being cheered on by senior A.J. Carl. The boys varsity team made it to the State meet in Columbus this year.

Below Left: Junior Chris Kalina stretches before he runs his race. Chris also wrestles in the winter and runs track in the spring.

Below: Junior Scott Maslar runs ahead of the competition and towards a monster hill during the race at Garfield Park. The race is three miles long and occurs in a variety of terrains.

Left: Junior Steve Opalko leads the pack of Mentor cross country runners past a flag marker while going up a slight incline. The team members wear numbers across their chest so they can be identified when they finish.
Girls

Cross Country

The girls team had an all around excellent season. They made it to the regional meet as a team, however they did not advance to the state meet. The team was lead by the excellent coaching staff of Amy Capel and Brian Butler who were outstanding high school and college athletes. This year's seniors were well rounded academically as well as athletically. The seniors were Merideth Baron, Emily Kulpa, Katie Daniels, and Sarah Milford. The underclassman did not take a back seat with many younger girls on the varsity team scoring vital points. The Girls worked all summer long to improve and it showed.

by Alex Vanden Broek

Above: Amy Capel and Brian Butler enjoy the weather in the Girls cross country and track rain gear. Coach Capel, the rookie of the two, has only been coaching for two years.

Left: Sophomore Erica Sklad stretches toward the finish line with desperation. The team runs through all sorts of weather conditions, but the day Erica ran was a warm, sunny day.

Left: Junior Danielle Benson prepares to run her race by putting on her cross country spikes. This is Daniel's third year as a varsity runner for the Mentor High School cross country team.

Girls Varsity Cross Country

Mentor Inv. 5th
Boardman 15th
McDonough 2nd
Cloverleaf 12th
McQuaid 2nd
Districts 1st
Regionals 10th
Right: Sophomore Lindsey Tomsic runs through the woods during the Cardinal Classic at Garfield Park. Lindsay runs on the middle distance team during track season, usually the 800 meter race.

Left: Sophomore Lindsay Kyutta runs past the competition for Mentor’s junior varsity team during her three mile race. The ladies walk through the course before the run so they do not get lost during race time.

Below: Juniors Lauren Chapman, Danielle Benson, Amanda Whitaker, Ashley Hawley, and Alison Kulpa relax in the girls locker room before practice. The girls team practices on Mentor’s campus, and in parks around the city.

Below: Sophomore Allie Hayes runs around a course marker and another competitor at the Cardinal Classic in the fall. Allie also is a hurdler for the track team during the spring season, and this was her first year on the cross country team.
FOOTBALL

The 2002 football season was highlighted by a playoff run led by 24 returning letterman. Although the Cards did not make it to states, they did make it to the regional finals with a defeat over Solon. The game was won in double overtime at Lakewood Stadium. Making this possible were many first-year letterman who stepped up their game to help lead the team, including senior Drew Gaborko, who led the team in receptions. If next year's team can again produce talented first-year lettermen, it may be able to make it a step further to the State game.

by Phil Trimble

Above: Senior defensive lineman Loren Obremski watches the offense on the field. This was Loren's third year as a lettermen.

Right: The Mentor offense prepares for the snap on second down versus Elyria. With only a yard to go, Thom Abbott's pass converted the first down.

Below: The team rallies together before the end of halftime. Leadership by both seniors and juniors helped the Cardinals make an exciting playoff run.

"It's probably the best team we've had in 30 years."
-Head Coach Steve Trivisanno
Left: The offensive linemen prepare to set for the snap on second down. Senior Ryan Parisi led the offensive line and was named the teams' outstanding offensive lineman.

Below: Senior wide receiver Drew Gaborko waits for the snap at the line of scrimmage. Drew led the team in receptions.

Right: Senior Matt Lane charges down field during a game in Cardinal Stadium. Matt was named MHS Player of the Week versus Elyria.

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Volleyball

When the girls volleyball team started the season one of their goals was to make it to the state tournament. They advanced to the final four in the state tournament, even though they had a young team with ten of the fifteen players being underclassmen. With ten lettermen returning next year, Mentor will definitely be a contender for the state tournament again.

by Phil Trimble

Above: Amanda Zieske practices during warm-ups before a game. Amanda was the team’s number one outside hitter.
Below: Seniors Ashley Janicic, Lucy Detrick, and Nicole Leotta accept a trophy after winning the regional championship. The game could not have been won without the girls senior leadership.

Above: Rich Woodman rallies the team during a time out. In October, Coach Woodman was honored as a new inductee into the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association Hall Of Fame.

"Going to states was a goal that we had from the start of the season."
- Carla Ivka

Junior Varsity

Left: Junior Rebecca Casey prepares to serve during warm-ups. Rebecca was a first-year letterman this year.

Above: Senior Ashley Janezic finishes a set during a playoff match. Ashley also runs track and dives for Mentor.


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The boys soccer team finished out the regular season with a record of 18-1-1. After an undefeated regular season, highlighted by several team records, the team advanced to the playoffs. Unfortunately, their season ended in a loss to Hudson in the regional semifinals after a shoot-out. Even so, with a team winning percentage of .900, the season of 2002 will not be easily forgotten.

by Phil Trimble

Above: Senior Dusten Kirby prepares for the onslaught of the opposition. Dustin's outstanding playing earned him a spot on the All-American team.

Right: Senior Don Rhoads avoids going out of bounds while running downfield. Don's striking expertise helped the team with twelve goals and twelve assists.

Left: Junior Dave Jordan prepares to pass the ball inbounds. Dave ended the 2002 season with fifteen points.

Above: Senior Brian Perry goes for a header. Brian's defensive savvy kept all regular season opponents to a combined five goals.

Left: Senior Jeremy Sargent advances towards a loose ball. Jeremy was one of the three team captains and was named to the Lake Erie All-Stars team.

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Sports 83
**Girls Soccer**

The 2002 soccer season was a good one. The team finished 16-2-3 but, unfortunately, lost in the Regionals. This year, the Mentor team, in total, outscored its opponents 71-21, with nine shutouts. The season was led by leading scorer and All-American Nikki Tizzano and All-Lake Erie League players Natalie Bernot, Loren Makar, Adrienne Sluga, and Jacque Sluga. The team is expected to have great season next year, and hopes are high that the team will win the state championship.

by Jon Richardson

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**Above:** Junior Nikki Tizzano runs with junior Adrienne Sluga as she leads an offensive attack. Nikki is in All-Ohio 1st Team and an All-American and led the team in scoring.

**Top:** Senior Natalie Bernot fights against a Walsh player for the ball. Natalie led the team in assists and was second on the team in total points with 36.

**Above:** Senior Loren Makar centers into the middle of the field for a pass. Loren is one of the team captains and was tied for second in goals with 11.

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**Junior Varsity Girls Soccer**

"Teamwise, I think we did an awesome job. Personally, I came out of it like every year. I play the best I can every game and try to help my team in any way I can."

- Junior Nikki Tizzano

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Right: Junior Abbie Kakias watches as teammate junior Jacque Sluga prepares to take a free kick. Jacque was given the team’s defensive MVP and was the one of the two team captains.

Above: Junior Heather Christopher goes down for a slide tackle in the game against Walsh Jesuit. Heather was awarded the 2002 Varsity Most Improved Player Award this season.

Above: Junior A.J. Lamb attempts to save the ball from going out of bounds. In the last two seasons, A.J. has had to experience two knee surgeries, yet she still manages to play.

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Row 1: Jacque Sluga, Adrienne Sluga, Natalie Bernot, Carly Cerepak, Megan Downing, Heather Christopher, Allie Pitchler  
Boys Golf

This season was another great and successful year for the boys golf team. Led by team captains Raju Chatterjee and Mike Jankovich, the team went undefeated with a record of 13-0. They once again won the Lake Erie League Conference. With four L.E.L. Conference Award winners and many promising underclassmen, the team is expected to keep up its excellent boys golf reputation.

by Jon Richardson

"A tremendous group of young men to coach. They are dedicated and committed to excellence."

Coach Tom Swank

Row 1: B. Cannato, B. Weiss, S. Bradac, B. Samson, B. Stewart, M. Jankovich
Not Pictured: J. Sopczak, R. Chatterjee, D. Marvar, P. Stanich, Coach Bender

Sports Candids
Girls Golf

The record for the girls team this season was 7-12. But this is a respectable record for a team with very limited experience. Due to only having two returning players from last year’s team, Lauren Lausberg and Rachel Schuster. With two juniors, three sophomores, and one freshman, the future looks bright for seasons to come. Only in the fifth year of this program, the team is sure to continually improve over the upcoming year.

by Jon Richardson

Above: Sophomore Carli Rhodes watches junior Rachel Schuster attempt a putt on the green. During this season, Rachel was the leading scorer on the team with an average score of 53.57.

Top: Junior Rachel Schuster prepares for a drive from the tee. This year Rachel was the team medalist in 9 matches, which led the team.

Above: Junior Rachel Schuster marks her spot on the green before she puts. She was second on the team with lowest score coming in behind junior Beth Macura with the lowest single score of 44.
Above: Freshman Caitlin Metelko attempts a short putt. As being the only freshman on the team, she played in 6 matches but fared fairly well.

Above: Junior Rachel Schuster practices for a chip shot from the fairway. Rachel led the team with a total score of 750 in 14 total matches.

Row 1: M. Bontempo  Row 2: B. Macura, C. Rhodes, A. Stockdale, R. Schuster, L. Lausberg, C. Metelko

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Beginning the season on a losing streak, the team turned around the season to win seven out of their last eight and also won 1st place in the Surf and Slam Tournament. The team's hustle, experience, and talent helped the team win through a tough Lake Erie League and Division 1 schedule. Each year, the team gets better and better. Next year the team is expected to follow this same pattern.

by Jon Richardson

Above: Senior Eddie Zienkowski passes the ball to senior Nick Meyer down on the block. Two keys to Mentor's offensive scheme are lots of passing and good shooting.

Left: Senior Tyler Cortelezzi shoots a jump shot during warm-ups before the game. Tyler was also a starting wide receiver on the football team this season.

Above: Senior Jeremy Sargent looks for a pass in the game against Brush High School. Passing a lot to find the open man is important in the Mentor offense.

Above: Senior Nick Meyer takes a quick jump shot during warm-ups. In warm-ups, the team runs drills and practices shooting to get geared up for the game.

Above: Senior Eddie Zienkowski attempts a free-throw from the free-throw line. Eddie was the MVP in the San Francisco Surf and Slam Tournament.
Above: Senior Mark Martucci is closely guarding St. Vincent-St. Mary’s LeBron James. Mentor is well-known for its tough full-court press defense, which can cause many turnovers for the opponent.

Above: Junior Angelo DiFranco takes a breather while the teams make their substitutions. Angelo was only one of three juniors on the varsity team; the others were Steve Pascoe and Tony Martucci.

Left: The team huddles up for a quick pre-game talk. Since Mentor is a large school they are placed in Division 1 for high school basketball.

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The Mentor High girls basketball team had an excellent season this year. Led by their relentless defense and hard-working offense, the girls put up some pretty impressive numbers this season. The team had a good mix of experienced seniors and some returning talented players this year. The returning players will form the nucleus of a strong squad next year.

by Jon Richardson

Top: Sophomore Cheryl Koeth takes a short shot from the paint. Although not a starter, Cheryl came off the bench and played a lot of minutes this season.

Above: Junior Sarah Smrdel shoots a short shot from the paint. Although it is a short shot, it is still difficult because of the tough interior defense.

Top: Senior Katie Hine brings the ball into their half-court offense in a game against Shaker Heights. While bringing the ball up the court, she will call out the team's play and formation.

Above: Sophomore Megan Skouby practices a free-throw during warm-ups. During the course of a game, Megan is fouled often by opposing teammates and she must attempt many free-throws.
Above: With a player defending her, senior Julie Cash attempts a three-pointer from the corner. It takes a good shooter to mentally block-out the defender and to get a good shot.

Right: Junior Christy Stragisher high-fives her teammates during player introductions. Christy was the team’s point guard and an important factor in Mentor’s tough defense.

Right: Sophomore Megan Skouby awaits a pass during the warm-up drills. Although only a sophomore, Megan was one of the team’s leading scorers.

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This year was a great year for the Cardinal hockey team. The team finished first in their league after defeating Gilmore Academy, Mentor’s big rival, in the final game of the regular season. Gilmore had won twice prior to the Cardinals win. Mentor amazed a full house at the Mentor Ice Arena with their 2-0 shutout. Next year, the strong underclassmen will try to win the Red Southeast title again securing Mentor’s spot as a Northeast Ohio hockey power.

by Phil Trimble

Above: Junior goalie Chad Fishter warms up before a game. During the game against Gilmore, Chad dazzled the crowd with a spectacular glove-side save.

Left: Senior Ken MacKinlay prepares for a check against the boards. Ken had ten assists on the year, tying for third on the team.
Below: Junior Steve Perusek skates down the ice during a power play. Steve also runs cross country and track for Mentor High School.

Left: Senior Donny Urbancic advances down the ice during a two-on-one. Donny led the Cardinals this year as team captain.

Below: Junior Brandon Jeric fights for a loose puck against Gilmore Academy. Mentor went on to win the game, securing their first place position in the league.

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The 2003 gymnastics team had a successful season this year. The team practices as a whole during the season at L.E.G.S. and practices throughout the entire year on their own time. The team beat six-time state champion Magnificat at the state preview meet to take first place. They hope to continue their success in the season to come with most of their returning lettermen becoming seniors next year.

by Alex Vanden Broek

Above: Junior Jenna Aingworth finishes her dismount off of the balance beam while competing with three other teams. Meanwhile, other girls from the Mentor High School team watch the judges hoping for a high score.

Left: Junior Jenna Aingworth and sophomore Megan Crysler stop to take a break while preparing to go to the State Preview Meet. The girls beat six-time State Champion Magnificat at the meet to take first place.

Right: The girls do handstands in front of the school during the Winter Sports Assembly. The girls always have a long performance to show off their acrobatic skills to everyone at the school.
Left: Members of the team chalk their gloves at the gym. The girls do this to prevent slipping off of the uneven bars during practice and competition.

Below Left: Sophomore Megan Cryxler walks to the judges table after competing on the floor routine. At this meet, Megan took first on the floor routine to help her team beat out three other teams to take first place overall.

Below: Junior Lauren Leotta prepares to perform a move during her balance beam routine at L.E.G.S. in Mentor. The girls have all of their home meets and practices at the gym.

Right: Members of the gymnastics team watch as an athlete does a cartwheel on the balance beam. Many of the girls show school spirit by being on the football cheering squad.
The boys and girls swimming and diving team had a very successful season for Mentor High School. They had a record breaking season with 19 district qualifiers. The girls team won their sectional meet and took second in the L.E.L. meet. The boys team placed second in the sectional and the L.E.L meet. The girls had a very impressive nine wins out of 12 teams, and the boys won seven out of 12 meets. The team hopes to continue their success in future seasons to come.

by Alex Vanden Broek

Above: Senior Lauren Salmon and sophomore Taylor Dopuch relax in the pool before a race at a meet. The boys and girls teams compete at the same place.

Above: Victor Senn relaxes with the team while they wait for the bus to go home. The team goes to Cleveland State University every night to practice as well as having all of their home meets there.

Above: Members of the girls swim team are in a good mood after winning a meet. The girls are used to having success during the season.

Above: Members of the boys team start the backstroke against Saint Ignatius and Padua. This race is started inside of the pool opposed to on top of the starting block on top of the pool.

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**Left:** Members of the girls team sit and relax between the events they swim. The girls sit around and talk about what is going on in their lives in and out of the pool.

**Above:** Senior John Reichert does a diving maneuver into the pool during competition in Cleveland. John also serves as the president of National Honor Society.

**Left:** Junior Abby Stewart swims the butterfly at practice in the Cleveland State pool. Abby serves as manager of the girls track team in the spring, and is a big help to the team.

**Below:** Junior Erin Lyons and senior Margorie Minihan chill out in the pool while at a meet. Margorie swims the sprint free style and Erin swims the butterfly.

**Above:** Senior Ryan Noble prepares to enter the water after diving of the platform. Ryan also plays football for Mentor in the fall and is active in the school drama program.
This year was an excellent season for the Cardinals. The wrestling team finished 19-0 in the Lake Erie League with juniors and seniors leading the team. This continues the accomplishment of keeping Mentor number one in the L.E.L. for half of a decade now. With talented juniors and sophomores on the team and also the size of the junior high programs, Mentor should have a excellent program for the next few years.

by Phil Trimble

Above: Junior Sean Cybulski lifts senior Dan Thompson after a match. This was an impressive feat considering that Dan wrestles in the 140 pound weight class.

Left: Juniors Paul Burger, Dan Lastoria, and Matt Leer and senior Brad Anderson chat after a meet. All four wrestlers were on the varsity team.
Left: Junior Ralph Victor keeps his opponent in bounds. This was Ralph’s first year on the Mentor team.

Below: Junior Jake Distler fights an opponent for a takedown. Jake was a second year letterman this year.

Above: After a meet, members of the wrestling team roll up the varsity mat. The team was undefeated in all of the duel meets this season.

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“This year was probably our best as a team.”

- Dan Thompson
The cheerleading squads of Mentor High School are very enthusiastic and spirited. They are a very important part of Mentor High School sports. The girls practice their cheers and dance routines to ensure happy faces in the crowd. Without these girls, the fans in the stands would not have as much fun as they do. Whether the team is winning or losing, the girls are there to offer their support.

by Alex Vanden Broek

Above: Seniors Alicia Blake, Sarah Venderschale, and Jenna Oliverio lead the senior section in the cheer off at the Winter Pep Assembly. Always winning the large cardinal cut out is the seniors; followed by the junior class and then the sophomore class.

Below: The varsity football cheerleaders relax after cheering to a sold out home crowd against Shaker Heights. This is one of those magic nights that had great weather and a victory.

Left: The wrestling cheerleaders perform during the Winter Pep Assembly. The team goes to all the wrestling matches to lend a hand as well as pump up the crowd.

Below: The junior varsity and varsity football cheerleaders face the weather at home in their matching rain gear. No matter how bad the weather is, the girls are always there to give their support.

Below: Members of the junior varsity football cheerleading squad hold the Mentor football sign. The sign is special because the football team always runs through it before the game.
Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders: Row 1: H. Klass, K. O'Brien
Row 2: E. Arendt, M. Cannato, L. Adams, M. Yee Row 3: J.
Harton, A. Blake, J. Ogilbee, A. Parry.

Junior Varsity Basketball Cheerleader: Row 1: A. Sinclair, S.
Watson Row 2: B. Flensburg, L. Wise, N. Watt, A. Ruckert Row

Top: The girls take a break from cheering to smile during the Solon versus Mentor playoff game. The game was won in double over time causing a huge upset and a trip to the regional finals against Warren Harding High School.

Left: The junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders stand in front of the crowds at Mentor High School Stadium. The girls start to practice their routine and cheers over the summer to achieve ultimate perfection for the fans and the players.
The definition of a teacher is one who imparts knowledge or skill by giving a methodical direction in a specific subject or area. While furnishing knowledge through instruction is a teacher's primary objective, our MHS staff imbues us with a lesson plan we can use throughout our lives. Their exemplary conduct is a constant reminder that through hard work and perseverance we can accomplish almost anything. They provide the building blocks of responsibility, motivation, and respect to help us become productive citizens. While most jobs are from 9-5, our faculty works extended hours outside the norm. Our teachers can best be described by this quote: "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path, and leave a trail."
Jackie Boyle helps sophomore Andrew Vogt get accustomed to Mentor High School. Andrew Vogt is the Student Council representative for Jackie Boyle's homeroom and is also the vice president of the Sophomore Class.
If you could meet anyone famous, past or present, who would it be and why?

Roger Frei
"I would want to meet Abraham Lincoln because he was an incredible leader in the most difficult period in history."

Carol Hoover
"I would want to meet Mother Teresa. She spent her whole life serving the poor. She was a living saint."

Pamela Colton
"I would want to meet Barbra Streisand because she isn't afraid to stand up for what she believes in."

Alan McDorman
"I would want to meet Jesus. He seemed like a pretty cool guy."

Shirley Cerjan
"I would want to meet Abraham Lincoln because he was a great role model."

Sally Carver
"I would want to meet Eleanor Roosevelt because she was a very strong woman."
Below: Rich Woodman and Daniel Kerul talk about volleyball strategy. Mr. Woodman lead the MHS volleyball team to a regional championship this year.

Below: Keith Touchton demonstrates his musical talents. He is playing a piece from Beethoven while his students follow along.

Above: Cathy Bontempo writes notes on the board for her class. Systems of equations requires students to do a lot of note taking in order to understand.

Above: Senior Mark Chuha and senior Chad Wiese buy lunch in the Cardinal Cafe. Hard work in class requires ample nutrition, and the Cardinal Cafe provides a great assortment of food.
Marilyn Costitch
Secretary/Pupil Services

Steve Couch
Social Studies

Deborah Covelli
English

Jeffery Darrah
L.D. Tutor

Tom Davidson
Career/Tech Ed.-CBI

Mary Annis Davis
Educational Assistant/ECE

Traci Davis
Special Education

Ron DeCaro
Social Studies

Bernardine Del Re
Processing/ Media Services

David Demko
Guidance Counselor/Unit 10

Jayne Dervey
Business

Bob Desotell
Head Custodian

Carol Edwards
English-Career/Tech Ed.

Rich Efwell
Social Studies

Ruth Erb
L.D. Tutor

John Ezzo
Career/Tech Ed.-DE

Kathy Fellows
Student Resource Office/
Mentor P.D.

Tom Fiebig
Career/Tech Ed.-Graphic
Arts

Gayle Fortunato
Guidance Associate

Christy Frank
English
Mentor High
School Lunch Staff

Top: Kim Bradac;
Linda Schram;
Leslie Jankowski;
Ariene Sohl;
Rachel Bajec.

Bottom: Kathy Latino;
Dolly Matej;
Debbie Lawrence;
Ginni Vaccaro;
Renei Dayok;
Lin Mason.
Cassandra Halko  
Science

Jim Harmon  
Guidance Counselor  
Unit 12

Pat Haskell  
Business/Career/Tech  
Ed.-Word Processing

Sharon Hazen  
Media Specialist  

Stephen Heller  
Unit Principal  
Grade 12

Heather Herttna  
Foreign Language

Carol Hoover  
Business

Thomas Horvath  
Mathematics

Kim Hufgard  
English

Barbara Hugel  
Mathematics

Gary Hunter  
Guidance Counselor  
Unit 10

Cathy Iannadrea  
Dean of Students

Geri Imler  
English

Carri Jackson  
English

Dick Kandalec  
Technology Education

Left: The MHS lunch staff starts the day off by packaging food. Students enjoy a large variety of pre-packaged food during the day in the Cardinal Cafe.

Right: Math teacher Tom Swank pushes his favorite chair into the Student Center. He can be seen aiding there during 5-6 with Cindy Langelier.
Ken Kary  
Art
Rita Kegg  
Mathematics
Daniel Kerul  
Mathematics
Margie Kintz  
Career/Tech Ed.-Child Care
Melissa Kirby  
Career/Tech Ed.-Child Care
Colleen Klein  
English
Donna Kohn  
English
Scott Kowalke  
Technology Education
Carol Kridler  
Media Specialist
Barbel Krix  
Foreign Language
Bob Krinancic  
Career/Tech Ed.-CBI

Above Right: Carol Kridler scans senior Greg Jones's ID tag. In order to check out a book in the library, a student must present his ID card which contains a bar code that the librarians scan.

Above: Mike Becker unwraps the cans that his homeroom collected for the Harvest for Hunger drive. Mentor High raised over 40,000 pounds of food last year.

Above: Cindy Langelier helps junior Lauren Ciara on a difficult chemistry problem. While on lunch duty, many teachers can be found helping students with their homework.
Alan Kurnat
Social Studies

Cindy Langelier
Science

Sherry Lann
Family and Consumer Science

Carol Larkin
Tech Prep

Lisa Laubscher
Graphic Arts

Shari Laveck
English-Career/Tech Ed.

Wayne LeClear
Mathematics

Gale Leonard
Career-Technical Education Coordinator

Wendi Leppelmeier
Account Clerk/Student Activities

Michael Leu
Guidance Counselor/Unit 11

Teresa Lightner
Classroom Assistant/MH

Dan Litzinger
Guidance Counselor/Unit 11

Greg Lohrey
Mathematics

Cindy Lutheran
Intervention Aide

Mark Lynch
Career/Tech Ed.-Interactive Media/High School

Tom Mackar
Health/Physical Education

Denis Macura
English

Linda Mahaffee
L.D. Tutor

Todd Maikus
Art
If you won $1 million tomorrow, what would you do with the money?

Mark Giancola
"I would give half of the money to my family and the other half to charity."

Linda Stuckey
"I would invest in educational accounts for my grandchildren."

Barb Szalma
"I would spend some and save the rest."

Charles Stewart
"I would retire and go live in a shack in PA."

Steve Trivisonno
"I would buy a house here and somewhere warm on a golf course."

Victor Senn
"I would buy a new leg."

Fern Mance
Secretary/Unit 10

Patricia Maynor
Guidance Counselor Unit 12

Jim Mazzeo
Career/Tech Ed. Auto Service

Alan McDorman
English

Jaime McIntyre
English

Scott McLaughlin
Science

Chris Miller
Social Studies

Sally Miller
Unit Principal Unit 10

Constance Minervovic
Foreign Language

Paul Mocadlo
Science

Terry Molley
English

Jane Mueller
Guidance Counselor Unit 11

Judy Naylor
Mathematics

Janeen Neffenger
Science

Marc Nemunaitis
Special Education
Left: Jane Mueller walks through the new Cardinal Cafe on one of the first few days of school. She was seeing if someone needed guidance on food that day.

Right: Shirley Cerjan walks through the hallway carrying lunch. She is taking it to her office where she can be seen eating with her co-workers, Barb Szalma and Gale Leonard.

Andy Newman
Special Education

David Novak
Graphic Arts

Kathy O’Connor
Art

Sharon Oleksak
Health/Physical Education

Sam Osborne
English

Linda Paolucci
Secretary/Media Services

Francie Pauline
ESL Tutor

Janet Perry
Secretary/Attendance

Mary Peterson
Tutor

Richard Peterson
Social Studies

Merri Piorkowski
Family and Consumer Science

Joyce Pitrone
Special Education

Janet Pizzuti
Secretary/Guidance

Susan Pohto
Science/Mathematics
Lori Pollak
Science

Mike Prochaska
Tech Prep/Technology/Lakeland

Terry Quiney
Guidance Counselor/Unit 12

Tom Ramsey
Science

Valerie Rettger
L.D. Tutor

Jane Richmond
Career/Tech Ed.-Student Access Coordinator

Robert Richmond
Mentor Schools Television Program Director

Pat Robeyski
Secretary/Book Store

Mary Jane Roberts
Social Studies

Heike Robinson
Tech/Prep/Science/Lakeland

Amy Roediger
Science

Ron Rose
Business

Mark Rotar
English

Kathy Russo
Record Clerk

Katie Ryan
Foreign Language

Andy Sabo
English

Darrel Sadowski
Business/Career/Tech Prep-CBE

Lou Sandahl
Special Education

Janet Sargent
Nurse

Lisa Scharf
Social Studies
Say you purchased a parrot.
What would you teach it to say?

Sally Carver
"I would teach it to say hello and goodbye."

Chris Miller
"I would teach it to say Go Cleveland!"

Alan McDorman
"I would teach it to say 'Can you hear me now?' just like the cell phone commercial."

Mark Rotar
"I would teach it to say Clinton is a dirtbag."

Cassandra Halko
"I would teach it to say I love you."

Left: Jackie Boyle is hard at work grading papers. Students in her English classes know that when Mrs. Boyle grades papers she uses the 10 error rule.
What professional sport would you play if given the chance?

**Patrick Snee**
"I would be a bowler so I could get paid to hang out with people who cuss, drink and smoke."

**Janet Algier**
"I would be a baseball player because I like the game a lot."

**Tom Swank**
"I would be a golfer because it isn’t tough on the body, I would make a lot of money and be surrounded by beautiful landscapes."

**Ron DeCaro**
"I would fence because it is an individual sport that forces you to do the best that you can."

**Greg Lohrey**
"I would be a golfer because you can play the sport for several years without endangering your body."
What was the most memorable moment of the year?

Stephen Heller
"Watching the Mentor football team beat Solon."

Rich Woodman
"Coaching the volleyball team to regional championship."

Michele Fulmer
"Having so many fall sports teams go so far."

Carol Kridler
"The September 11 commemoration. It was very moving."

Colleen Triana
"All the fall sports teams going to the championships."

Judy Naylor
"The day we had turkey dinner in the Cardinal Cafe."

Rod Thompson
Science

Cynthia Tonia
Unit Principal/Unit 11

Reidun Totland
ESL Teacher

Keith Touched
Music

Carol Trenka
Computer Operator

Colleen Triana
Mathematics

Steve Trivisonno
Health/Physical Education

Jody Turkall
Special Education/Intervention Specialist

Joe Udovic
Technology Education

Jackie Uhrman
Psychologist

Kathleen Usaj
School Social Worker

Donna Valtman
Psychologist

Laurie Viviani
Proficiency Tutor

Shawn Vondran
Music

Sarah Vurbic
Proficiency Tutor
Jack Wagar  
Social Studies

Deborah Walland  
Classroom Assistant/M.H.

Kathy Wallick  
Foreign Language

Marie Waltz  
Social Studies

Brian Walukas  
Science

Davia Waterwash  
Special Education

Melissa White  
Proficiency Tutor

Coletta Wiley  
Library Assistant

Charlene Woerner  
Mathematics

Jim Woerner  
Social Studies

Michael Wolski  
Social Studies

Rich Woodman  
Science

Debra Woodworth  
Career/Tech. Ed.-Horticulture

Chris Young  
English

Joyce Zadd  
Career/Tech Ed.-GRADS

Sherrie Zagorac  
Family and Consumer Science

Barbara Zahn  
Library Assistant

Not Pictured

Judy Cudnik  
Carol Cvar  
Christine Domin  
Kim Gallo  
Byron Hunsicker  
Michelle Kane  
Penny Welshans
Who would win in a fight? 1000 angry penguins or 1 voracious polar bear?

Polar Bear
John Schweitzer
Scott Kowalke
Sally Carver
Barb Szalma
Dan Burns
Victor Senn
Charles Stewart
Donna Catavolos
Ron DeCaro
Penny Welschans
Judy Naylor
Colleen Triana
Charlene Woerme
Ellen Geisler
Tom Ramsey
Patrick Snee
Tom Swank
Cindy Langelier

Penguins
Terry Quiney
Jeff Cassella
Cassandra Halke
Shirley Cerjan
Bob Desotell
Carol Hoover
Melissa Kirby
John Greene
Richard Peterson
Cathy Bontempo
Janeen Neffenger
Neil Grantz
Christy Frank
Dick Kandalec
Janet Sargent
Greg Lohrey
Joe Hada

Left: Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes throws little footballs to the crowd during the Homecoming Parade. This year she is acting as the Superintendent. Pro Tempore for the Mentor School System.

Right: Principal John Schweitzer and Dr. Jacqueline Hoynes cut the ribbon to open the Cardinal Cafe. The Cardinal Cafe provides many new features that make getting lunch more efficient.

Left: Special ed teacher Jody Turkall helps juniors Sara Grunden and Evan Price with their algebra homework. Algebra is a subject that takes a lot of work and repetition so that students don't make mistakes.

Below: Social studies teacher Mike Wolski sits and shows off his broken foot. He was involved in an accident with the staircase earlier this year.

Below: English teacher Chris Young writes a pass to the library for senior Nicholas Cicero. Doing research in the Media Center can help with class projects and papers.

Above: English teacher Patrick Snee looks at pictures of league champions in the hallway. Football is his favorite sport, and he used to play it in high school.
SOPHOMORES
by Beth Macura

Everyone has seen those splashy, spectacular headlines on the covers of tabloids in the check-out line of the grocery store. Even though we don’t believe them, they made us look. The high school experience is also full of things that make us look. Whether it be the upperclassman guys, the girls laughing by their lockers in the mornings before homeroom, the disgusting picture that our health teachers made us look at, or even the interesting clothes, hair colors, and hairstyles that people wear to school, they all catch our eyes as we pass by. The teachers here at Mentor High also want to make us look inside ourselves and picture where we will be in 10 years and what we will be doing to make people look at us.
Above: Sophomore Jonathan Manocchio works on an American history test in L-13. He takes a break from concentrating on it to look up at the camera before getting back to work. This year, all sophomores and juniors had to take American history as a required class. The school is in the process of changing the year in which this class must be taken.
Randy Rolf
Amanda Rolfe
Carrie Romeyn
Christopher Roos
Joshua Rosier
Michelle Rosin

Alison Ruckert
R. Cameron Rudolph
Andrea Rumble
Katie Rupp
Raymond Rupprecht
Chris Russell

Nicholas Rutledge
Shawn Ryan
Austin Sabin
Amanda Sackett
Cory Sadens
Jaimie Said

Michael Sakai
Andrew Salamon
Daniel Salnik
Robert Samson
Amber Sans
Brittany Satyshur

Phillip Savelli
Michael Scaperato
Megan Schaefer
Corey Scherer
Jesse Schilling
Angela Schindler

Heather Schindler
Scott Schram
Andrew Schreiber
Richard Schreiner
Christopher Schroeder
Robert Schwed

Jennifer Scott
Jerod Scott
Kelly Scott
Samantha Scott
Mandy Sczypta
Vincent Seidel

Bryan Sespico
Brian Sewalish
Chad Shaffer
Jessica Shay
Victoria Sherman
Matthew Shiffin

136 Sophomores
NOT PICTURED

Tarick Abuali
John Andrasko
Melissa Baker
Tony Begovic

Catherine Brodack
Brannan Brouse

Sam Budzicki
Anthony Chase
Amanda Clingerman
Michael Contorno
Leah Coolidges
Amanda Copley
Daniel Daley
Verdran Deric
Anthony Dicenzi
Michael Garam
Christine Gillen
Stephanie Gillick
Amy Hayes
Julie Helmick
Pamela Hood
Brendan Hoyes
Bryan Hoyes
Mark Hudik
Rebekah Hurst
Dijana Juresic
Sinisa Juresic
Carlie Kaseda

Tamara Kilian
Daniel Kohout
Christopher Kolezynski
Melissa Lavallee
Michael Lipovich
Bianca Lucarelli
Sandra Martinovic
Matthew Maxwell
James McClure
Brandon Mercer
LaTrecia Morgan
Samantha Nelson
Jillian O'Neal
Cassie Palshook
Danielle Pascale
Chanel Peters
Scott Petty
Rebecca Poplawski
Nathaniel Ray
Dustin Seghetti
Nicole Serger
Frank Stillisano
Slaven Stojic
Justin Swan
Tiffany Troy
B. Dawn Vance
Goran Vidosevic
Jennifer Vilagi
Mark Waites
Ernest Welch
Darren Wilson
Richard Wright

Daniel Zorich
Timothy Zukoski
Daniel Zupan

Right: Sophomore Sidni Newring scurries to biology class. Ms. Casey Halko, Sidni’s biology teacher, is in her second year of teaching.
Left: Sophomore Ann Jenkins catches up on her homework while working in the Attendance Office. Many people use their aiding time to get work done.

Below: Sophomore Jon Rearden gets a pass from Fern Mance, the Unit 10 secretary, so that he can go back to class. Without a pass, he would be marked tardy for class.

Below: Sophomore Nicholas Wigand, also known as “Bond, James Bond,” can always be found sporting a suit. He likes to look very professional while in school.

Above: Sophomore Kelsey Blazetic stops at her locker to get homework to keep her busy in study hall. It is nice that she is able to complete some of the work before going home.

Left: Sophomores Theresa Lanese and Alycia Kroll try to keep busy while aiding in the Main Office. When not helping fold letters or stuffing envelopes, they converse with staff members passing through or talk with each other.
JUNIORS

by Beth Macura

I know it has happened to you at least once: Someone taps you on one shoulder then sneaks around to the other to confuse you. That person made you look ... twice. As a part of your junior year, you must look ahead. Sometimes it might be planning your time as you work on a long term project or maybe looking at colleges. Sometimes, it might be where you want to go and what you want to do with your life. In order to look to the future, we must deal with what is in the present. This year, we looked at our Homecoming Queen and Snow King crowned. We looked as our football team went further than any other team before, at the musical Chicago, at the marching band performing, and at Top 25’s Attitudes. This year was full of many things that made us look. What will make you look next year at Mentor High School?
Above: Juniors Beth Gaffney and Nicole Sidorick pose for the camera after the final show for the One-Acts, in which they both had a part. Beth played the role of Nancy in *If Girls Asked Boys for Dates* and Nicole played Jane in *Identity Crisis.*
Thomas Abbott
Lauren Adam
Brandon Adams
David Adams
Jennifer Aingworth
Traci Albrecht

John Alesci
William Alford III
John Allen
Angela Alli
Angela Almasy
Kirsten Altmayer

Jessica Amato
Alicia Ambrose
Patrick Ambrose
Daniel Amundsen
Kenneth Anderson
Lisa Aquila

Elise Arendt
Anthony Arms
Kathryn Baker
Tim Ballah
Sarah Baron
Matthew Barr

Daniel Bastian
Danielle Beech
Jonathan Beech
Alicia Belante
Danielle Benson
Alexander Bernot

Erin Bevis
Rachel Bezoski
Brittani Bieffelt
Joy Biggs
Alexandria Bina
Anthony Bissell

Edward Blakeslee
Jessica Blakeslee
Carl Blankschien
Kaitlyn Blattner
Lena Blood
Kira Bloomstine

Erica Boehm
Jeffrey Boehm
Amanda Boers
William Bogatay
Jessica Bojc
Donald Bokor
Jessica George
Erin Gerard
Michael Gerson
Jeffery Gibbon
Brian Giblock
Brittany Gibson

Philip Giebel
Benjamin Gifford
Vincent Gilbert
Edward Gilkerson
Richard Glavac
Brett Glavan

Jamie Glenn
Brandon Glesman
Gregory Godic
Allison Gonzalez
Scott Goodwin
Joseph Gorka

Danielle Gorney
Timothy Gosnik
Melissa Gozner
Andrew Grabowski
Patrick Graves
Ern Gray

Natalie Grechry
Matthew Griesmer
Christopher Griffith
Marie Griffin
Sara Grundien
Cristina Guerrieri

Emily Haas
Alana Hall
Valerie Hall
Michael Hallen
Ashley Hallquist
Eric Hamilton

Nichole Hanna
Lori Haramia
Courtney Hardy
Christopher Harmon
Kathleen Harris
Erin Harting

Cory Hatfield
Stephanie Hausman
Kimberly Havran
Emily Hawkey
Ashley Hawley
Ashley Haws
Below: Junior Lauren Lever works hard on her photosynthesis game board for her science class. The class was to make a fun game with the various processes of cellular energy represented.

Below: Junior Brian Zivich stares down the competition in his gym class during a volleyball game. Volleyball is both a physical and a mental sport: those who become intimidated lose the game.

Left: Junior Kyle Oleksak walks through the empty halls to deliver a pass for some- Kaminski finish playing a game of UNO. They one. This is Kyle's second year aiding in a unit office.

Top: Senior Heather Broge and junior Jen are taking it easy in F-4 while waiting for theatre practice to begin.
Right: Junior Mike Suglio hangs up name stars for the Winter One-Acts. Mike played the part of Robert, who has multiple personalities in 'dentity Crisis.

Below: Junior Becky Casey works diligently in the library to get all of her homework done. Becky is involved in the Mentor volleyball program, volunteers, and takes some A.P. classes, all of which leave her with little free time.

Top: Junior Lee Negrelli reads The Plain Dealer choices for the fall All-Stars in sports. Lee hopes to be in the spring All-Stars line-up for fastpitch softball.

Right: Junior Jamie Glenn waits for her ride so that she can leave school. Since there are many students at Mentor High who drive, there is a parking permit lottery. If a person's name is not picked or they are not eligible, then they do not get to drive to school.
Left: Juniors Kevin Watt and Brain Waldmeier stand in front of junior Greg “Mercury” Mason; all three are also known as the “Mole Men.” Mole Day was celebrated by chemistry students on October 23 in honor of Avogadros' number.

Below: Junior Angelo DiFranco turns to see who called his name in the hallway as he rushes up the stairs to his next class. Students like Angelo do not have time to waste talking in between classes. He is one of 2500 other students who are rushing to get to class within a 4-minute period.

Above: Junior Andrea Hommel assists pre-schooler Julia Dixson in clean-up after a craft project. Andrea is part of the class Early Childhood Development, where Mentor High School students, with the assistance of their teacher Melissa Kirby, teach younger kids the fundamentals of life.

Above: Juniors Mary Rist, Kim Lavallely and Lesley Jones listen intently to gossip being told at their table in the Student Center during one of their free mods. Unlike sophomores, juniors and seniors have the choice of going to the Student Center or the library instead of sitting in study hall.
Our years at Mentor High School have made us a lot of what we are and what we will become. Mentor High made you look as you entered the Cardinal Cafe for the first time this year. It made you laugh as you spent time with your friends in the Student Center. It made you dress up for homecoming, winter formal, and prom. It made you cheer for the great seasons that our sport teams had. It made you learn about subjects that you never expected to discover. It made you think about the world outside of school and its uncertainties. It made you wonder what the future holds for you. It made you hope that all your studying and all your planning and all your preparations would help to make all your dreams come true.
Above: Senior Simas Tatarunas and junior Shawn Unetich celebrate after beating Elyria 42-13 in the Homecoming game. The Mentor football team had a great year with a record of 9-1 and made it to the quarterfinals against Warren Harding.
Most Artistic
Pat From
Courtney Pohto
Most Involved
Bobby Potocar
Tina Negrelli

Eric
Travis

Melissa
Evans

Michael
Evans

John
Everett Jr.

David
Farshadian

Amanda
Federer

Gregory
Fellows

Thanas
Fenster

Lauren
Fenster

Raul
Fridges

Margarita
Fellipi
Best Eyes
Steve Potts
Lauren Latine

Best Smile
Chad Carey
Kristen Waina
Friendliest
Jeff Granger
Michelle Smolinski

Class Clown
Chris Lukas
Molly Carey
Above: Senior Paul Stanich is aiding in the Athletic Office. In addition to aiding, he also can be found entertaining Cathy Bontempo’s Algebra 3 class.

Left: Seniors Maria Del Re and Jennifer Royer study in the library during their free periods. Both girls take many honors and A.P. classes, which require extra study time.

Above: Seniors Ashley O'Neill, Andy Patterson, Michelle Smolinski, Melissa Alli, and Sarah Vuich talk during their lunch period. The new round tables in the Cardinal Cafe make it easier to carry on a conversation with your friends.

Right: Senior Katie Daniels shows her ID to a teacher. ID tags are one thing seniors will not miss when they leave Mentor High School.
**Left:** Seniors Tobias Huber and Anne Wiemann study for classes while aiding in A-19. Tobias and Anne are from Germany but are attending Mentor High School this year.

**Above:** Senior Michael Gisondo finds a comfortable spot to read in the library. Mike’s good study habits are reflected in the fact that he is one of the top students in the senior class.

**Left:** Senior Kristen Kramer tries to find a place to sit in the Cardinal Cafe. Kristen takes a break from her busy schedule of classes and cheerleading to have a snack.

**Above:** Senior Courtney Pohto hangs up her artwork in the display case. The Senior Class recognized Courtney’s talent by voting her Most Artistic in the Senior Poll.
Most Talkative
Raju Chatterjee
Jen Berardinelli

Janice
McDonough
Jessica
McFadden
Jaimie
McGinnis
Nicholas
McGlone
Joanna
McGrattan

Mark
McKenna
Robert
McNeill
Kevin
McQuiston
Renee
Mediaer
Timothy
Mienke
Above: Senior Jen Berardinelli takes a break from reading her book to take a picture. Jen is using her free time to catch up on her work for English class.
Most Likely to be President
Kevin Tacofano
Jenny Royer

Most Changed
Nick Meyer
Emily Petro

Julianne Ferrari
Emily Petro
Amy Petronic
Ole Philip
Michael Butzke
Michael Gilby
Valerie BULLI
Jodie Etzer
Most Musical
Scott Bergoch
Joanne Robertson

Most Instrumental
Eric Litchel
Jen Dehner
Best Dressed
Matt Lane
Heather Danante

Best Hair
Tony Francic
Emily Davis
Above: Seniors Bobby Potocar and Krishna Mohan are working hard in their A.P. physics class. By taking Mr. Tom Ramsey's A.P. physics class, both students can get college credit in the subject.

Right: Seniors Kathy Matas and Melissa Evans wait outside the bookstore. Kathy and Melissa are buying their new assignment notebooks before the Sept. 6 deadline.

Above: Senior Meredith Baron does her homework in the library. When Meredith is not busy studying, she is on the Mentor swim team.

Left: Seniors Lauren Latine, Lucy Deltrick, and Alexis Woodruff cut up potatoes for their next assignment in cooking class. Perhaps they should pay more attention to the knives in their hands than on smiling for this picture.
Above: Senior Heather Broge wears her cast shirt from *Man of La Mancha*, the spring musical in 2001. Heather played one of the combatants in the play.

Right: Senior Conniemarie Whitehouse stops at her locker before she goes home. Conniemarie can even fit her baton she uses for the flag corps in her large locker.

Left: Senior Loren Makar pays for her drink in the cafeteria. The new setup for the Cardinal Cafe allows for shorter, faster lines to buy food.

Above: Seniors Jacqueline Kovach and junior Casey Metz take a quick picture before class. We will always remember the friends we make in high school.
Above: Homecoming Queen Ashley O'Neill is escorted by senior Andy Patterson at the Homecoming Dance. Ashley had to attend many activities over the weekend as queen.

Right: Seniors Amy Petrovic and Bethany Foegen take a break from dancing to have their picture taken. This year MK Photography took the Homecoming pictures and used an interesting jungle backdrop.

Left: Senior Chris Grinstead seems to be having a good time at the dance. This year the theme for Homecoming was "Stand by Me."

Above: Senior Jessie Bencar stands with her parents at the Homecoming game. During halftime, all the girls nominated for Homecoming Queen were announced.
2002
Homecoming Court

Katie Alexander

Jessica Ogilbee

Jessie Boncar

Amber Musara

Homecoming Queen
Ashley O'Neill

A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

Alecia Blake

Jacqueline Konuch

Beth Brewer

Amy Cook

Emily Davis
Above: Senior Jay Witterman retrieves his snack from the vending machine. These snacks have become the staple of many students' diets while in high school.

Right: Senior Christy Kaminski checks a costume for the fall play in the theater room. The Mentor Theater's fall show in 2002 was *Blithe Spirit*.

Above: Senior Katie Alexander is escorted by senior Eric Litchel at the Fall Sports Assembly. Katie was one of the ten girls nominated for Homecoming Queen.

Left: Seniors David Donahoo and Nate Duer are taking notes in their physics class. Dr. Paul Mocadlo's physics students do many interesting experiments, like the egg drop.
Class of 2003

Not Pictured

Mario Allen
Anthony Ananea
Evelyn Baldeon
Patricia Baldwin
Antwon Barrett
Jessica Bartlett
Kenneth Beck
Jagoda Benic
Steve Bertrand
James Bieffelt
Matthew Bliss
Heather Booth
Thomas Bowens
Michael Brickman
Haley Brown
Matthew Brown
Nicholas Brown
Terry Button
Jason Campbell
Thomas Cermak
Angela Chickino
Tricia Colon
Christopher Court
Laura Cox
Nicole Crespin
Amanda Cundiff
Diana Daggett
Jeffrey Dalrymple
Sanjin Deric
Raymond Dillow
Nicholas DiNero
Mendon Dombrook
Christopher Doytek
Joshua Duffin
Rachel Dymanski
Jeffrey Eilsbury
Kristi Farmer
Eric Ferreira
Toni Fibinger
Alisa Figueroa
Frances Fleck
Gerald Fleece
Jacquelyn Fleischhauer
Eric Fraizer
Matthew Freeman
Alexander Fried
Theresa Gersin
Brad Glicken
Carl Godziek
Steven Granchi
John Griffith
Nicholas Harps
Mary Haydu
Jason Hennig
Ryan Hollander
Jeremy Horner
Portia Horvath
Juraj Hrstovic
Timothy Huber
Michael Jankovich
Joshua Johns
Brittany Johnson
Robert Jones
Jamilyn Keeney
Daniel Kerwin
John Kerwin
Amanda Kilgore
Steven Knop
Joy Kosmerl
Joshua Kovach
David Kulpa
Christopher Land
Amanda Leciejewski
Mario Letic
John Lipovich
Amanda Lockard
Nicholas Lyons
Danielle Mack
Marina Martinovic
Michael Massucci
Jessica Miles
Michael Morosko
Leah Motz
Daniel Mulhall
Chris Newton
Dajan Ninic
Joseph Novak
Jason Nowicki
Eric O'Neill
Tina Ohler
Nicholas Oreh
Timothy Pachey
Jeffrey Pajestka
David Rancourt
Rebekka Ras普京
Brian Reed
Douglas Reid
Richard Rein
Christopher Rey
Lacey Rose Richards
Lori Robinson
Patrick Rogers
Ryan Rolf
Stefanie Roszak
Alvin Ruiz
Victoria Rusbasan
Benjamin Schneider
Colin Schultz
Cory Scott
Tim Shaw
Michael Shuba
Michael Sibley
Daniel Silbaugh
Kara Smith
Gregory Spinks
Michelle Sprinzi
Jessica Sprocck
Krystle Steinbach
Jessica Sterling
Matthew Sweet
Rick Swirtz
Jean Tang
Philip Tartaglio
Jennifer Thai
Craig Thomas
Randall Thorburn
John Tomlinson
Mario Troglية
Robert Trynovich
Michael Tsevdos
Dana Tuccillo
Kathy Urych
Joshua Usmani
Anthony Vo
Paul Vojtush
Yin Wang
Michael Waterman
Jessica Watson
Luke Willard
Angela Zavarella
Daniel Zorich
Senior Advertisements

by Christy Kaminski

In the words of a Mentor High School alumna, "We're going on to bigger and better things." Despite the difference in our futures, we all have a common ground to look back on: our three years at Mentor High School. We can remember the laughter, memories, and fun. But we can also look ahead to something much more important that Mentor has prepared us for -- our futures. We hope that we have not only made you look but also that we made you remember!
Amber Barko, Kristen Kramer, and Amber Musarra
Jen Berardinelli and Allyson Parry
Bridget Cahill and Lauren Sidoris
Matt Frank, Amanda Kolenc, Alex VandenBroek, and Bill Wroblewski

together even though we had boyfriend and girlfriend (10th and 11th grade)

WHERE DID IT GO?

FRIENDSHIP

LOVE

Yeah bud

YEAH BUD

JF

TEENIS ANYONE?

XC

YOU KNOW!

WOULD TURN INTO LOVE?

TRACK

AMANDA

SOFTBALL

Yeah states! Go Bill

WHO KNEW FRIENDSHIP...

TEENIS

Hundreds of
Let us always be friends.

You and I have so many memories.

You and I ... are what friendship is all about.

Each day I discover how important a friend can be.
Emily Kulpa, Lauren Latine, Jenna Oliverio, Laura Yodice and Lena Zobec

"Don't kick it, it's a dog!"

"House of BLINDSII"

"I'm the best friend!"

"Burrito"

"The noodles is gonna blow!!"

"Where's Waldo?"

"We've been driving for an hour for like 40 minutes!!"

"Fudda Fudda"

"Like That?"

"SECRETS"

"BEST FRIENDS"

"BURN THE MEME!!"

"CLASSIC"
Lauren Latine

From the moment we first laid eyes on you the day you were born, we knew you were special. Those beautiful big blue eyes and sweet little smile, you lit up the room and you still do. Your first steps, your first words, it seems like only yesterday. We are so proud of you for all of your achievements. You have grown into a beautiful and loving young lady. We are truly blessed, you will always be our little girl.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Anthony
You were six months old and full of fun,
With a blink of an eye you were suddenly one.
There were so many things we were going to do,
But I turned my head and you were two.
At two you were still dependent on me,
But independence took over when you were three.
Your third birthday, another year I wished to ignore,
But as I lit the candles you weren’t three but four.
Four was the year you really strived,
Why, look at you now, you’re already five.
Now you’re ready for books and rules,
This is the year that you go to school.
The big day came and you were anxious to go,
We walked to the bus going oh so slow.
As the bus drove away and you waved goodbye,
I felt a lump in my throat and a tear stung my eye.
When the bus brings you home & you jump to the ground,
You’ll be wearing your cap and graduation gown.
Time goes by so fast it’s hard to believe,
Why just yesterday you were home with me.
So I am holding these moments as close as I dare,
In a twinkling, a woman will be standing there.

WE’RE SO PROUD OF YOU
LOVE,
MOM & STEVE
Mike Rehberger

Congratulations Mike!

We're proud of you!

Love
Mom, Dad,
Kate & Gracie
"So many memories to share, so many dreams to fulfill. "Jenna, we are so proud, Love your Family."
Jenny Royer

Bubbly and Sweet and Kind and Smart...You've stepped up to life's challenges, right from the start...

So, Cheers to you Princess, lots of Love and Fun too...

May all of your Hopes and Dreams... come True
Sarah Weir and Melissa Zummo

"Meet me outside... Up in here, up in here!"

"Oh, we had college girls..."

"Awww... I'm just MSing you!"

"Best Buds 2/21/01"

"Blood on Blood... JB J"
Kristina Bonadio and Michael Gisondo

Congratulations
Michael and Kristina

Love your family

Julia Bruening and Gina Fontana

JULIA BRUENING AND GINA FONTANA

"THERE ARE FRIENDS WHO PRETEND TO BE FRIENDS, BUT THERE IS A FRIEND WHO STICKS CLOSER THAN A SISTER."
Stacey Devers

CONGRATULATIONS!

Stacey Devers

Anna Dragunas

Reach for the Stars!
Love Mom
Dear Christina—
What a wonderful daughter I have!
Watching you grow and going through
the changes in your life has been the
most rewarding experience for me.
I've watched you live each day filled
with joy, courage and hope.
Whatever the future brings---
Remember, I love you!
I am so proud of you!
Congratulations!

Love,

Mom

XOXO

"LIL CJ"

William Locke
Harry Martin IV

HARRY F. MARTIN IV

Words cannot express the pride we feel having you as our son. Our prayers are with you as you take on the challenge of a U.S. Marine. You will be an asset to the Aviation field! Congratulations !!!

Love & God Bless,
Mom, Dad, Andrea & Alicia (Harley, too)

Kelsey Rhoades

We remember the days when you were just our Cabbage Patch Kid. You were so afraid of umbrellas. It must have been all those raindrops that turned you into such a beautiful young lady.

You’ve given us a lifetime of wonderful memories. We love you with all our heart and soul. Good Luck in College.

Love,
Mom & Dad
Coralee Skoch

In the blink of an eye you have grown up
But oh the things you have done-
Bahamas
Horseback riding
Girl Scouts
Sailing in CJ's then Lasers
Flute and piano (even trombone)
Shoreline & Bell Choir
Czeck Republic
Shot put & Discus
Drum Major
Laser World's
Sportswoman
And now you are graduating!
In our hearts, you'll always be our little girl.

Dream it...
Wish it...
Do it!!!

Marriette Ahlstrom

MAY GOD BLESS YOU, MEA,
IN EVERYTHING YOU DO.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE, MOM, DAD, BOBBY,
GRAMMA, POPPA, MEMERE AND
ALL YOUR MANY AUNTS,
UNCLES AND COUSINS

Danielle Baksa

Cleo,
Wishing you all the luck in the world.
You are our favorite daughter.
Mom and I are very proud of you.
Love Mom, Dad & Taz
Brian Burkhart

Don't Worry! Be Happy!

We are proud of all your accomplishments and know the best is yet to come.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Melissa

Taryn Justice

It seems like only yesterday and when we turned around...

We are proud of the lovely young woman you have become!

Mom, Dee and Amber

Brittany Champagne

BRITTANY,
YOU HAVE ALWAYS MADE US SO PROUD!
THANKS FOR ALL THE JOY YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO OUR LIVES AND ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW MUCH YOU ARE LOVED.

LOVE,
MOM, DAD, MIKE
AMANDA, DOUG & MCKENNA

Christy Kaminski
Austin Lockwood

Austin, we are proud of you. Through youth, you've collected stones to build your pathway to the future. Follow your dreams & know that God will never leave your side.

We love you, Mom and Dad!

Robert McNeill

May all your wishes come true

Love,
Your Family

Jonathan Richards

Congratulations Jonathan
Grad. 2003

Your future is like an open book.
Each page awaiting your experiences along the way

Love,
Ellen, Armand, Nizar
Joyce, Fran and Jim

Monica Schindler

Congratulations! We are all proud of you.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Steven, Patrick, and Gregory
Mate Soric

I'll always be beside you until the very end, wiping all your tears away, being your best friend. I'll smile when you smile and feel all the pain you do, and if you cry a single tear, I promise I'll cry too.

Love Always,
Tina

Val Harper

Best of Wishes to the Class of 2003
MADE YOU LOOK...

Fermentation
...One Last Time
Colophon

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