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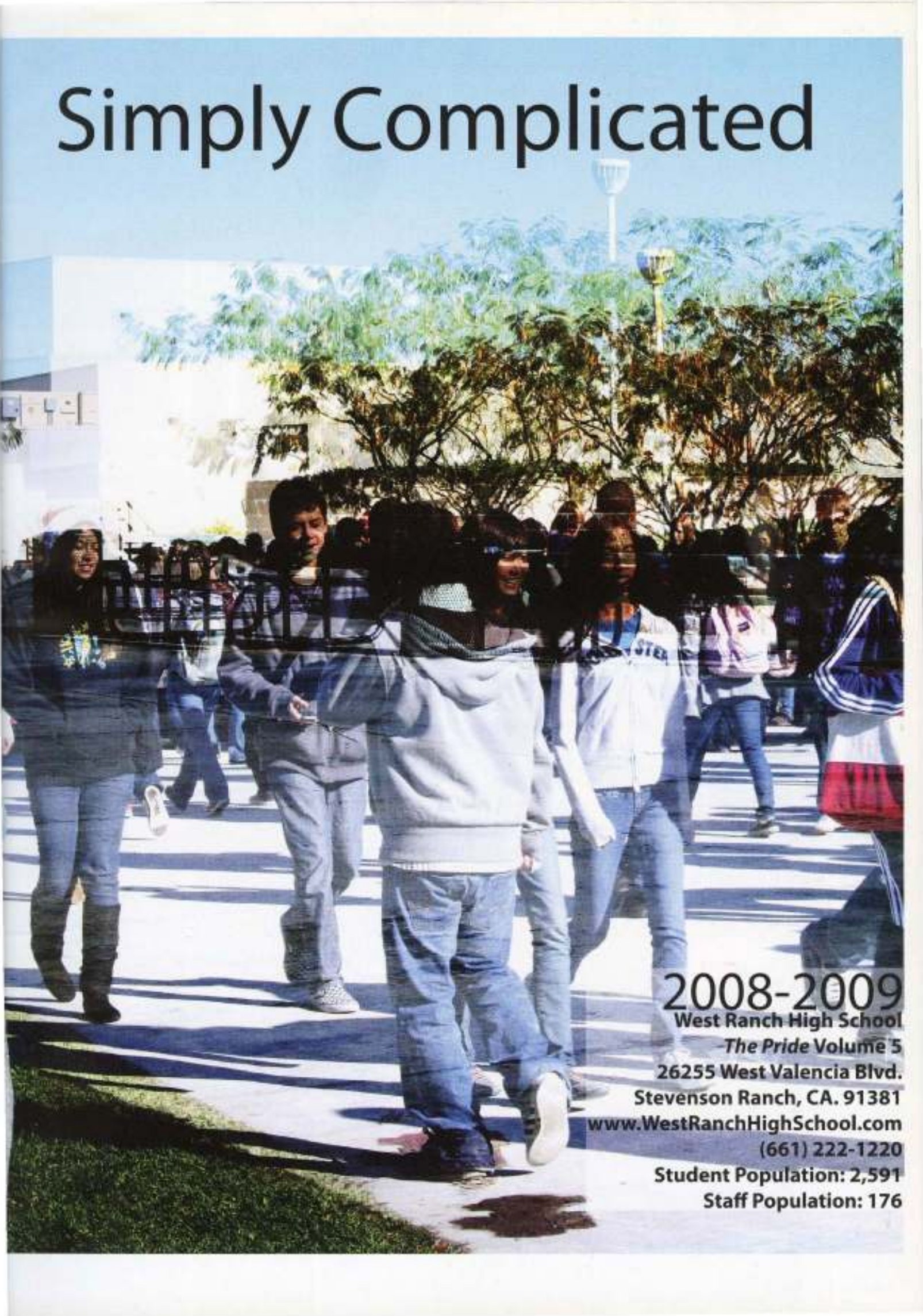
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It's ten minutes after eight on your first day of school, and you have just stepped out of your car. Ahead of you lies numerous white buildings and a sea of people that can be seen just beyond the surrounding gates. It would appear that you have arrived at a typical high school setting - that is, if you don't take the time to appreciate your environment. With work, classes, and social schedules, who has time to realize the depth of their surroundings? West Ranch High School is anything but simple; with a dedicated staff, enthusiastic student body and constant activity, everyone and everything has a story to tell.

The complicated nature of life is what makes it interesting. These complexities give meaning to our passions; without them everything we live for and work for becomes pointless. The unique character of our lives is what adds color to our days. The black and white days are the ones we dread, the ones we simply trudge through while waiting for a better tomorrow. What would athletics be without competitive feelings or academics without stressed deadlines? We must learn to embrace the complicated to appreciate the end result.

The relationship between two people, whether it be parent to child, teacher to student or even friend to friend, may just be the most complicated connection of all. Surface-level details of a person, such as their name or age, does not reveal as much as the obscure details, such as their deepest desires or maybe even their most embarrassing moment. Success in obtaining intimate information is the only way to avoid a simple and meaningless acquaintance. Complicated and uncertain relationships are those that teach us the most about others, but more importantly, they teach us much more about ourselves.

Accepting simplicity and avoiding the complicated aspects of life is ultimately detrimental and essentially impossible. Boredom will soon consume your daily life and living will seem like a chore. Those in denial of inevitable complexities will quickly realize the difficulty in avoiding said complications. They exist in everything we do; from planning prom to applying for college, varying elements create the certainty of depth in a particular person or event, one not simply understood by quick observance. You can't avoid "complicated"—it's that simple.

~Lauren Holzer and K. Leigh Furzer

simply **evolving**
student life



Though the learning experience school provides is important to our lives, sometimes it is the outside activities that truly teach us more about ourselves. The social aspects that we experience throughout our four years of high school not only provide relief from regular educational moments and enhance our school spirit, but they enrich our lives and expand on who we are. We are presented with these opportunities as we attend school, interact with family, and grow older. Some of these activities are school-sponsored, such as Winter Formal or Parent Shadow Day, but others are completely unrelated to our education. Regardless, we are often able to further discover our independence as we experience our first jobs and earn the right to drive. All of these activities have the common factor that they are our choices. We choose to attend Prom and we choose to hold minimum wage paying jobs. Each choice defines who we are and where we want to head in life. Though our primary role at this time is to be students and work hard, we must also remember to lead our lives in the right direction, the direction we see ourselves heading toward for our futures. Whether that leads us to dancing the night away at the Back to the Ranch Dance or serving customers at Starbucks, the way we spend our free time is essential in defining us.



Fun in the Sun

by Lauren Holzer and K. Leigh Furzer

June 6, 2008. It was the day we had all anxiously awaited for months. AP tests were over, STAR testing had passed, and grades would no longer be of concern; but most importantly, we were free. School was out, and the first day of what promised to be a great summer was beginning. Some of us would spend our summers sipping coffee in Europe; others would choose to spend their freedom tanning by the pool. Regardless of what you did, I think we can all agree summer is the most anticipated season of the year. Not only do we get to spend more time with friends and family, but we also get the opportunity to experience new things and learn in our own ways. We each go our separate ways for just a few months, but in that short time we have a chance to explore ourselves and perhaps ponder our futures. Two months and a few weeks does not ever seem to be enough time to fit everything in, but we treasure the time we have and make the most of it. When mid-August rolls around, one thing is certain. We come back together for another year of school and another year of memories.

Below: (Left to Right) Senior Andy Gohlich, Junior Cory Batza, senior McKenzie Svastics and senior Justin Barnes spent four weeks at the California Institute of the Arts studying and exploring various art forms. This pre-college opportunity allowed the students to gain college credit while doing what they love.



Above: Senior Becca Seguanca and her cousin stay local, visiting Universal Studios. This theme park is a fun way to spend the day. Visiting movie and TV studios is definitely a perk of living in Los Angeles.



Senior Arielle Ticknor and Sophomore Haley Ticknor spent their summer vacation in the popular tourist destination of Hawaii. One particular spot they enjoyed was off of the Hana Highway at a waterfall and swimming hole in Maui.

Junior JoAnna Smith went to a taping in Hollywood for *Wizard's of Waverly Place*. "Selena Gomez recognized me and that I had gone to the show several times, so she insisted that security let me down to the set to see her," explains Smith. "Selena is one of my role models, and the fact that she did that really meant a lot to me."



Even teachers use their summer break as a chance to escape from the everyday routines. Ms. Kornfeld, photo teacher here at West Ranch High School, visited Portland, Oregon with her sister.



Senior Max Johnson had an opportunity to stay with family friends this last summer in France. Though he was born in France and lived there for several years, seeing the Eiffel Tower is always enjoyable.



Sophomore Erika Ordog enjoyed visiting British Columbia, Canada with her family this past summer. They go to Canada at least twice a year to visit family, and visiting Alouette Lake is always a must.

CHOOSE

by K. Leigh Furzer and Lauren Holzer



MORGAN BARTHOLOMEW

Before the election: It's pretty clear in me that Obama is going to win the election, especially now that we're in this ridiculous economic situation. Even without Republicans are coming around and seeing that Obama's economic plan is far, far superior to McCain's. Trickle down economics simply doesn't work, we've proven that. **After the election:** I'm definitely happy with the results. I know that Obama will be exactly what this country needs to get back on track, both economically as well as in foreign affairs. It was a historic election. I'm so proud that in 20 years, when my kids are reading about it, I'll be able to tell them about it first hand.



WILL RIDD

Before the election: Palin is an incompetent idiot who is not suited for the position she is running for. McCain seems to be the embodiment of conservative ideals, which is the opposite of what the country needs. This election has been a return to the old-style politics, with a focus on distracting tactics, mudslinging and accusatory attacks. **After the election:** This was a backlash against the republicans and Obama rode the wave of resentment and worry over the economy. In a decade or so, we will have a similar incident, but with the Democrats [having had the control], and the cycle will continue.



CHRIS JOHNSON

Before the election: The President of the United States of America is more than just the Commander in Chief. He (or she) is the first and foremost representative of the United States and what we stand for. What does that mean exactly? The President is a person that heads the free nations of the world in a global effort to solve our problems and elevate this planet to a new era of freedom and prosperity. He is someone that will work vigilantly and tirelessly to seek resolution and partnership with our fellow nations without turning a blind eye towards the well being of the people. He is someone that will not only focus on the international issues of the world but someone that will work to improve the situation within our own borders. He is someone that realizes that the true power of the United States of America rests not with the legislators and politicians but with the citizen, the everyday citizen that works and consumes and votes. It is probably the most fundamental duty of the President to inspire the people within our great nation to work with him towards the advancement of our country. Whether it is through driving with lowered emissions to help combat the climate crisis, investing in new fuel technologies to end our dependence on foreign oil, or buying American goods to help bolster the already teetering economy, our President is

instrumental in this process. The free market is only as strong as the willpower behind it, and in times of crisis, we must be united, we must be ready, and we must be effective in our efforts to progress as a society and as a nation. There is one man with this innate ability to inspire, a born leader if there was ever such a thing. There is one man that, if he sticks to his message and stays true to his goals, could represent the dawning of one of the greatest eras of American history. That man is Senator Barack Obama, and he has my unwavering support in his run for the presidency of the United States. **After the election:** Change has truly come to America. Future days will come to show that we are traveling along an unfamiliar path in the history of the great nation of the United States of America. Our new President, Barack Obama, will be tested just as the strength of our very nation will be tested. Now is the time to look past partisanship and the petty manufactured differences of the traditional liberal and conservative ideologies. Now is the time to shore up our schisms and break down our barriers to form a truly united America. I have always thought of Barack Obama as the one with the potential to change this country, to mold it into something new. What we become - what we are molded into - is completely and entirely up to the people of this nation. We have the power to change this country, and I think that Barack Obama has and will continue to show us that.

DALTON LONG

Before the election:

I come from a Republican family, but my entire family is voting across party lines for Obama. The inexperience of Governor Palin was a huge factor in this decision. **After the election:** Overall, I am pleased with how the election turned out. Unfortunately, Prop 8 passed. Although this is a step backwards, equality will arrive. Whether Prop 8 is struck down now, or voted down later, it is only a temporary blemish on California's Constitution.



Election

SENIOR CLASS

Barack Obama
61.8%

John McCain
38.1%

OR LOSE



AMELIA CARTER

Before the election: I think that John McCain is the best candidate for the presidency. He understands the view of the common people and does not view himself as a celebrity like his opponent. He also understands the needs of the military through his own experience, unlike Obama who has no military experience at all. In fact, Obama has less experience in politics than Governor Sarah Palin. John McCain upholds the standards of great

presidents like Ronald Reagan and founding fathers Thomas Jefferson and George Washington, presidents whose great policies Obama believes need to be changed. Change isn't always a good thing, and John McCain will deliver the right kind of change to this country. **After the election:** I still believe that John McCain would have made a better President; however, America is in a recession, and they wanted someone to blame, so they blamed Bush and the Republicans which hurt McCain's campaign. When Obama doesn't do what he promised and doesn't automatically fix the economy, they will blame him too. Then, the Republicans will have a fair chance in 2012.



CHRISTINA ROSIGNO

Before the election: I believe McCain has a stronger idea of what can and cannot happen in America. Yes, his policies have flaws, but they are not as idealistic as Obama's. I feel like McCain has a better knowledge of how America needs to be run. The main issue is the economy and taxes. Obama's plan to cut middle class taxes isn't fully true; he's basically splitting up the middle class and creating a greater division between the rich and poor. Everyone will still be taxed, but it's

our parents who will mainly have increased taxes since most of our parents have a good income earning. While McCain's policy won't entirely work, it will still help by slowly building the economy during his years in the presidency. **After the election:** I'm honestly worried with Obama as our president because I feel like with everything he believes he can do, he won't be able to do and all his plans will fall through, basically destroying the hope that the American voters who picked him had when they first started agreeing with him. As a citizen, I will stand behind him, but that doesn't necessarily mean I will agree with him 100%. We can only wait and hope for the best outcome.



DYLAN DAVIS

Before the election: The economy is in a desperate state. John McCain understands that we need to reestablish confidence in the stock market by cutting the capital gains taxes in half to 7.5%, which would stimulate investment and maximize profitability. Obama wants to double the current tax from 15% to 30%. This would decrease investment and leave our economy in an even worse recession for years to come. I will never agree with the redistributing the wealth. We live in America, the land of opportunity and anyone with a good work ethic and desire can become successful. Those who took advantage of their many opportunities should not be punished for those who did not. Redistribution of the wealth discourages the American dream and puts limits on success. The only thing that is not bias in this world is a percentage. Therefore everyone should pay a flat tax percentage because that is fair and just. The rich would still be paying an overwhelming majority of the taxes but not to the point on insanity. John McCain believes in a small government with limited spending. This results in limited taxes, more money in people's pockets, and an increase in consumption. All of this adds up to economic growth and prosperity. It's simple, it's effective, it's what America needs. **After the election:** Though I was disappointed with the outcome of the election, I was not

surprised because Obama had a huge lead going into the election. It disappoints me that Americans elected a man who is an economic socialist because not only a socialism against all of the principles that the United States stands for (i.e. hard work, capitalism, and the American dream), but it also comes at the worst time, being that our economy is already in a desperate state. I will still never agree with the ideology that punishing success in a time of such extensive economic failure will lead to national prosperity. However, Democrat or Republican, we are all Americans, and Barack Obama is going to be our 44th president, so I believe that it is my duty as an American to support him and give him a chance to bring the change to this nation that he has so enthusiastically promised.

Results

United States

Barack Obama
67.8%

John McCain
32.2%



CARR THOMPSON

Before the election: I found a quarter in my pocket this morning. Now that's change that you can believe in. Obama is a socialist. McCain is a war-hawk. Vote Libertarian.

After the election: The democrats stole my quarter.

The Back to the Ranch Dance, the first dance of the year, foreshadowed the great fun to come for new and returning students of West Ranch High School. From the inflatable slide to the bungee trampoline, students experienced a rush of excitement as they danced throughout the evening. The atmosphere was electrifying as friends all throughout the school danced to some of the best hits such as "Get Like Me" and "Four Minutes." Junior Roxane Francis talked about dancing: "The music was really great. Hanging

with my friends was pretty fun." Exciting activities such as boxing with giant gloves, video games, and a photo booth were available for those who wanted to break away from dancing. Sophomore Michael Ayoubkhan commented on the dance by saying that "the music was better than all other dances and it was a great way to hang out with friends." For all those who attended this was a great event to start of a great school year.

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The music was really great. Hanging with my friends was pretty fun.”

- Roxane Francis



Captions: 1. Waiting for their night to really start, students hung out on the lower campus. Refreshments and games were available for all students as well as unlimited fun. 2. A couple of friends slide down the inflatable slide together. 3. Freshmen Jacob Stone and Justin Hovis playfully box together with the inflatable gloves provided at the dance. 4. Juniors Chad Spellman and Leah Goldstein slide down the giant inflatable together. 5. West Ranch students of all grades come together to start off the new year with a bang. 6. Seniors Ashley McSorley and Adam Mogul are just one of the many couples that spent their evening enjoying all the fun activities the dance had to offer. 7. Sliding was definitely one of the most popular activities of the night. 8. Several girls kick off their shoes and race towards the inflatable slide.





Captions: 9. Sal Cisneros bungee jumps excitedly and seems to have no fear of heights. 10. A large group of boys choose to devote their time fiercely competing on Super Smash Brothers Brawl. 11. Dancing was the most popular event of the night. The loud music set an exciting tone for the evening. 12. Seniors Christine Delpilar and Amy Burke and a group of friends cram into the photo booth for a photograph. This was the perfect way to save memories from the night. 13. Seniors Sarah Anderson, Carly Costanza and Brooke Meneley stop dancing to pose for a picture. Their stylish, matching outfits bring big smiles. 14. The slide proved to be one of the most popular activities of the night as students continuously went back for more. 15. A frightened Alison Jensen jumps high into the air on the bungee trampoline.

Back to the Ranch dance

Left: Seniors Missy Dieterle and Kayla Linane both work at Hurricane Harbor as lifeguards. To become lifeguards, they went through specialized training and testing to make sure they were capable of performing CPR and able to operate the various rides.

Below: Junior Jessica Whitener builds muscles and earns a paycheck working at Cold Stone. With a variety of flavors as well as mix-ins, customers have a chance to try something new each time. Though Baskin Robbins is around the corner, many customers stay loyal to Cold Stone. Working as a junior can be challenging, but Jessica is able to find the perfect balance between academics and working.



Getting good grades and having a life outside the classroom can seem impossible at times. Turning 16 is often a defining moment in this struggle as you are now eligible to apply for a job at most locations. This is yet another task to add to the seemingly never-ending list of things to do. Whether you end up pulling kids out of the water at Hurricane Harbor or scooping ice cream at Cold Stone, you are one step closer to independence. Your new freedom becomes clear with your first paycheck, usually minimum wage, a mere \$8 an hour. But it doesn't matter the amount the check is written out for, the important thing is that you have the choice to blow your paycheck at the mall or put some money in your college fund. The joy of your paycheck quickly wears off as you realize that by working that one extra shift you don't have time to study for the big exam tomorrow. It soon becomes clear that better planning on your part will be necessary to succeed academically as well as personally. High school is a time to learn and to grow, and as we get closer to becoming adults, we find that life is difficult and making good decisions is an essential skill. Having a job teaches us responsibility, time management, working well with others and communication among other skills. Perhaps the never-ending list does not simply overwhelm us but instead motivates us to work hard in everything we do.

by Lauren Holzer

working
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working **HARD**



Senior Kelsey Kado makes money by serving drinks at the Starbucks located in the Valencia Town Center. Memorizing the recipes for the various drinks can be difficult, but she has worked there for just over a year now and it comes easily to her.



Seniors Bree Heiman and Amylla Sullano serve coffee and smoothies at Maui Wow!, an authentic Hawaiian beverage shop. Bree's favorite drink is Koko Loco Mocha made from mocha coconut and chocolate milk.

Senior Carly Farrah works as a sales associate at Limited Too. She sells items varying from Hannah Montana CDs to Jonas Brothers t-shirts. In recent years, stores like Hollister and Abercrombie have become popular among pre-teens, but Limited Too has remained a favorite.



Senior Matt Lawson works at a sandwich shop called Gandolfo's, located in Castaic. The delicatessen serves a range of New York style food. Making sandwiches and serving beverages is all in a day's work for this senior.





show your school

spirit!

Upon stepping into West Ranch's gym, your eyes are greeted with a sea of faces, attention-grabbing posters, and constant controlled chaos. Deafening music, energetic performances, comical games, and school-wide spirit all combine together to provide us with our unique school rallies. Each rally has a different theme, a different concept and a different purpose, but each never fails to bring together the diverse groups of West Ranch. ASB members are frequently seen darting around the room, preparing for the next activity. Dance, Cheer, and Band are all patiently waiting for their turn to perform, teachers are seen watching their students interact, yearbook members stand on the sidelines, trying to capture the perfect photograph, sports teams huddle together while they wait to be presented, and the rest of the student body gathers together on the bleachers to enjoy the rally. All students differ in their purpose on campus and the goals they hope to achieve during their four year stay at WRHS, but school-spirit flows within all of us and is our connecting element. Rallies allow us to join together with this thought and enjoy the pride we hold for our school. They also reflect the hard work we put into our projects and our ability to produce mass enjoyment. We will continue to support our school and show our spirit through the rallies that will continue to be a unifying factor.



Band joins together to provide entertainment for all WRHS students.



Homecoming is a time to celebrate the return of our past students and cheer on our football team. Cheerleaders get a front row seat to the football team's interesting display of their daily warm-ups.

After the success of the poster and art year, Drum line once again enthralled us with the colorful display of art and music.



Rallies often include games for the students. During this games, four students, one representing each class, had to grab doughnuts off a string while blindfolded.

At the Homecoming rally, ASB was gracious enough to provide us with the entertainment of Tommy the Clown.

After the successful and enjoyable rally, ASB gathered in a circle to discuss the job well done and relax from their stressful day which involved decorating the whole gym.

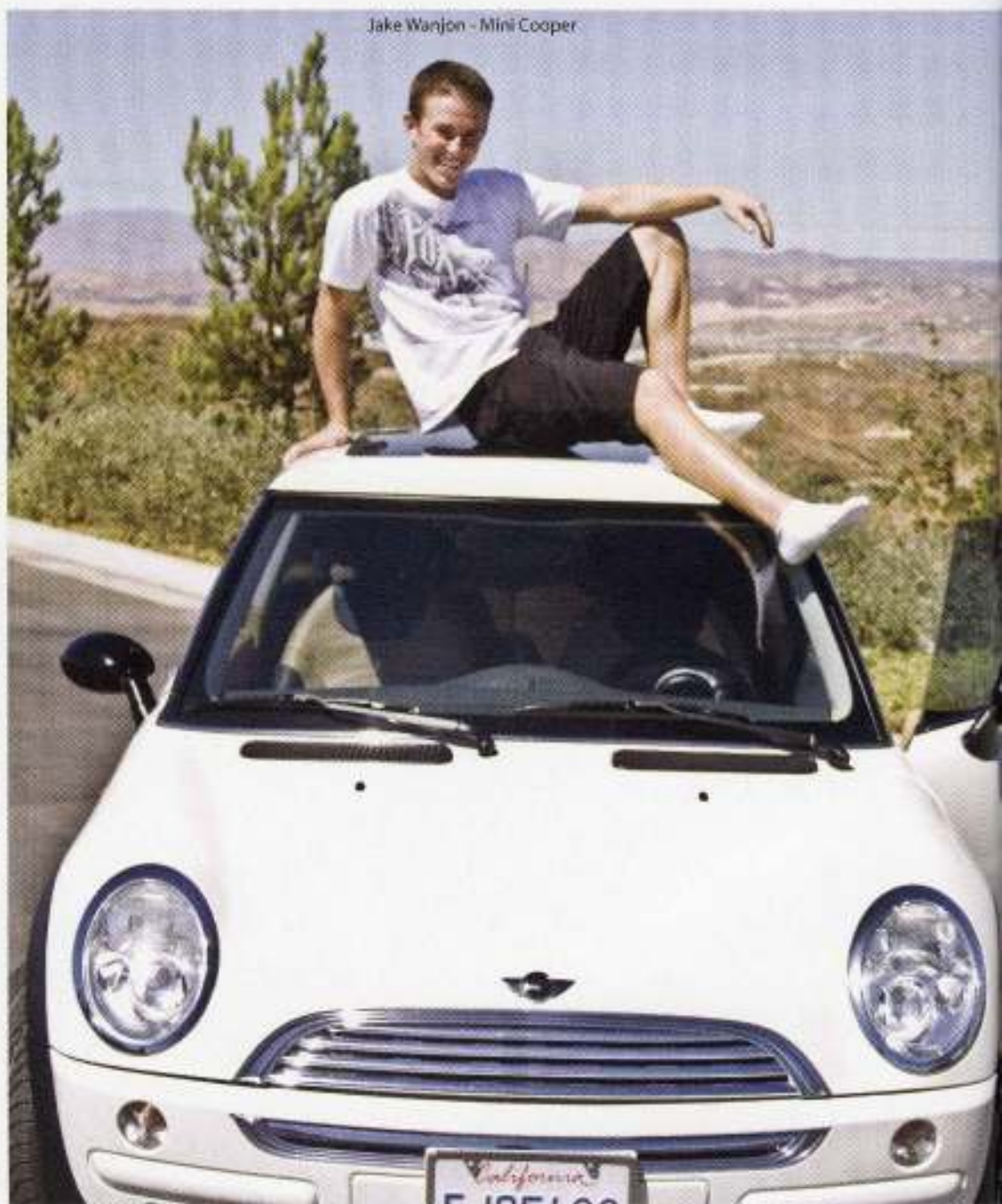
Changing Gears

by Andy Gohlich

Matthew Lawson - Toyota Pickup



Jake Wanjon - Mini Cooper



Ms. Christina Hirst - Veggie Oil Mercedes Benz 300D



Mrs. Sally Rush - Veggie Oil Mercedes Benz Turbowagon

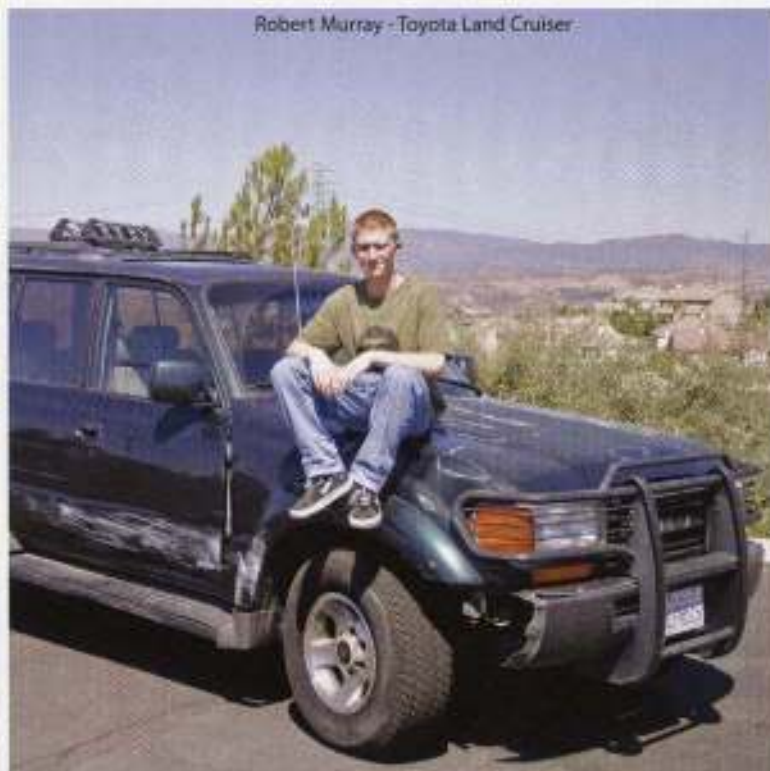


Of the various ways our students travel to and from school everyday, cars are by far the most dominant element of transportation on the West Ranch campus. A number of cars can be found in our parking lots, from practical compact cars to speedy sports cars, to off-road ready SUV's. The vehicles on our campus also tend to say a lot about their owners. Faculty and students that are environmentally conscious, or "green," drive hybrids and cars powered by vegetable oil. On the other end of the spectrum, those who enjoy dominating the road and wilderness drive much larger vehicles. Robert Murray, shown with his green Toyota Land Cruiser, however, plans to convert his SUV to run on a sustainable and eco-friendly fuel source. Teachers Christina Hirst and Sally Rush both drive older Mercedes Benz cars converted to run on vegetable oil, which they can get for free from various restaurants. Other students, such as Ryan Pond and Lansing Keelinghamm, prefer to speed their way around town, Ryan in his Subaru WRX STI, and Lansing in his convertible Camaro (racing stripes included). Jake Wanjon, pictured with his Mini Cooper, and Brianna Lobato, pictured with her Volkswagen Beetle, prefer to get around town in a more gas-efficient and compact manner, while Matthew Lawson, posing with his Toyota Pickup (LWSNMBL license plate included), loves his truck because his parents have had it for the last seventeen years. Cameron Gropp loves his Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited because of its off-roading abilities. Cars not only get us to and from school, but also they define who we are.

Lansing Keelinghamm - Chevrolet Camaro



Robert Murray - Toyota Land Cruiser



Ryan Pond - Subaru WRX STI



Cameron Gropp - Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited



Brianna Lobato - Volkswagen Beetle



New Year

by Andy Gohlich

NEW BANDS

Since West Ranch's inception, it has continued to be a great location for local bands to come together and get started. The new school year brings fresh and original bands that never fail to breathe more life into the amazing music scene in our valley: Manarchy, Crime After Crime, and Sorry Charlie! Each band has its own signature style and flavor, reflecting the diverse population at our school and in our community. Although 2009 will bring a cease to concerts at Newhall's iconic American Legion Hall, the local music scene will no doubt continue to thrive due to the will and perseverance that exists in these great West Ranch bands.



ANARCHY for MEN! Manarchy is a stop-punk, noise-thrash, avant-garde performance-art experimental all-around-fun band formed in May of 2008 by Matthew Lawson, Jesse Inman, and Parker Keller. The rules of Manarchism are as follows: no practice, no structure, and no constant number of members. The band is known for their outrageous live shows, which often consist of instrument-roulette between band and sometimes audience members, use of subpar equipment, and totally improvised songs. Manarchy shows are always free and open to the public and frequently draw an audience consisting of homeless people. Other frequent audience members are families looking to spend a pleasant day at the park, only to have their pleasant day violently interrupted by the overwhelming sounds of Manarchism. Though their live shows usually do not include actual pre-written songs, the band has written some material that is rarely performed live. Manarchy classics include "Manarchy, LLC," "Cooler than a Frigidaire," and "Waaa, I'm Chris." Manarchy shows are spontaneous, often occurring with little notice and even less planning. These strange qualities and the core values of Manarchism are what make the Manarchy shows something one truly must see in one's lifetime.

Crime After Crime is, according to band member Kyle "The Duke" Economou, "a Punk/Funk/Hip-Hop group, but not in a lame way like Red Hot Chili Peppers, but in an awesome way like the Beastie Boys or Beck," with West Ranch Junior Jake Blaha on vocals and guitar. Former West Ranch student Kyle "The Duke" Economou is also in the band, on vocals and bass. Other members include Taylor Clarcey on saxophone, Michael Graham on rhythm guitar, Troy LMR on drums, and Mac on computer. This is the story of Crime After Crime. In 1492, settlers landed in America, thinking it to be only inhabited by Natives and their tribes. They were brutally wrong. Already living in a highly advanced culture, exiled Atlanteans sought land to grow and continue their culture. This land was the Americas, as discovered by Christopher Columbus. Rather than starting a war or fighting for this land, the Spaniards assimilated into the culture, which was rich with life and music. In this culture there were 5 rulers at any given time, to separate the executive powers equally. This group was called the "Facina Praeter Facina", which is Latin for Crime After Crime. These five have been handing down their power for generations, until its latest incarnation, "which you are now in the presence of," added Economou. Crime After Crime frequently plays at the Newhall comic book shop Brave New World, officially named the best comic book store in the world by the Eisner foundation, where Jake and Kyle both work.



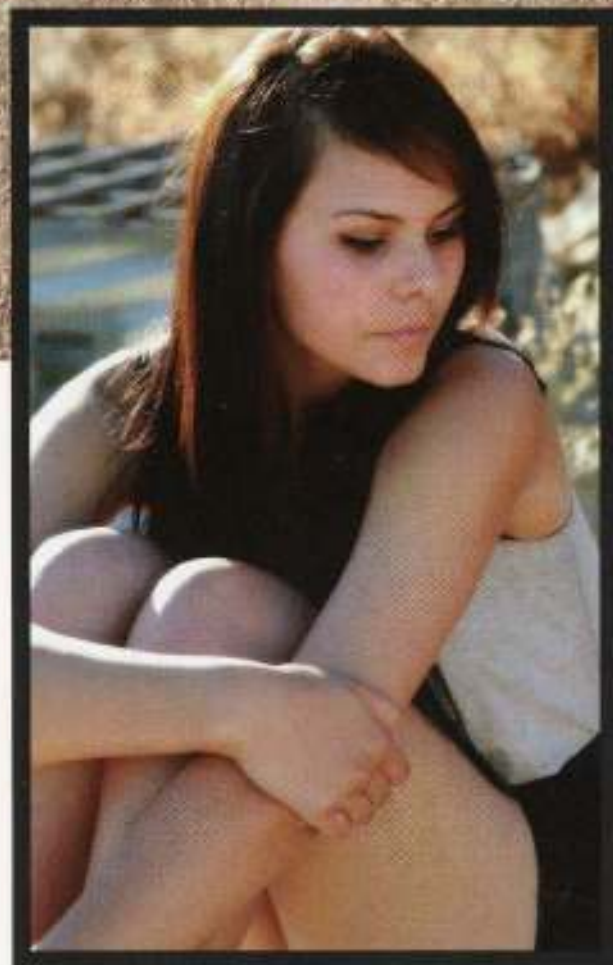
Sorry Charlie! is a local ska band made up of Joseph Stone on drums, Connor Sutton on guitar, Jacob Samuelson on bass, Michael Ortiz on trumpet, Victor Frausto on baritone saxophone, Anthony Brown on alto saxophone, Adon Biggs on trombone, and Cristian Cardenas providing vocals. Sorry Charlie! originated as the band Maverick, which was started out of guitarist Connor Sutton's desire to be in a band. Sutton, a junior, asked fellow school orchestra members Jacob Samuelson and Tyler Summers to play in the band, and they agreed. About a week later, Joseph Stone and Adon Biggs joined the band. Looking for a fuller sound, the band sought out Michael Ortiz and Cesar Ochoa to play trumpet and sing under the band name Maverick. After playing and performing under the name Maverick for a while, the band changed their singer to Cristian Cardenas, and thus changed the name of the band to Sorry Charlie! After the name and singer change, Victor Frausto was added to the band to play baritone saxophone, and the alto saxophone position changed from Tyler Summers to Anthony Brown. Sorry Charlie! has played a number of shows in the Santa Clarita Valley, keeping the ska scene alive with BLT after the departure of MFH due to the calls of higher education.



URBAN NOMAD

We are all urban nomads. We all wander the streets. We are drawn to the nomadic lifestyle. As individuals we seek to create our own paths. We seek to create our own identity. Many of us walk that line of uncertainty. If we take a step to the left, we enter the world in which nature reigns, and if we take a step to the right, we enter the urban world. And so, like always, we are faced with a choice. Shall we walk in the direction of the city and its skyscrapers and its masses of people that coexist there? Or, shall we run away from it all, all of the city and its lights that laminate the night sky, and instead head towards the desert or mountains to roam?

Fashion is about developing one's own individual sense of style. A signature look can be created even with only one article of clothing, whether it be a sleek grey vest, a pair of high-waisted denim sailor shorts, a brown tweed blazer, a sweater with a funky design, a multi-colored neon windbreaker, a sequined top, a cut-up band t-shirt, an oversized black sweater, or a high-waisted fuchsia skirt. Shoes and accessories also add on to the overall look, whether they are aviator-style sunglasses, a gaudy gold chain, a slightly-obnoxious black headband, a scarf with an interesting print, simple black flats, gladiator-inspired sandals, black combat boots, a headscarf, moccasin boots, or even floral black lace tights.





Ivan Rudas | Christian-Chips Quimson | David Franklin | Milca Rosas | Manar Abdelbaky | Matt Deegan | Andy Gohlich | Alyssa Gutierrez | Angelo Jimenez | Anastasha Klemens | Briana Knowles | Gaby Lago | Ariel Lee | Brittany Jensen | Melanie Parson | Grace Rhee | Dakota Smith | Dillan Teague | Chelsea Van Duyn | Nick Wlodychak|

NEON NIGHTS

by Sarah Andrews

"I'm late, I'm late, for a very important date!" We are all familiar with the voice of the punctual white rabbit from the classic *Alice in Wonderland*, which was brought to life as this year's homecoming theme. This was the first year that last year's graduating class could come back to the campus and relive their high school experience. The students enjoyed the week that was filled with fun activities. To get students in the spirit, ASB organized Mad Hatter Day and a wild rally. Students dressed up as the famous characters from the movie, such as the White Rabbit, Alice, the Queen of Hearts, and the Mad Hatter. At the rally, a dancing clown and many other great hip hop dancers performed, inspiring students to break out in their own dance moves. Later that day, the football game was played up by magical and extraordinary means of each class's skit based on different scenes from *Alice and Wonderland*, and the Senior skit won for having best skit out of all the other grades. Soon after, the game began and our varsity team played hard against Glendora, falling short by just a few points with a final score of 24-28. "It was disappointing [that our team lost], but I'm looking forward to next year because you never know what will happen," said freshman Ellen Jang. The next night, with high spirits and colorful clothes, students entered the neon-colored dance. Throughout the night, people went on carnival rides and danced the night away. The student body voted Justin Barnes and Karina Fricke as homecoming king and queen. "As a senior, it was a great final homecoming to which I am looking forward to coming back to next year," said senior Chantal Khalilieh. With school events, a magical rally, a thrilling football game and an illuminating dance, nobody can disagree that this year's homecoming passed with flying colors.

THE DANCE



Above: Homecoming King and Queen Justin Barnes and Karina Fricke enjoyed a private dance for just the two of them.

Below: Excited students dance on top of flashing neon blocks. The spotlight really pumped everyone up.



Above: Neon colors dance across the walls all night long, encouraging students to try out their own moves.

Far Left: Seniors John Clarke, Michael Clark, Stephanie Moses, Simon Buller, and Eva Galliner express their individuality and spirit with their unique attire.

Left: Seniors Ceora Beijer and Christine Watson break out their moves for the event.

THE RALLY



1. Our very own Thomas Grossman and Spencer Boring act out the parts of Tweedledee and Tweedledum to pump up the crowd.
2. Freshman Julian Shojale dresses up as the famous white rabbit to represent his class.
3. Junior Suzanne Andersen keeps with the theme and sports a stylish Mad Hatter hat. Perhaps her very merry un-birthday is coming up!
4. Juniors Madison Vogelsang and Cassie Berman play rivals at the rally, representing the cruel Queen of Hearts and innocent Alice. Behind the scenes, they are good friends, but no one would have guessed based on their performance.

Fierce wildcats fight for control of the ball against Glendora High School.



In the senior skit, the White Rabbit, Aubrey Jacobowitz, and the fierce Queen of Hearts, Mackenzie Svasics, are surprised to see each other.



Members of the football team take a quick break between plays. This gives them a chance to encourage each other and prepare for the next part of the game.



Enthusiastic color-guard girls, Kiera Carroll, Sarah Strode, and Amy Haendle, cheer for our team and raise the crowd's spirits.



West Ranch varsity football players prepare themselves for the kick off.

THE GAME

The Gift of Life

Throughout the day on October 20, 2008, students and faculty filtered in and out of the gym; the air was filled with hesitation as everyone awaited their turn. Upon hearing their name called, people were taken to small stations where they had their blood and pulse thoroughly checked. After passing the necessary tests, they were placed in a large chair, received the needle, and began the process of giving their blood. "I was really scared at first because I don't like needles or blood; but the nurses were really nice and encouraging. My donation was helping others, so it was totally worth it," commented Michelle Murga. For this event, West Ranch High School and UCLA Medical Center joined together to provide hope and a possible future for patients. The blood drive offered an experience that befitted both the donor and the receiver. The opportunity to give allowed students to momentarily stop their current activities -classes, sports, friends- and become involved in a project much greater than their normal routines. Students gained much more than the tangible items of food and movie tickets; students were able to give life to those in need, they extended themselves beyond the West Ranch microcosm and aided the community. "Donating blood was a scary process since I'm afraid of needles, but it was well worth it knowing that my blood could help save lives," stated Lindsay Uberlander. All together, the day was successful and enjoyable as the student body was able to come together and reach towards a common goal.



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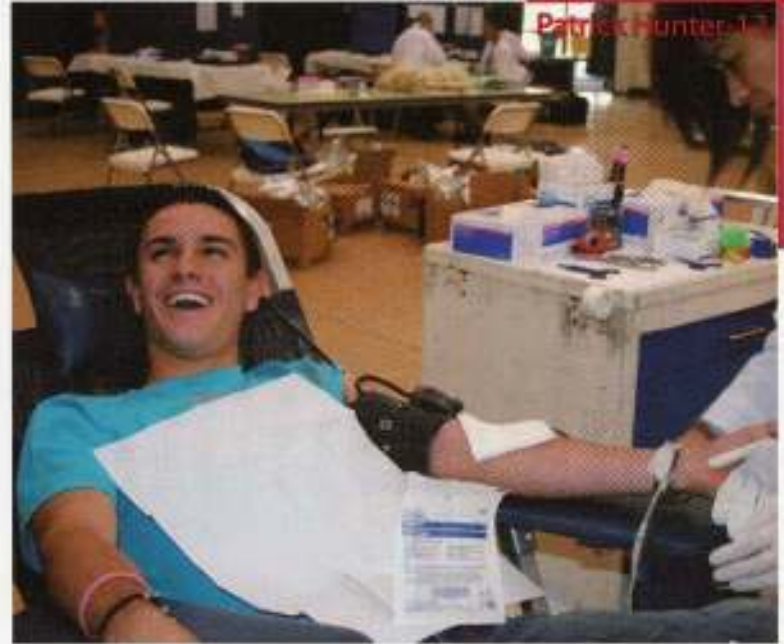
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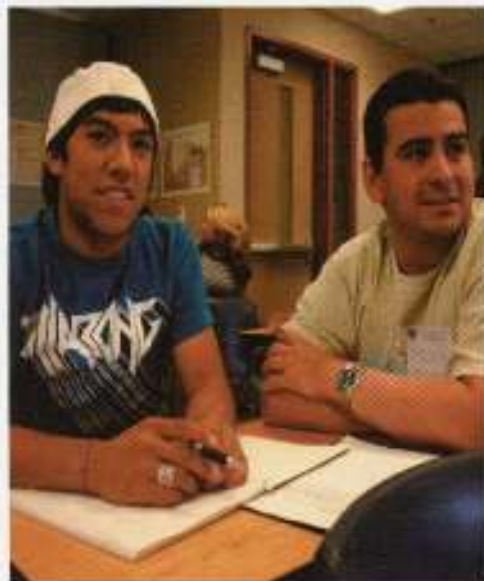


A Walk in OUR Shoes

by Na Ra Lee

Parent Shadow Day October 23, 2008

Once a year, our school hosts an event in which we invite parents to experience what their children go through on a daily basis. This unique experience is called Parent Shadow Day. Teachers and staff always get excited for Parent Shadow Day as they get to spend time with their students' parents and give them a taste of high school. Teachers vigorously prepare for this event to make sure parents have a great experience following their children to all their classes as well as having the opportunity to meet the teachers and other staff. While visiting their child's classes, they receive the same lectures and participate in the various activities scheduled for the day. Parent Tami Vogelsang commented that Parent Shadow Day is "a great opportunity [for a parent] to experience what [their] child experiences every day," and said that attending the event was well worth it. Parent Shadow Day is a great way to expose parents to an average day in their children's lives at school, as well as allow them to meet with the dedicated teachers who have worked with their children for the past year. Parent Shadow Day is now in its fourth year, and still serves as a great opportunity for parents, staff, teachers and even students to share an experience and learn something new about one another.



Junior Allonso Saldivar and his dad listen attentively to the teacher's lecture. Parent Shadow Day helped give this dad insight into his son's daily activities.



Sophomore Dillion Teague and her mom work together to finish the assigned lab. This science class really allowed parents to be "hands on" in the learning experience.



Junior David Lee and his dad make calculations together for his classwork. Math class is the perfect environment to practice teamwork.

Senior Jordan Tanner works diligently as he dad oversees his work. Parent Shadow Day really gives parents an opportunity to see the hard work students put into their classes.

Junior Brenda Lopez and her mom work together in the computer lab. Parents were able to that often times classes incorporate a variety of work including bookwork, worksheets and even research.

Lacey Surak and her dad collaborate on her assignment. The beneficial interaction between parent and student is an essential part of the event.



Senior Alexandra Hurd and her mom host WRTV together for the special Parent Shadow Day edition. Some WRTV parents worked behind the scenes while others were on camera.



Seniors Will Kida, Jason Long and Kevin DeBree discuss the different propositions for the 2008 Elections with their parents. The AP Government assignment allowed parents to listen to their children's opinions about controversial topics.



Seniors Taylor Davis, Shayna Medoff and Chrystin Green work on an in class project with their parents. Teachers try and involve activities as often as possible into the curriculum and this history class allows parents to preview this.

Trick or Treat?

by Lauren Holzer and K. Leigh Furzer





BOO. EEK. AH; these are the sounds traditionally associated with the haunted holiday, Halloween. We are also familiar with the common Halloween stereotypes such as cute costumes, trick-or-treating at dusk, and classic scary movies. Despite the fun involved with all these activities, diversity can be found within this holiday. Costumes can range from the cute, classic, and innocent, to frightening outfits, and to school inappropriate attire. "I like Halloween because you get the chance to dress up as anything. I dressed up as a Jabbawockee because I love to dance and I'm a fan of them," commented Freshman Justin Bernal. During school, students exchange candy, have classroom parties, work on Halloween themed worksheets, and participate in ASB activities. But after night falls, teens can be found engaging in various fun activities such as themed parties, baking yummy holiday cookies, carving (or destroying) pumpkins, and trick-or-treating. Halloween is always a unique experience often full of surprises. Sophomore Lexie Fleishmann remembers, "On Halloween, [my friends and I thought] we would watch *Nightmare on Elm Street* to scare the living daylights out of us. Yet, the scariest part of the night was when one of our friends tripped, ate it, and rolled down the street." Whether you stay in or go out, Halloween never fails to be an enjoyable holiday where you can be anyone you want for the time.

Hollywood Comes to

Students and Teachers take roles in new Polish Brothers feature

by Liz Bauer and Marissa Fein

"Quiet on the set! Action!" As Michael Polish directs the scene, the crowd of extras waits patiently for their cue to cheer for the West Rockville Wildcats. The sea of people comes alive as the marching band plays a stirring rendition of the school's fight song. Enthusiastic cheerleaders increase school pride with every gravity-defying stunt and maneuver they perform. Friends attempt to make conversation, but the deafening roar of the crowd is too powerful. "And Cut! That was great guys. Take five." Unlike most films, this one was not filmed in a sound stage in Hollywood. Instead, it was filmed at our very own West Ranch. For seven days this past summer, West Ranch High School was transformed into West Rockville High for a film by independent filmmakers Mark and Mike Polish shooting under the title, *Stay Cool*. While filming locations included the library, the upper-campus quad, and 500 building classrooms and hallways, the most striking symbol of the shoot was the large letters identifying the fictional high school over the windows on the north side of the school library. "The school sign was changed, and I didn't know what it was for," remembered junior Hunter Welker, "but when I found out it was for the movie, I thought it was really cool!" Yet, seeing the changes made to other school locations were equally odd for staff and students who had the opportunity to work on the set as extras. "It was really different," commented Karina Desai, who had the opportunity to be a part of scenes shot for West Rockville's school dance. "It was weird that it was the same gym, but looked totally different. It's cool how they can make it look totally different when it's the same gym." Though the filmmakers spent time prepping campus for their fictional, they were so impressed by West Ranch graphics that adopted the "WR" claws logo for their school and used the graphics in locations, such as the main office. "It was surreal," noted English teacher Mr. Michael Smith, "to walk into the front office and see our logos covering the office walls. Even the pictures of the staff and girls volleyball teams hanging on the walls were titled West Rockville. I'm impressed with the detail."



English teacher Mr. Michael Smith (center) waits patiently for direction from set assistant directors. Although working in the quad in 90 degree plus weather was a bit unpleasant, O'Dwyer loved watching from behind the scenes. "The coolest moment ever," she reflected, "was when I saw the scene with the teacher talking to the school's former student about his graduation speech in our own WR classroom!"



Several rooms in the 500 building served as English, math, and science classrooms for West Rockville's students. Room 500 was at different times both a math and an English classroom. Both scenes involved Hilary Duff in the role of Shasta.



Dedicated students came in to work as extras in a prom scene staged in the gymnasium. "Filming was a great experience," says sophomore Abigail Chin. "Being able to see how the movie was made was overwhelming and definitely exciting."



English teacher Ms. Sheila O'Dwyer (center) waits patiently for direction from set assistant directors. Although working in the quad in 90 degree plus weather was a bit unpleasant, O'Dwyer loved watching from behind the scenes. "The coolest moment ever," she reflected, "was when I saw the scene with the teacher talking to the school's former student about his graduation speech in our own WR classroom!"



Chevy Chase portrays West seen here prepping for a scene of our very own Principal W dressing the set with plaques of the school's principal and gets his screen family.

West Ranch

ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Right: Hundreds of extras were required for a school pep rally. Although many "high school" looking extras were brought in for the shoot, the pep rally involved many West Ranch students, pep routines led by West Ranch cheerleaders, and a performance by the school's marching band and color guard (as for the direction of Mr. Bruce Marshall).



Rockville's Principal Marshall, was actually shot in the office (left). The crew spent time with extras in the fictional role of Chase in character with



Senior Rachel Jacobs takes a break from filming with Mrs. Tracy Kane while on set in the 500 Building. Jacobs was one of several current and former WRVU staffers to intern on the film. Kane was called upon for several scenes, acting as a gym teacher on the fields during a hot summer morning in one sequence. "I enjoyed seeing our students and faculty involved in the making of a movie," shared Kane. "Though I was standing in heels so long I couldn't feel my toes for weeks," she jokes. Kane was thrilled to meet actor Sean Austin, with whom she once attended a class at UCLA. "The coolest moment ever on set was playing basketball with Sean Austin."



First Assistant Director speaks with Alyssa Kipper regarding Cheer choreography for a rally sequence. "This was such a great experience for our cheer team," explained Kipper. "It was so much fun being able to work with Hilary Duff and work as a team!"



Between takes on Chase's last day on set, Mr. Michael Smith, English teacher and yearbook advisor, gets a quick photo with the former Saturday Night Live player. Smith appeared in several scenes, including one as a math teacher for the character of Shasta, played by Hilary Duff.

it's a Snow Ball

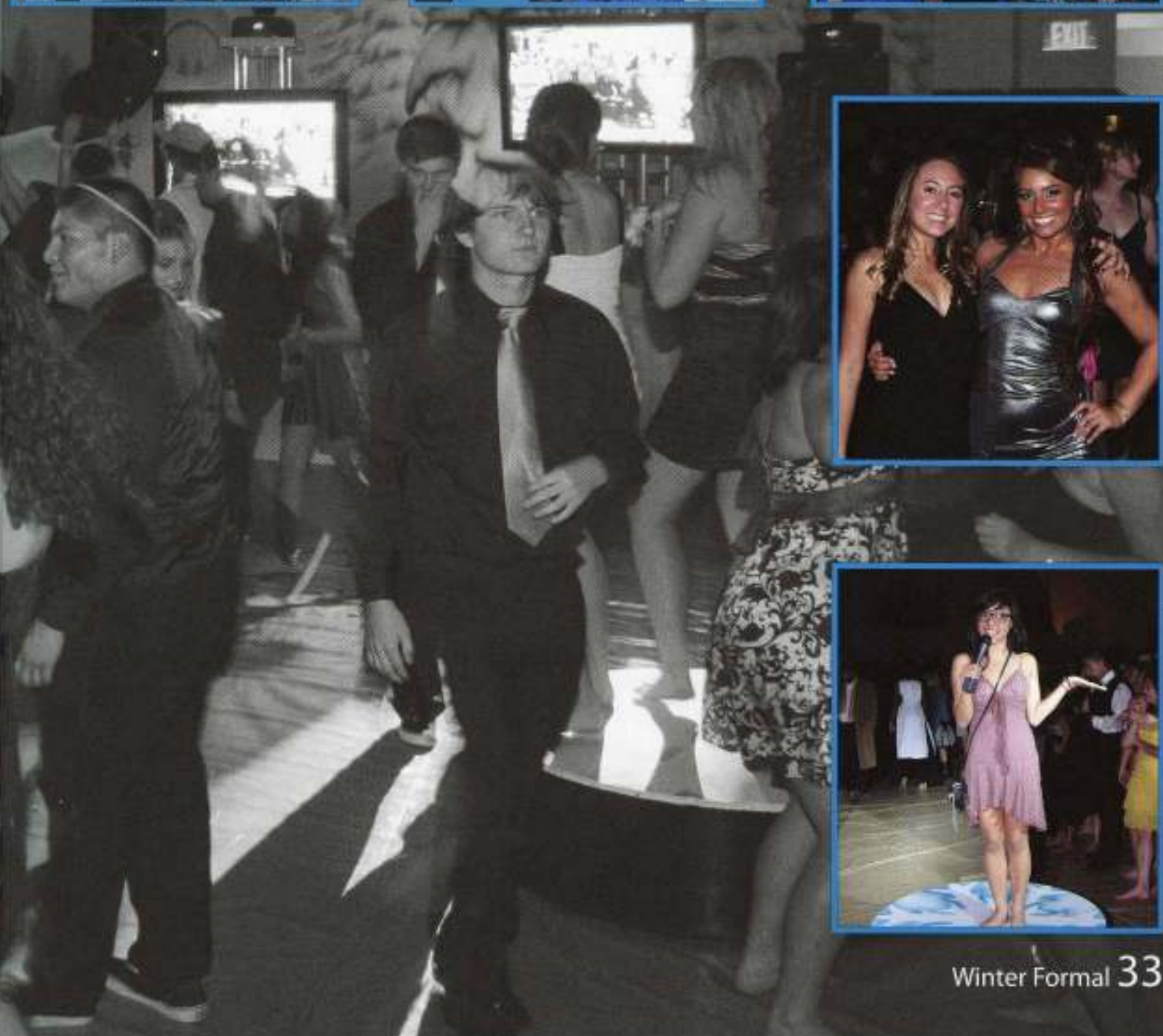
by Lauren HOBBS



Students from all across the district were given a special treat. The school campus was transformed into a winter wonderland. It is not every day we see snowed-in schools and their communities with a "Wind - Blast" that was only the beginning of the exciting night ahead. February 7, 2009 marked another memorable winter formal. The event was a huge success being the "Snow - Blast Ball".

With all the excitement and the winter dress-up and ready for comfortable heels, boys were making dinner reservations and buying concert tickets. Many of the students were also looking for a date. But in the end, it was all about the music and dancing. The main attractions of the night were the DJ and the live entertainment. The DJ was DJ Steve. Towards the end of the night, our Student King and Queen were announced, and the winners were Ben Benjamin and Jamiie Kirkpatrick.

Whether it was your first winter formal or your last, all students can agree it was a night to remember. The snow may not have been real, but the memories that were created were.



to Connecting Success



Students gather in front of the school dressed in formal wear as they prepare to leave for their exciting and motivating field trip.



In the amphitheater, guest speaker Dave Williams inspires the youth to become a bigger part of their community and triumph against the odds.



Students take careful notes while listening to an important lecture. Hopefully they will properly record the information and apply it in the future.



In this group activity, students were required to complete a puzzle—first individually, then as a group.



In this activity, creativity and teamwork were enhanced when students were asked to create an "invention" out of everyday items.



At the end of a long and productive day, all of the students were rewarded with pizza and other treats.

As a part of their School to Career focus in their junior year, students from all over the district attended workshops at Grace Baptist Church, Titled Connecting to Success, the program enables students to learn the business skills necessary for a successful and ethical future in the profession of their choice. Some of the skills included interviewing, thinking outside the box, working as a team, and acting professional.





EVERY
15
[FIFTEEN]
MINUTES
March 26, 2009

by K. Leigh Furzer

On March 26th and 27th, West Ranch High School experienced the biennial Every 15 Minutes program, aimed at warning teen drivers against the hazards and detrimental effects of the senseless choice of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The message was illustrated through graphic dramatizations set up by students in collaboration with the CHP, Sheriff, and Fire Departments. Over the course of the morning, the Grim Reaper appeared in classrooms to remove students, soon followed by a PA system announcement that an innocent life has been lost to an alcohol-related collision, and an obituary was broadcasted over the television. At 10:50a.m., after nineteen students and one teacher have "perished," a 911 call is made in response to a mock car crash that has taken place at the top of the cul-de-sac of Valencia Blvd. Students proceeded to the crash to witness firemen and paramedics working to save the seven lives involved in the accident. Firemen used the "Jaws of Life" to extract victims from automobiles, paramedics pronounced others deceased, coroners placed victims in body bags, and the CHP officer gave a field sobriety test to the drunk driver, which ended in his arrest. For most students, the simulation ends here, but for the 27 individuals who experienced the cruelty of drinking and driving, the journey continued as they were separated from their friends and family for the night. Disjoining themselves from their normal existences allowed the living dead to reflect on the day and prepare themselves for Friday's emotional assembly where they returned to recite letters to their loved ones. Additionally, the assembly includes guest speakers who have actually lost their children in vehicle accidents. Hopefully, this explicit performance of tragedy will spark the realization that life is too short, its impact reflected through conscious choices we each make in the future.



Participants:

Hazel Alvarenga. Taleen Bechai. Adon Biggs. Jake Blaha. Wes Bowen. Emily Brown. Angelina Carroli. Alejandro Castro. Sean Curran. John Hanna. Carlo Hernandez. Amanda Kelley. Tyler Killingsworth. Ashley Kleckley. Ryan Lau. John Lee. Tyler Lindahl. Antonio Lorenzo. Eli Lucas. Ali Mateus. Nick Mateus. Melodi McKay. Matt Muir. Mr. Vincent Oliver. Baaba Otoo. Breanna Rodriguez. Richard Sterling.



simply **unique** people



People view us as a group of students who only attend school, go home to do our homework assignments, and do chores around the house. Though our lives are at times ruled by simple routine, the reality is much more complicated, as each of us break from the routine through lives that are varied in activities as much as we are varied by personality. We are all unique. Each activity we participate in, every group we join, and the way we spend our time is all a little different.

As a cheerleader or teacher's pet, whether we are hanging out with friends or studying for a test, the various activities, groups, and social events that we partake in create diversity within our student body. You can see cheerleaders hanging out with ASB members, softball players or even dance team members. This would never really occur if we all followed the expectations of the public, but we can participate in an activity and still maintain our individuality. We are all classified by what we do. Our outside image isn't the only thing that defines who we actually are. The things we do, the people we form relationships with, and the activities we are involved in create our own unique individuality.

It is more than just books and chores. We are all students, but we do more than just attend class. We don't simply go through the motions of a student as some may believe. We attend different activities, form our own unique relationships, break away from stereotypes, and create different and new experiences everyday. We are all simply complicated.



Senior **SENIORS**



We crossed the red carpeted threshold on the first day of school for the last time. We knew senior year was our last chance to make our mark and experience everything high school had to offer. As we crossed the red carpet in the middle of August, we expected to have similar experiences and memories as "normal" seniors would. Everyone has always said senior year would be the best year of high school. We were upperclassmen and now grades were no longer supposed to be the priority. Senior year should have been a time to relax, have fun, and ultimately make new memories. However, we would soon realize that the year would be a little different for each person. For some, it was stressful and jam-packed with activities, sports, college applications, SATs, and community service. For others, it was filled with work, performances, homework, Prom and Winter Formal. Senior year meant something different to each and every one of us.

Nevertheless we all experienced senior year together as a unified class. Our high school chapter is beginning to close with each of us having different and unique memories, like the time you made the senior back drop for the homecoming skit or misspelled W-H-I-D-E-A-T-S during the daily jumping jacks in PE. However, there are also those memories that we all share as a senior class, like the class spirit rally where we all wore red, or all of the numerous football games we attended.

Even though everyone in senior year had unique experiences and memories, we shared common aspirations, views, and senior events. As senior year ends, a new chapter of our lives begins. New chapters trigger the out-with-the-old-and-in-with-the-new mentality. But as we walk up the platformed stairs to receive our diplomas, let's not forget our past relationships, life lessons, and unforgettable memories that will help us accomplish greatness in our lives to come.

Aina Abad



Manar Abdelbaky



Victoria Aguilar



Joshua Ahmad



Christina Alabastro



Katrina Alansalon



Ana Maria Alcaraz



Jeanette Alcaraz



Ryan Alegre



Devon Allen



Patrick Allen



Hazel Alvarenga



Julio Alvarez



Oryekachi Amadi



Andrew Amoros



Colin Amsler



Sara Anderson



Lee Andrews



Francesca Arago



Michael Arima



Kevin Arnold



Matthew Atkin



Christopher Atti



Daniel Avilla



Bret Avrashow





What Was The Best Thing Before Sliced Bread?

by Riddhi Shah



"The Wheel."
-Casey Gault



"Canned bread."
-Sam Suarez



"Buns!"
-Christian Maw



"Lindsay Lakatos."
-Chelsea Hoff

Shana Azari



Justin Baca



Min Kyu Baik



Amanda Baker



Paloma Baltazar



Heidi Bang



Justin Barnes



Kathleen Barr



Victoria Barr



Morgan Bartholomew



Felicia Bautista



Jonathan Beatty



Taleen Bechai



Jake Becker



Nathaniel Bedoya



Ceora Beljer



Nicole Beldyga



Jason Belling



Rachel Benoit



Barr Benjamin



Daniel Berestovoy



Ashley Berk



Lauren Berk



Lauren Bermudez



Jake Bernards



Joshua Bernstein



Adon Adonai Biggs



Alexa Binder



Shannon Biondo



Eric Black



Max Blaha



Janet Boachie-Yiadom



Michael Bodeen



Dominique Bonilla



Jeremy Borrero



Alexander Boswell



Sarah Bothwell



Vanessa Bowers



Simon Bowler



Garry Bradley



Jaymee Brandt



Parker Brooks



Kenneth Brower



Laura Brunton



Amry Burke



Carlos Burman



Carly Burnmeister



Sophia Burns



Jacob Byrne



Alaina Cabunoc



Jon Cadena



Rossen Camara



Brittney Camargo



Chelsea Campbell



Evan Campos



Jesse Canales



Jocelyn Canas



John Carey



Andres Carrillo



Patsy Carrillo



Kelly Casey



Alejandro Castro



Spencer Cawley



Matthew Cha



Jazmin Chavez



Jonathan Chavez



Stephen Chavez



Brandon Chegwin



Erin Child



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Christine Choe



Aimee Choi



Jonathan Choi



Zachary Christy



Chris Cisco



Michael Clark



John Clarke



Kayleigh Clyde



Jennifer Cogan



Kyle Coleman



Ian Cooley



Katherine Cordova



Ashley Cossio



Carly Costanza



Kevin Cox



Timothy Coyle



Kevin Crone



Lauren Crone



Brittany Dadorian



Irina Danileiko



Jordan David



Dylan Davis



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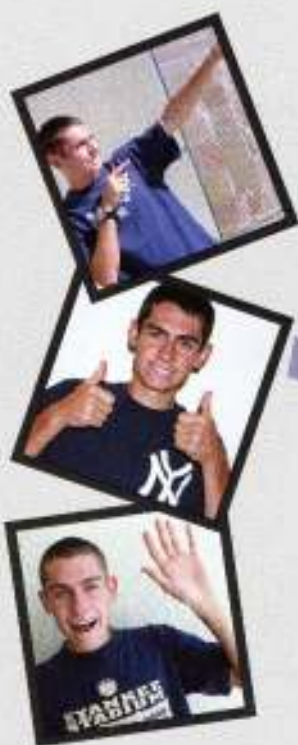
Karina Desai



Shane Desfor



Maria Diaz



Jack Carey

by Taylor Moustis

Every school day Jack stands in front of his closet and pulls out a different Yankees t-shirt to wear. Wearing Yankees memorabilia began the summer before 9th grade when his aunts and uncles bought him Yankees t-shirts for his birthday. Jack said, "I started to wear all of them, it became such a habit I decided to continue wearing them for the rest of my high school years." However, Jack's obsession with the Yankees started way before he began wearing their last names and numbers on his back. Growing up in New York, Jack was exposed to many Yankees fans, which include his Dad. Jack said, "I started watching the Yankees on TV with my Dad and soon it just became a habit we both shared and loved." The Yankees continually inspire Jack to persevere, through the good times and the bad; after all, he is an unconditional fan. Jack's 50 Yankees t-shirts and jerseys remind him of his dedication and drive everyday; he once said, "The Yankees made me who I am today." Despite Jack's loyalty to the Yankees, he is not willing to sacrifice his school spirit. For the first rally of the year, Jack insisted on wearing red to represent the senior class; the problem: he doesn't own a red Yankees shirt. In an effort to represent Class of 09' and his favorite team, he dyed one of his shirts red just for the occasion. If you happen to see Jack walking around school with the last name Jeter, his favorite player, on his back just know the t-shirt represents more than just the Yankees; it symbolizes Jack's complete dedication and commitment to something bigger than just him.

Monica Diaz



Melissa Dieterle



Brianna Dietz



Christian Dizon



Nathan Dollman



Kevin Domantay



Brittany Domenick



Harrison Donihue



Ryan Dooley



Michael Doty



MacKenzie Drexler



Thomas Dudley



Alexandria Dyrness



Carla Echevarria



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Jeffrey Emma



Ivy Emmons



Geoffrey Ernst



Alexis Escobar



Amanda Espinosa



Malissa Esquivias



Carly Farah



Danny Farraj



David Fernandez



Jesse Fernandez



Chad Fillingier



Kelly Fish



Matthew Fitzwater



Meghann Flaherty



Robyn Flath



Tyler Fox



David Franklin



Victor Frausto



Trevor Fredrickson



Madison Freebairn



Karina Fricke



Alyssa Fry



Patrick Fuentes



Genna Fuoco



Kristen Furr



K. Leigh Furzer



Megan Futch



Juliana Gabor



Justin Gahret



Jessica Galindo



Savanna Gallegos



Eva Gallner



Andrew Ganac



Angelica Garcia



Denise Garcia



Oscar Garcia



Rubi Garcia



Michelle Garl



Krystal Gates



Casey Gault



Ryan Gee



Matthew Gentle



Meredith Gentle



James Gladden



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Lisa Grgurevic



Monique Gudino



Jerald Guieb



Brittany Gunby



Alyssa Gutierrez



Gabrielle Gutierrez



Nichole Gutierrez



Lindy Haag



Shibli Haddad



Amy Haerdle



Travis Haglund



Kirsten Haines



Andrew Halpin



Jae Han



Molly Hansen



Eric Harbin



Lindsay Harbridge



Matthew Harmon



Matthew Harvey



Rachel Hawatmeh



Elston He



Emily Heckelman



Breanna Heiman



Holly Hein



Alyssa Hernandez



Christopher Hernandez



Cindy Herrera



Alexandria Herring



Jennifer Hill



Steven Hochman



Alyssa Fry

by Chelsea Van Duyn

The terror of zombies and creepy creatures created a new kind monster in Alyssa Fry. As a child, Alyssa was terrified of the monsters in her older brother's horror movies and found that the only way to calm her fears was to look at these "villains" in make-up. After conquering her fear, Alyssa became inspired by the different techniques in creating the gore and wounds used to terrify audiences everywhere. By the age of fifteen, Alyssa's favorite thing to do was transforming her friends into zombies and she soon found herself on the West Ranch Theater crew working hair and make-up. The chaos and excitement of production nights became her new thrill. One of her many exciting escapades in bloody theatrics was West Ranch Theater's Murder Mystery Night, where she got to use exploding blood packets for the victims. Although the majority of her practice in make-up has been beauty, Alyssa continues creating new monster masterpieces and plans on attending MUD (Make-Up Designary) in hopes of becoming the new Dr. Frankenstein of monster make-up!



Chelsea Hoff

Cory Hoffmaster

Alina Holguin

Danielle Hollinger

Joshua Holmes



Lauren Holzer

Jordan Hoskins

Jordan Hovis

Carson Hunnewell

Patrick Hunter



Alexandra Hurd

Jesse Inman

Cody Israelow

Aubrey Jacobowitz

Corrie Jacobs



Rachel Jacobs



Kristi Jacoby



Kimberly Jamison



Max Jansen



Kristen Javier



Kim Jenner



Brock Jimenez



Theodore Johansen



Christopher Johnson



Maxwell Johnson



Dillon Jones



Lauren Jones



Daniel Jose



Kori Juan



Christine Judge



Kelsey Kado



Shannon Kane



Tae Hee Sarah Kang



Yoon Ji Michelle Kang



Keenan Kares



Prabhdeep Kehal



Parker Keller



Amanda Kelley



Marissa Kenum



Kate Kessler



Brandi Kesterson



Chantal Khalilieh



Ivy Kiberu



William Kidd



Do Yeon Kim



Naomi Kim



Dory Kim



Soo Kim



Woo Chang Kim



Alyssa Kipper



Camille Kirkpatrick



Ashley Kleckley



Anastasha Klemens



Michael Kniss



Briana Knowles



Peter Knowles



Sarah Kohler



Taylor Kovanda



Jenna Kunkle



Chanell Kurian



Mike Kwon



Scott Kwon



Lindsai Lakatos



Hayden Lambirth



Jeremy Lambright



Brendan Lance



Scotti Lane



Shannon Larimer



Nicole Lauderdale



Matthew Lawson



Jessica Lederer



Ariel Lee



Chae Lee



Choongil Lee



Grace Lee



Jamie Lee



John Lee



Joshua Lee



No Ra Lee



Sharon Lee



Madison Leisure



Andrea Lemus



Breanne Lendman



Selena Leoni



Scott Levine



Jonathan Li



Kayla Linane



Katrina Lindayag



Noah Linkes



Shannon Lloyd



Brianna Lobato



Dalton Long



Courtney Louis



Jonathan Lowdermilk



Chelsea Lowrey



Shannon Ludwig



Lauren Lundy



Josue Macias



Frankie Madero



Melchor Magpantay



Shelby Mahdi



Rio Maja



David Maldonado



Michelle Malette



Darylaine Mandap



Why do Superheroes wear their underwear on the outside of their suits?

by Jessica Lederer



"Because underwear looks sexier on superheroes when the world can see it."
-Lauren Lundy



"...superheroes read *Captain Underpants* when they are in superhero school."
-Simon Bowler



"Superheroes are too sexy to keep their undies hidden from all the ladies."
-Brittany Gunby



"Because they're too cool to follow the rules."
-Kevin De Bree



Mikaela Manson



Olivia Marik-Reis



Maggie Markel



Brittney Marsden



Andrew Martin



Beau Martin



Christian Martinez



Montann Martinez



Sonia Martinez



Valeria Martinez



Stephanie Marty



Ashley Mata



Nicholas Mateus



Jonathan Maxey



Alexander Mazzeo



Alexander McBroom



Haylee McCall



James McDaniel



Keaton McGinn



Melodi McKay



Matthew McKinney



Charles McMullen-Poller



Ashley McSorley



Christian Medina



Shayna Medoff



Alexander Melissratos



Brooke Meneley



Lindsey Rae Michels



Andrew Miller



Caleb Miller



David Miller



Michelle Miller



Sara Mirzafan



Morgan Modugno



Jessica Muffatt



Adam Mogul



Daniel Monteen



William Morales



Pablo Morales-Bertini



Matthew Moulton



Taylor Moustis



Kelsey Muir



Samantha Muneton



Viviana Munoz



Stellamarie Munsayac



Michelle Murga



Jeffrey Murray



Chase Nalier



Alyssa Navarro



Alexandra Nellans



Cameron Nelson



Josephine Nguyen



Christopher Nguyen Pham



Michelangelo Nicholas



Mariabelen Noriega



Amanda Norwood



Lindsay Oberlander



Ros Ocampo



Jocelyn Odar



Tawni Olson



Nicole Omotunde



Jake Orchard



Heidi Ordonez



Weston Orlandi



Spencer Ortega



Hannah Ortega



Kristina Ortiz



Nicole Ostlund



Kanna Otagiri



Baaba Otoo



Kayla Paar



R. J. Padua



Dillon Paigen



Nathan Paine



Jaspreet Pandher



Manpreet Pandher

Josafat Pamiagun

Christine Park

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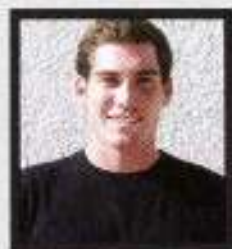
Geoffrey Petersen

Zachary Petersen



What is your favorite fortune cookie prediction? Why?

by Taylor Moustris



'Things are looking bright in your future'
"I just laugh whenever I get it. I get that one a lot."
-Drew Wagner



'Your heart makes itself known through your actions.'
"I think it's true. Your actions always show what's in your heart."
-Grace Rhee



'Try everything once, even the things you don't think you will like.'
"I like this one because I hate ignorance."
-Hunter Barela



'When you least expect it, the person you want will be right in front of you.'
"...this was definitely the best fortune I've ever gotten!"
-Mikaela Manion

Janie Pineda



Jian Pishetvar



Lucas Pisterman



Ryan Pond



Amanda Ponder



Gavelyn Poornopatam



Dylan Pople



Mallory Potts



Dustin Powers



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Justin Publicker



Christian-Chips Quimson



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Jeremy Ramirez



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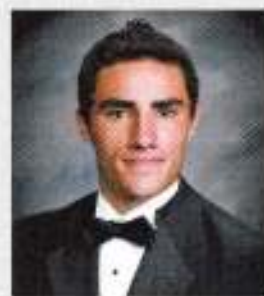
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Kerstin Rennie



Felipe Restrepo



Alexia Reyes



Grace Rhee



Emma Rice



Megan Rissler



Alexandra Ritz



Emily Rivas



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Richard Rogers



Molli Rohland



Christina Roscigno



Kyle Ross



Rita Rubio



Ivan Rudas



James Ruiz



Kyle Ruiz



Olivia Ruiz



Laura Ruppert



Jenna Ryan



Maryam Sabry



Dana Sample



Amber Sanchez



Clarissa Sanchez



Jessica Sanchez



Alexander Sanders



Breanna Santiago



Diana Sarkisian



Brandon Saunders



Anish Sawant



Fernando Schiantarelli



Elizabeth Schmidt



Sergio Schnäuffer



Michael Schulz



Nicole Sears



Rebecca Seguancia



Riddhi Shah



William Shandra



Jacqueline Shapiro



Brittany Sharpe



Lauren Shepard



Tyler Sikkema



Kulwinder Singh



Michael Sittler



Michael Sklar



By Jessica Lederer

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race
Otagiri

Ever wake up on the opposite side of the bed? What about the opposite side of the world? Grace Otagiri lived in Saga, Japan for six months participating in a foreign exchange program. She lived with her host family consisting of two sisters and their parents. She decided to take part in the program "...because I wanted to learn more of the language and the culture." On a regular day, Grace went to school from 8 a.m. to around 6 p.m. with after-school activities. When she wasn't busy with school, she and her friends loved to sing karaoke and take "purikura," photos taken in a booth where one can also edit the pictures with interesting designs. "Karaoke is really fun to go to! And taking purikura is extremely addicting... Every time anyone hangs out with someone, they always go to take purikura." Although she missed her friends in America "more than anything," she had an amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that she will never forget.

M

alissa
Esquivias

Going to school, shopping downtown, snapping pictures, and attending weekend retreats with classmates, this all sounds like an average day in any American teenagers' life, but for Malissa life was anything but average first semester of her senior year. Like Grace Otagiri, Malissa had been living in Machida, Tokyo, Japan for six months. She decided to take part in the foreign exchange program because, "America is like a cultural stew. However, that stew tastes pretty Americanized... so if I really wanted to learn about Japanese culture, I might as well go to the country." Just like how peoples' personalities rub off onto others, Japan rubbed off on her: "My English is getting so broken here. I say 'Bathroom I go now.'" Not only did her speech and sentence structure alter a little bit, but also her attitudes have changed: "In Japan everyone is so eco friendly it rubs off. I never used to recycle much or separate my trash, but here I do." Malissa left America as one person and came back as another person who is more experienced and more cultured.



Kevin Slatterbeck



Patrick Slider



Jeffrey Slocum



Alana Smith



Dakota Smith



Jacob Smith



Megan Smith



Tiffany Smith



Ian Smither



Justin Soliven



Kristine Sonu



Kristin Soriano



Edwin Spurling



Matthew Stafford



Ashley Stegeman



Richard Sterling



Steven Stone



Jordan Stones



Madison Stones



Brandon Stout



Samantha Suarez



Amylla Sullano



Ji Hye Sung



Ronny Sunnaa



Joshua Sutarla





Jake Orchard

by Riddhi Shah

"Adrenaline is pumping through my body. All my focus is on the track ahead... and on the finish line." Jake Orchard rides and races motorcycles. At the age of 4, Jake was introduced to the sport of motocross. "My dad [rode] the motorcycle and he motivated me to follow the family tradition," says Jake. Two years ago, he started to see what he was capable of and entered more and more races. At first he was nervous to race in a competition. "My heart kept beating and I didn't know if I would finish, but I told myself I can do it, I won second place even though I fell twice." Everyday when he comes home, Jake finishes all his homework and takes to the course on his bike. Reflecting back, Jake says "Racing is an individual sport, not a team sport. The races are brutal. There are forty riders racing at the same time all looking to finish first. It's intense." But through it all, Jake has persevered and won five trophies, including second place in the 2008 Trans Cal National Motocross National. Jake also races in the Big 6 Grand Prix Series, a place where he can showcase his talents. He races in different areas all around Southern California: Palmdale, Bakersfield, Taft and San Bernardino. "My life revolves around motorcycles... this is who I am!"

Kevin Sutton



Kenneth Svanoe



MacKenzie Svastics



Kyle Swankie



Patrick Sweigart



Brittany Swenson



Chelsea Tait



Jordan Tanner



Anthony Tanpoco



William Tate



Jasmine Tenting



Jason Theroux



Zachary Thomas



Mitchell Thompson



Arielle Ticknor



Vincent Torres



Hailey Triggs



Monique Trujillo



Anna Turner



Jack Turpin



Natalie Tuttle



Michael Ungamrung



Stephanie Uribe



Jillian Marie Valdejezza



Haley Van Amberg



Amanda Van Buskirk



Gower Van Der Linde



Chelsea Van Duyn



Calvin Vogelsang



Shelby Vogl



Robert Wageman



Drew Wagner



Jordan Walker



Jake Wanjon



Robert Waterman



Casey Watkins



Erin Weatherbee



Matthew Webb



Derek Weinmuller-Razo



Carter Welker



Clara Welsh



Collin Wheeler



Daniel White



Troy Wise



Samantha Woldanski



Ethan Worcester



Esther Yi



Trenten Yokofich



Ye Ji Yoo



Jessica Yoon



Yohan Yoon



Eui Duk Yun



John Zakizadeh



Jeffrey Zepp



Larissa Zhorne



Lauren Zimmerman



Alexander Zippay



Jay Zoerner



Christian Zurbuchen



Olivia Cerda



Jong Choi



Nikolas Della



Joshua Gibson



Colton Goodwin



Jajaira Guzman



Michael Irizarry

Jasmine Mercado

Jeffrey Miley

Warren Miley

Robert Murray



Hiroki Sato

Andrew Yamene



Why do companies add holes to crackers?

By Riddhi Shah



"If you don't have a colander handy, you can drain noodles with it."

-Alex Herring

"It serves as aerodynamics for throwing them at people."

-Christian Medina

"If you choke on the cracker, there are still holes in it so you can breath and you won't die."

-Kori Juan

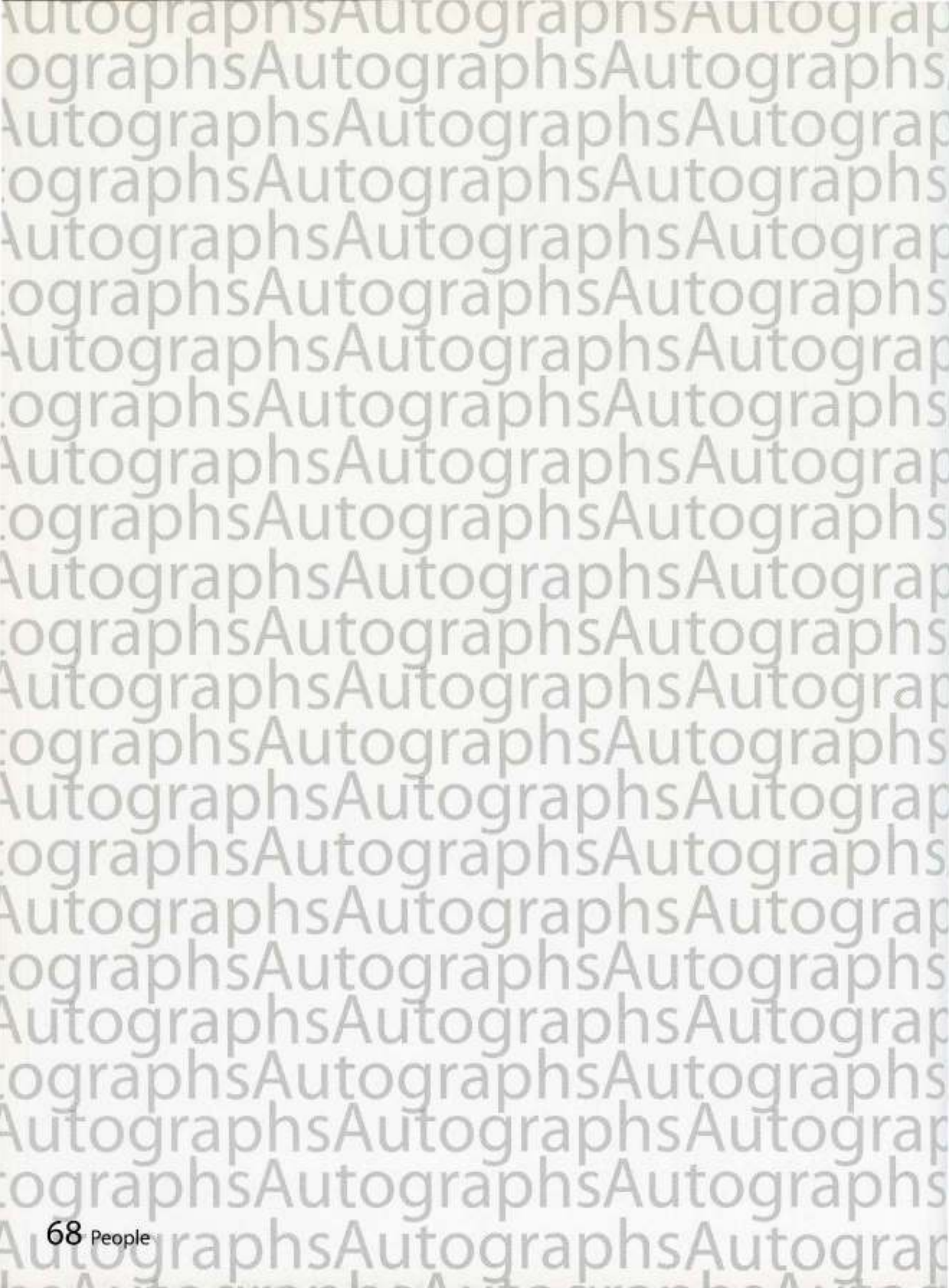
"Because the tastebuds can go inside the holes to taste the inside and outside."

-Andrew Amoros



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| Annette Aharonian | Kyle Boettcher | Alexander Good | Jennifer Ortega | Sergio Rosas | Heaven Valentine |
| Yoon Ahn | Alessandro | Jordan Hoskins | Hernan Osorio | Aziz Saavedra | Andrew Vasquez |
| Hugo Aldana | Boshant | Brian Jensen | Brandon Pamanian | Keenan Scalerio | Tyler Waggoner |
| Harris Altaf | Jessica Bryant | Brigett Kennemore | Sung Jin Park | Sukhpal Singh | Nora Zuhdi |
| Christopher Arriola | Izamar Castro | Soren Keramat | Mariah Parkin | Felipe Soriano | |
| David Austin | Arnold Cha | Nathan King | Jessica Paz | Yelzsin Soto | |
| Ross Bacon | Jason Chang | Kenichi Lee | Adam Perlis | Caroline Spooner | |
| Hunter Barela | Mi Choi | Louis Lopez | John Pineda | Jake Suter | |
| Jhonvany Bautista | Blake Culhane | Evan Martin | Ryan Richards | Sean Swanson | |
| Beatrix Berecz | Lance Davis | Christian Maw | Michael Robinson | Steven Swede | |



Autographs

Senior Favorites

Color

Purple
Green
Red

Music

Alternative
Hip-Hop
Rock

Movie

The Dark Knight
Wall-E
Pineapple Express

Actor

Heath Ledger
Johnny Depp
James Franco

Actress

Angelina Jolie
Leighton Meester
Keira Knightly

TV Series

Gossip Girl
The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
Family Guy

Restaurant

Chipotle
Other
Stonefire Grill

College

UC Schools
State University
Private University

Ice Cream

Cookie Dough
Coffee
Chocolate

Food

Italian
Mexican
Japanese

Sport

Dance
Soccer
Basketball

Class

Elective
Math
English

Drink

Water
Arizona Tea
Snapple

Book Series

Twilight
Harry Potter
The Series of Unfortunate Events

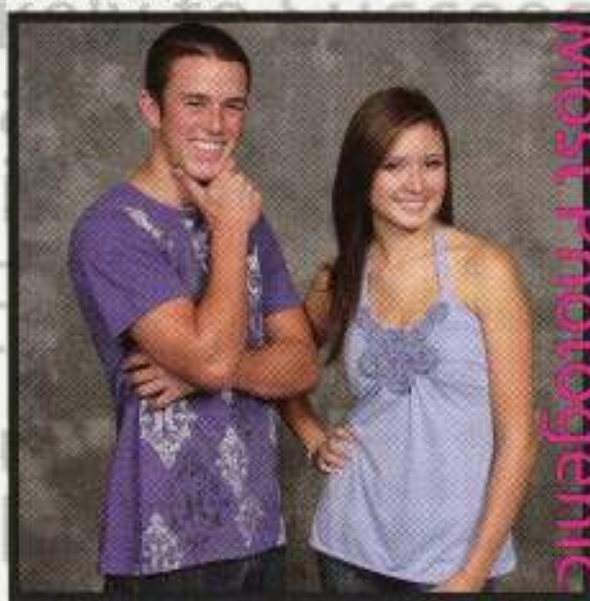
Candy

Reeses
Sour Patch Kids
Crunch

Song

I Kissed A Girl
Womanizer
Love Lockdown

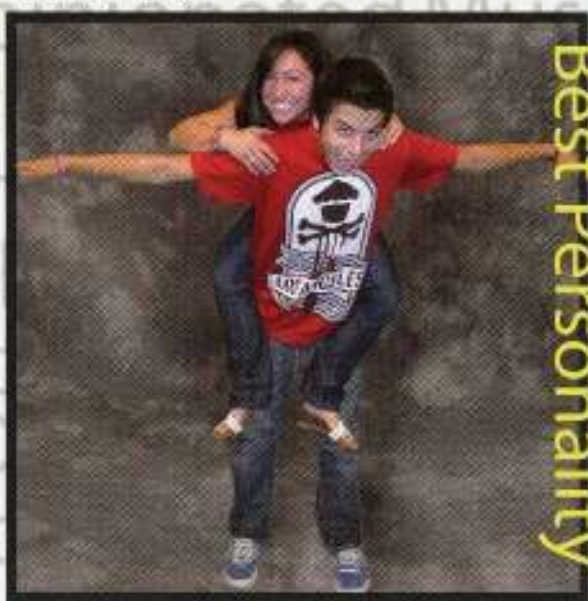
Sara Anderson



Jake Wanjon

Most Photogenic

Karina Fricke



Josh Chocoo

Best Personality

Senior

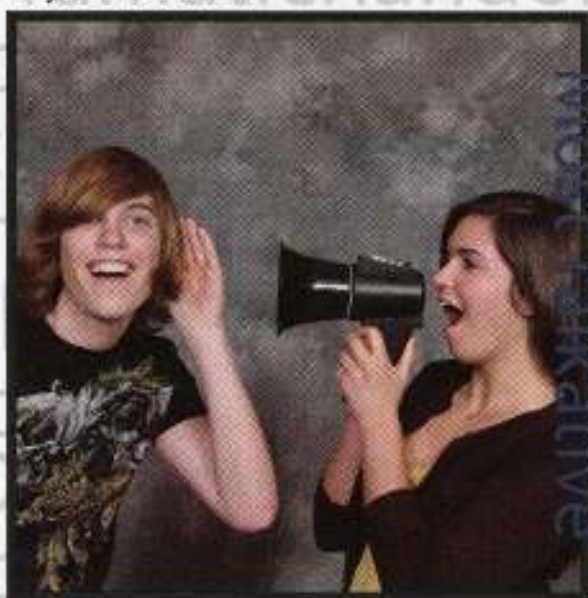
Kimmy Jamison



Ronny Suunaa

Most Musical

Taylor Moustris



Shane Desfor

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Lauren Jones



Most Dramatic

Justin Barnes



Class Clown

Steven Chavez

Bests

lorrie Jacobs

Megan Futch



Teacher's Pet

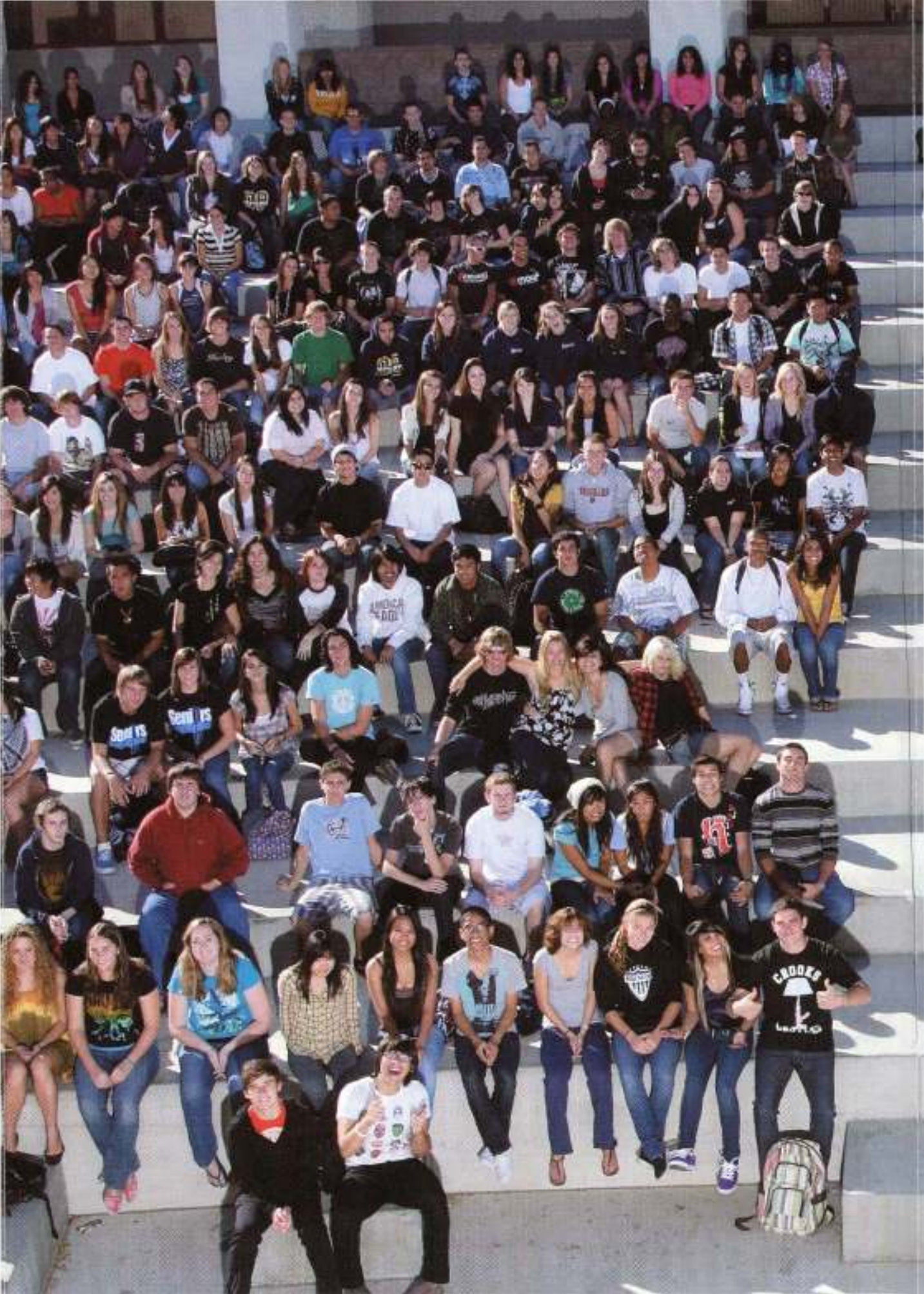
Mackenzie Svastics



Most Athletic

Ross Bacon

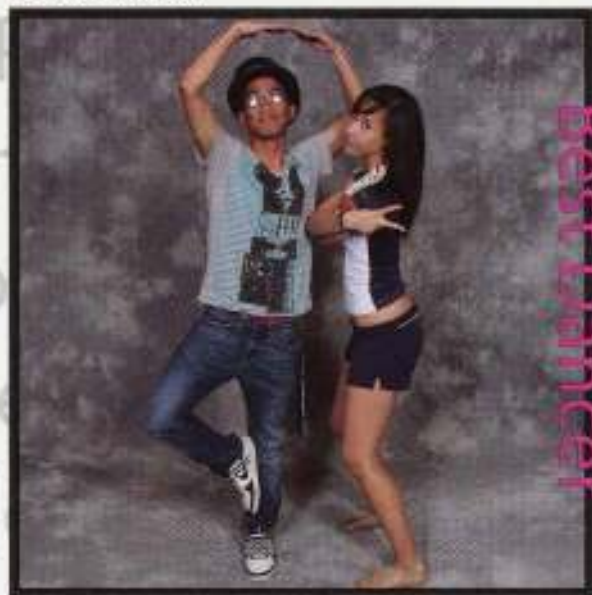






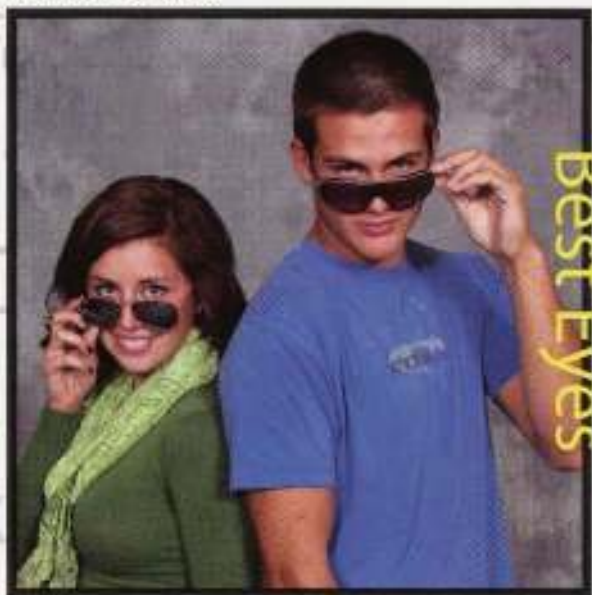


Dillon Jones



Best Dancer

Lauren Crone



Best Eyes

Melchor Magpantay

Troy Wise

Senior

Rita Rubio



Most Spirited

Laura Ruppert



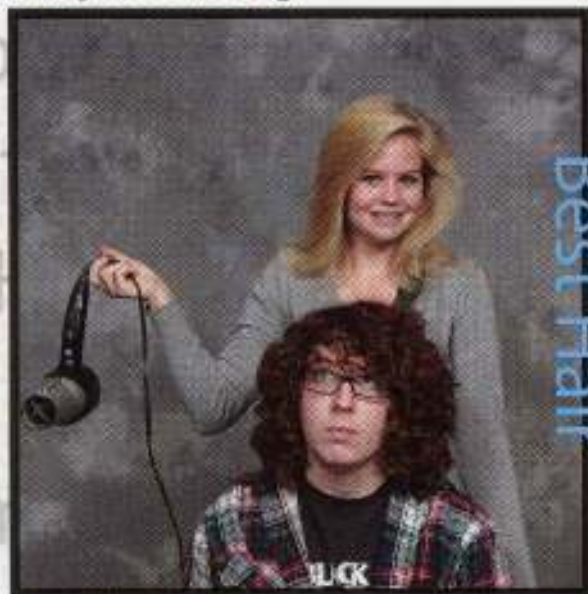
Most Artistic

Prabh Kehal

Max Jansen

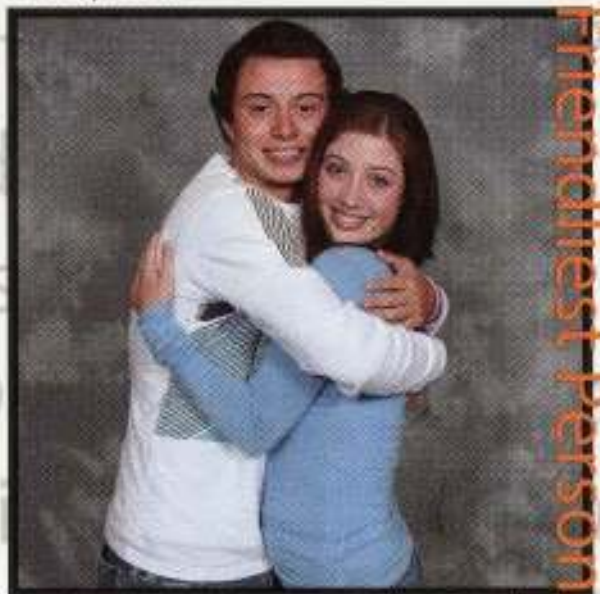
Haley Van Amberg

Kelsey Muir



Best Hair

Jesse Inman



Friendliest Person

Gabe Regalado

Bests

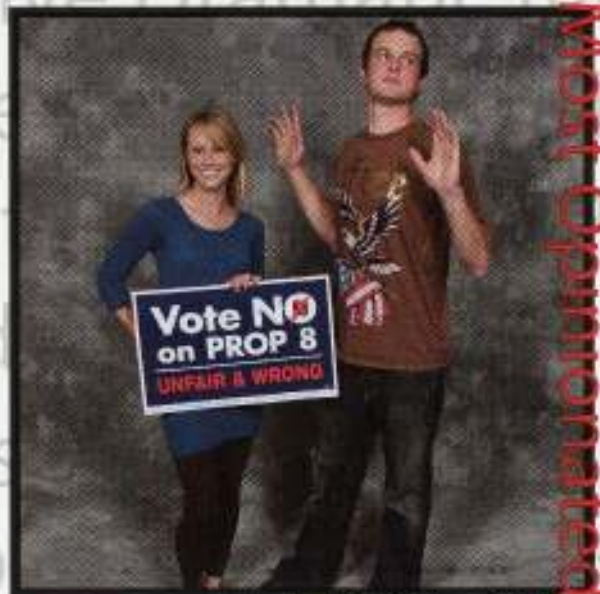
Molly Hansen

Olivia Marik-Reis



Most Random

Barr Benjamin

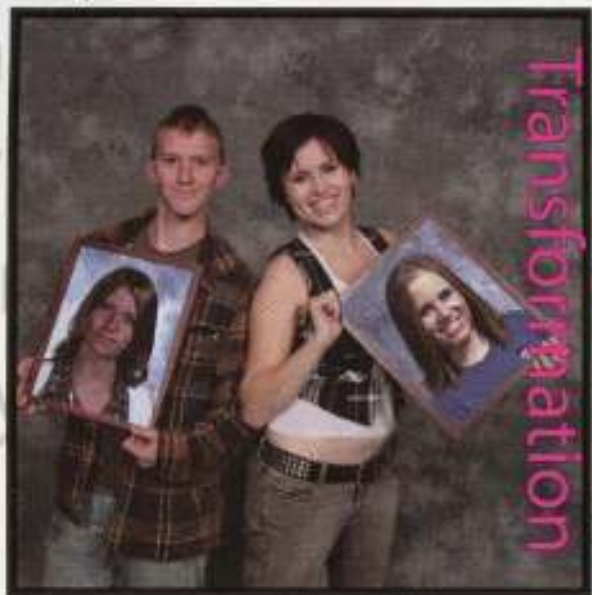


Most Opinionated

Charlie McMullen-Poller

Lacey Zhorne

Montana Martinez



Biggest

Transformation

Robbie Murray



Craziest Driver

Jimmy McDaniel

Senior

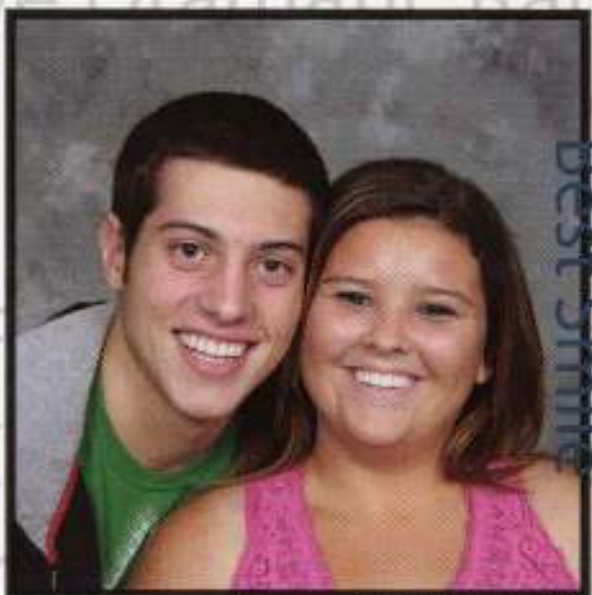
Valeria Martinez

Jessica Lederer



Most Likely to Succeed

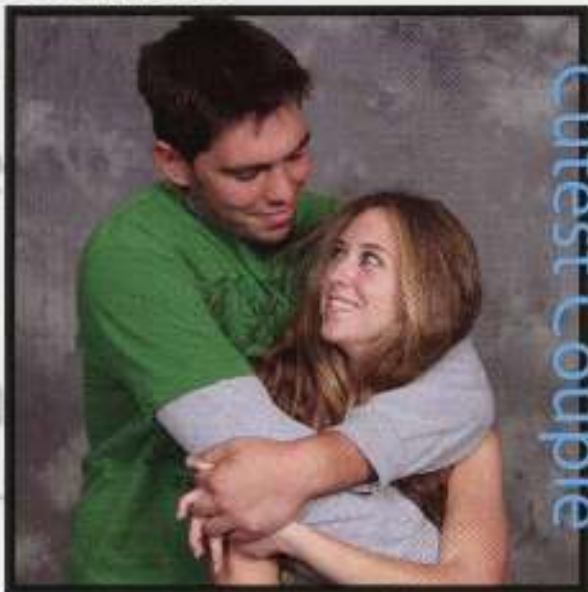
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Best Smile

Fernando Schiantarelli

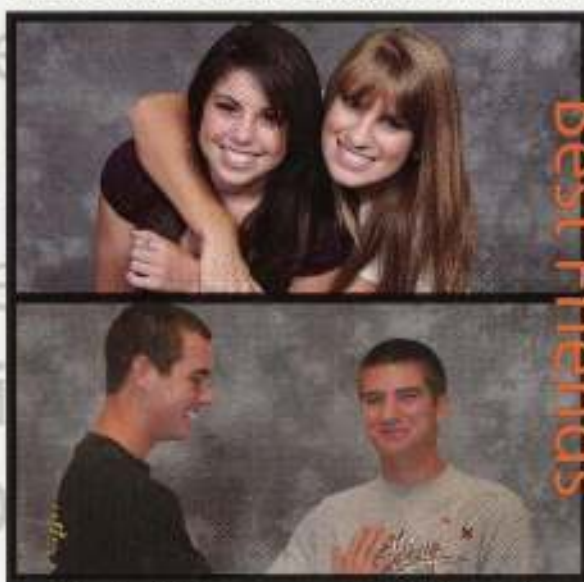
Jessica Moffatt



Cutest Couple

Kyle Boettcher

Arielle Ticknor and Emily Heckelman



Best Friends

Mitchell Thompson and Max Blaha

Bests

Alyssa Kipper



Biggest Flirt

Caleb Miller

Taleen Bechai



Most Outgoing

Patrick Hunter

Honor Scholars

Class of 2009

“I have learned, that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.”

-Henry David Thoreau



Christopher Hill

"The only job where you start at the top is digging a hole."

-Anonymous



Morgan Bartholomew

"Gaiety is the most outstanding feature of the Soviet Union"

-Joseph Stalin



Barr Benjamin

"Rarely is the question asked, is our children learning?"

-George W. Bush



Lauren Berk

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart."

-Ashley Berk



Carly Burmeister

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

-Dolly Parton



Matthew Cha

"No great man ever complains of want of opportunities."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



Mina Choe

"Charm is deceptive...beauty does not last; a woman who fears the lord will be greatly praised."

-Proverbs 31:30



Irina Danileiko

"A witty saying proves nothing."

-Voltaire



K. Leigh Furzer

"You better start swimming or sink like a stone, cause the times they are a-changing."

-Bob Dylan



Angelica Garcia

"We are the music makers...and we are the dreamers of dreams"

-Willy Wonka



Elston He

"Who told you you could eat my cookies? Put that cookie down!"

-Arnold Schwarzenegger

-Jingle All the Way



Holly Hein

"A successful person is a dreamer whom someone believed in."

-Anonymous



Joshua Holmes
 "Everything's got a moral, if only you can find it!"
 -Lewis Carroll



Corrie Jacobs
 "Sometimes a scream is better than a thesis."
 -Ralph Waldo Emerson



Theodore Johansen
 "I find that the harder I work the more luck I seem to have."
 -Thomas Jefferson



Maxwell Johnson
 "The whole life of man is but a point in time; let us enjoy it."
 -Plutarch



Kori Juan
 "I catch laughter like chicken pox."
 -Kori Juan



Kelsey Kato
 "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
 -Eleanor Roosevelt



Sarah Kang
 "Things that matter in life are not things."
 -Anonymous



Prabhdeep Kihal
 "If I didn't define myself... I would be crunched into other peoples fantasies...and eaten alive."
 -Audre Lorde



Kate Koster
 "Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall."
 -Confucius



William Kidd
 "Pessimism is the key to happiness."
 -Will Kidd



Ennice Kim
 "We all want to leave behind a legacy, we all want to be remembered for something..."
 -Dante Cook



Katie Lee
 "Dream as if you'll dream forever, live as if you'll die today."
 -James Dean



Choongil Lee
 "And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition."
 -Steve Jobs



Scott Levine
 "I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I ended up where I needed to be."
 -Douglas Adams



Jonathon Li
 "Courage is being scared to death but saddling up anyway."
 -John Wayne



Dalton Long
 "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."
 -William Shakespeare
 Hamlet



Olivia Marik-Retis
 "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years."
 -Abraham Lincoln



Valeria Martinez
 "To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."
 -Anonymous



Melodi McKay
 "To repeat what others have said, requires education; to challenge it, requires brains."
 -Mary Perle Bone Pooler



Christian Medina
 "Reach for the sky!"
 -Christian Medina



Shayna Medoff
 "Look before you leap."
 -Anonymous



Adam Moqul
 "An idea that is developed and put into action is more important than an idea that exists only as an idea."
 -Buddha



Taylor Mowbrs
 "God only makes happy endings, so if it's not happy, it's not the end."
 -Anonymous



Viviana Munoz
 "It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."
 -E.E. Cummings



Stellamarie Musayac
 "It's the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting."
 -Anonymous



Josephine Nguyen
 "All that we are is the result of what we have thought."
 -Siddhartha Guatama



Lindsay Oberlander
 "STEVE HOLT!"
 -Steve Holt



Rou Ocampo
 "Don't work hard, work smart."
 -Anonymous



Hannah Ortega
 "Follow your bliss."
 -Joseph Campbell



Christine Park
 "Failure is impossible."
 -Susan B. Anthony



Grace Rhee
 "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."
 -1 Corinthians 13:13



Anish Sawant
 "Why bother? He's not even human..."
 -Patrick Allen



Nicole Sears

"Nothing is unthinkable, nothing impossible to the balanced person..."

-Lewis Mumford



Kristin Luciano

"A day without laughter is a day wasted."

-Charlie Chaplin



Edwin Spurling

"If you enjoy the time you are wasting, then it wasn't wasted."

-Anonymous



Julia Chung

"I don't know the way to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

-Bill Cosby



Joshua Santaria

"These kids are playing checkers, I'm playing chess."

-Kobe Bryant



Jordan Tanner

"Lick the lollipop of mediocrity once and you'll suck forever."

-Rory Sabbatini



Hailey Triggs

"Our lives (lack not) because of what we're not getting, but because of what we're not giving."

-Marianne Williamson



Carter Welker

"Knowledge is the ability to make everyone around you feel smarter."

-Anonymous



Justen Yoon

"Don't let failure get to your head, or success get to your head."

-Will Smith



JUNIORS

Junior year – it is the busiest, yet, most unforgettable year. It brings us one step closer to college, yet one step away from our once care-free lives. Though most of us will remember our Junior year as of the most stressful years in their four-year journey through high school, it is an exciting time. Some Juniors are worried about raising their grade point averages, impressing teachers, studying for SAT's and ACT's, and finding possible future careers while others are just struggling to let go of the simple life and slowly mature into a soon-to-be senior. So many changes take place in this one short year, maturing as a student, friend and person.

However, behind all these pressures, there are many benefits to being a Junior. Students are finally able to reap the benefits of being upperclassmen, such as receiving an off-campus sticker for lunch, getting introduced to the fundamentals and responsibilities of driving, and searching for part-time jobs. By the end of the year, after all of our hard work, many of us are experiencing the first symptoms of senioritis. We anxiously await the next year, our final year as West Ranch wildcats.



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 Adame, Cameron
 Adams, Alexander
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 Aguilar, Bethany
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Alabano, Stacy
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 Albanese, Michael
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 Bauer, Elizabeth

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 Blevins, Kyle
 Block, Amanda

Bood, Zachary
 Booy, Ji Ha
 Borg, Richard
 Borring, Spencer
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 Boskovich, Anou-Mari
 Bozay, Dallas

Bowen, Wesley
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 Bradley, Marika
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 Braucher, Kayley
 Brown, Emily A.



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 Brill, Ryan
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 Brown, Morgan



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 Bean, Jonathan
 Bullock, David
 Burke, Kyle
 Butler, Dillon
 Buzon, Hannah
 Caldwell, Tracey



Caldwell, Christopher
 Call, Dean
 Callan, Shelby
 Cannon, Dylan
 Carandang, Jennifer
 Cardella, Nicole
 Carter, Arnelis
 Carl, Erwin



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 Carpenter, Kelly
 Carroll, Kiera
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 Carter, Cody
 Casey, Lauren
 Cassata, Nicholas
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 Castro, Courtney
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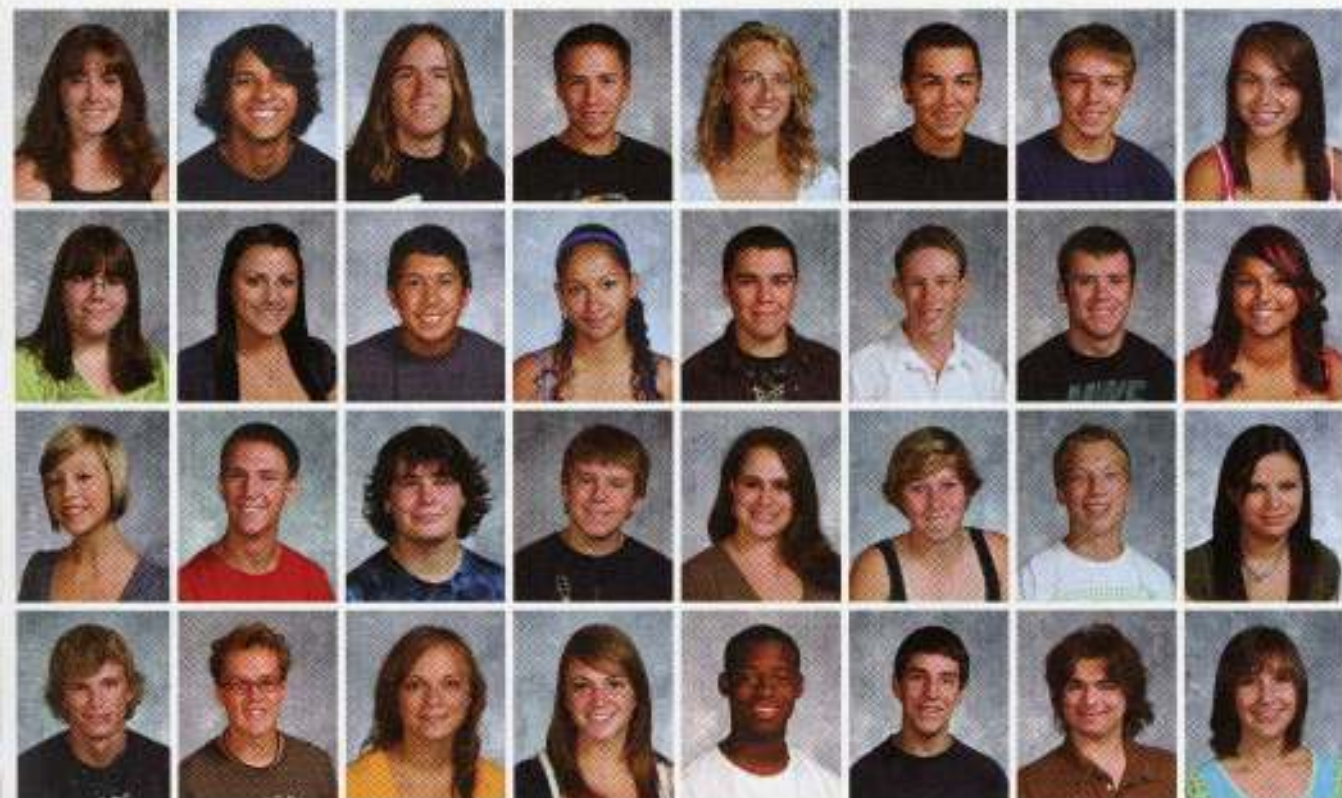


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 Correa, Michelle
 Crawford, Cole
 Crawford, Zachary
 Crivello, Kevin
 Csizenyak, Andrew





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 Cerul, Victor
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Dorn, Taylor
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 Dwyer, Amy
 Duncan, Hunter
 Dunn, McKenna

Duiker, Sorrel
 Earle, Matthew
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 Eddy, Ashley
 Edwards, Weston
 Ellis, Dillon
 Engala, Christopher
 Erdoson, Emily



Hannah Bong

by Cory Batza

Always interested in clothing during her youth, Hannah Bong officially began studying as a fashion designer this past summer. She began fashion design and figure drawing classes, which helped her get ideas onto paper more accurately and develop a style: "I tend to use parts of other people's style and learning how to draw the body improved my ability to draw clothing." Her mother always keeps her on track, but her real inspiration comes from a famous Korean artist, Andre Kim: "His designs are very unique, and it doesn't blend in with other people's designs. [He also] expresses [his] feelings in his designs." Her main goal is to have her own runway show or store as she masters her skills in the future. But for the time being, Hannah is just working to improve her portfolio, and she is having a great time in the process.

Edin, Jacqueline
Eskey, Roland
Espirita, Kristopher
Etiola, Alberto
Estrada, Nancy
Evans, Cory
Fajardo, Hannah
Farnsworth, Davis



Farnsworth, Lindsay
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Felix, Jason-Carl
Fernandez, Carissa
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Fischer, Eric
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Fornari, Kirby
Fornas, Gregory
Foster, Tyler
Fox, Melissa
Francia, Isaiah



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Furden, Kevin
Gabor, Kristina
Gahan, Mary
Garber, Erik



Garcia, Juvenia
Garcia, Luis
Garbay, Crystal
Garcia, Mariana
Gasper, Estelise
Garmata, Arian Caesar
Gardijo, Brandon
Gerardino, Andrew



Gierulano, Natalie
Gibson, John
Giddon, Benjamin
Gierahn, Shawn
Giles, Cyndria
Gladwin, Michael
Golding, Arvy
Goldstein, Joslyn



Gomez, Edgar
Gomez, Michael
Gonzalez, Kim
Gonzalez, Danisa
Gonzalez, Joseph
Gonzalez, Rick
Gonzalez, Robert
Graham, Heby



Green, Isabella
Greenland, Ryan
Gregory, Kelsey
Grossal, Shawn
Grupp, Cameron
Gross, Joshua
Grossman, Thomas
Grupp, Matt



Guerri, Lucas
Guerrero, Vanessa
Gueib, Jazmine
Guzman, Daniel
Guzman, Favian
Haag, Andrew
Hadd, Steven
Haji, Nema





Hanes, Travis
Hall, Alexandra
Hamburger, Alexander
Hansberger, Matthew
Hansen, Amanda
Hansen, Luke
Hart, Abby
Hart, John



Hartman, Ariana
Harlow, Tabitha
Harris, Zohal
Harris, Melody
Hobner, Miranda
Hodwell, Christina
Hoer, Kathryn
Holland, Kaia Marie



Hudson, Thomas
Hudock, Jesse
Hugo, Chelsea
Hernandez, Carlo
Hernandez, Michaela
Herrera, Anna
Herrera, Elizabeth
Herrera, Joanna



Hernan, Lauren
Hess, Jenny
Hibbs, Lindsay
Higham, Andrea
Hill-Algarin, Alexis
Hochstetler, Danielle
Holzer, Nicholas
Hoek, Charles



Hoskins, Sarah
Hothi, Srinandeeep
Howard, Cody
Howlander, Rasha
Huest, Enrique
Huffman, Elizabeth
Hughes, Charlotte
Hunters, Brett



Husker, Colleen
Hut, Joshua
Huter, Caitlin
Huter, Alexis
Hutchinson, Gavin
Iverson, Jordan
James, Amy
Jappari, Doris



Javier, Sarah
Jenkins, Christopher
Jensen, Alison
Jensen, Andrew
Jensen, Brittany
Jiang, Andrew
Jiang, Sung Mi
Jewell, Richard



Jimenez, Angelo
Jimenez, Vanessa
Johnson, Lauren
Johnson, Melissa
Johnson, Samantha
Jones, Cady
Jones, Katrina
Jordan, Anthony



Jordan, Jenna-Arielle
Joyner, Sean
Jain Thomas, Hayden
Jauer, Jake
Jang, Jie Hyereng
Kadovetz, Zachary
Kang, David
Kang, Ye Ji Christine

Kato, Maggie
Katz, Jonathan
Kearns, John
Keddy, Britney
Kouliksharen, Larong
Kobal, Inbaral
Kilgusworth, Tyler
Kim, Angela



Kim, Arnold
Kim, Christopher
Kim, John
Kim, Josie
Kim, Michael
Kim, Min Hyung
Kim, Nahn Lee Diane
Kitaguchi, Chelsea



Klapp, Cassandra
Knebel, Diana
Koo, Kwon
Koback, Keren
Kofander, Sebastian
Koprowski, Natalia
Kosoy, Alana
Kosach, Victoria



Krabi, Erika
Kreger, Sarah
Kwon, Daniel
La Riva, Garrett
Lago, Gabriella
Lampiran, Shelli
Lander, Garrett
Lars, Dylan



Lane, Raymond
Langley, Hannah
Lara, Jose
Lara, Ryan
Lara, Ana Katrina
Larsen, Alexander
Latorra, Maria
Lodford, Deshae



Lee, Chang
Lee, David
Lee, Dong Ha
Lee, Genevieve
Lee, Hyomin
Lee, Michael
Lee, Robert
Lee, Rosemary



Leggat, Kelsey
Lehrfeld, Alvarado
Lendron, Troy
Lima, Arturo
Lion, Nicholas
Lomas, Spencer
Lovine, Matthew
Lovy, Joshua



Lewis, Kaitlyn
Lewis, Cassandra
Lion, Jasmine
Lin, Dong Kyu
Lisdahl, Tyler
Litsonovoy, Erik
Lorech, Brian
Long, Kendall



Long, Kylie
Lopez, Brandon
Lopez, James
Loranzo, Antonio
Loudon, Kristen
Loyola, Bryan
Luzano, Elena
Lynn, Alexander





Lucas, Elton
Luna, Sofia
Lyman, Emily
MacAlister, Julian Barvis
MacHysse, Aili
Maciejowski, Naomi
Madrigal, Eddie
Major, Eric

Majette, Alyssa
Mardigara, Laci
Marion, Christian
Marin, Adrianne
Marin, Christian
Marrella, Dominique
Marin, Amanda
Martin, Britney

Martinez, Genevieve
Martinez, Joshua
Martinez, Oscar
Mason, Ryan
Masonson, Eric
Matras, Alexandra
Matsumaki, Sada
May, Michael

McCarthy, Keri
McCarthy, Sean
McClain, Ariel
McClure, Christopher
McDonald, Jordan
McGough, James
McGrath, Keith
McGrory, Andrew

If cheese could get its picture taken, what would it say?

by Cory Gatza and Jennifer Moon



"Camera."
-Ben Woodcox



"It would say humans. HA, HA, HAI"
-Tabitha Harikul



"Cheese would say cheese because it is just that cool."
-Alex Hamburger



"Well...what kind of cheese?"
-Zuhai Hassan



Carr Thompson

by Jennifer Moon

Over the years, acting has become Donald Carr Thompson's zeal and focal point. He was first inspired to act by his sister when he started to attend acting classes with her. "I was thirteen and living in Georgia. My sister started taking classes, and I had to go there and be with her because I didn't have anywhere else to go. Then I decided 'what the heck' - I might as well jump up there and do it with her too." This offhand decision has proven to be life-changing; he has been doing a variety of acting such as commercials, voice-overs, plays, and even movies ever since. Overall, Thompson states that his biggest role has been his character, Jake, in the movie *True Adolescents*: "I was in Seattle a little over two months, and we had to work 10 to 11 hours a day. Sometimes we'd have to work at night so we went to work from seven at night to five or six in the morning, and I would do that all week for night shooting." These long hours has taught him to be committed to his profession in order to achieve his dream. Although he wants to continue acting, Thompson also loves to write; he truly desires to be a screenwriter and possibly a director. Thompson has recently begun writing his very first screenplay. According to Thompson, it is about "kids who get involved in drugs during high school, and how they learn to work together even though they have different problems." Acting for Carr Thompson is not just a hobby, but rather his chosen profession. Using his talent and drive, we can expect incredible productions from him in the future.

McIner, Sharon
McMillen, Karl
Mebano, Frances
Melanson, Ashley
Melkado, Zachary
Melonis, Jake
Merloni, Ashley
Muroka, Aneil



Mesic, Jake
Miles, Kristopher
Miller, Bailey
Miller, Heather
Mia, Sooh
Mishler, Ivan
Modlin, Michael
Molloy, Elizabeth



Morano, Tiffany
Moran, Cruz
Montgomery, Eli
Mortosa, Marcos
Moor, Jennifer
Moon, Johanna
Moon, Joshua
Moore, Marina



Morris, Aldo
Morris, Ariana
Morris, Brenda
Moser, Tyler
Moses, Stephanie
Mora, James
Moulin, Amanda
Moser, Jordan





Walt, Matthew
 Wanzel, Susan
 Marillo, Christian
 Naglich, Taylor
 Navarro, James
 Navarro, Matthew
 Negrete, Daniel
 Nelson, Laura



Nowell, Timothy
 Nichols, Cate
 Nicolson, Spencer
 Noddy, Zachary
 Norton, Skylar
 Norris, Christopher
 Nowakowski, Adam
 Nowakowski, Andrew



O'Neil, Garrett
 Ocampo, Samantha
 Ochoa, Cesar
 Ogata, Michael
 Ogden, Nicholas
 Ochoa, Jonathan
 Odozka, Robert
 Orosko, Anthony



Ortega, Nochi
 Ortiz, Jared
 Ortiz, Michael
 Oswin, John
 Palera, Michael
 Palencia, Chasten
 Parvake, Hafez
 Park, Abraham



Parra, William
 Pardo, Andrew
 Parra, Sarah
 Paul, Christopher
 Paul, Jocelyn
 Pauson, Christopher
 Peddie, Nigel
 Pelton, Joshua



Pellon, Kerri
 Peralta, Jose
 Pereira, Adam
 Perez, Jennifer
 Perez, Kyle
 Perez, Melissa
 Perez, Miguel
 Pesson, Tamara



Peterson, Ashley
 Peterson, Ryan
 Petala, Jennifer
 Phelps, Samantha
 Pflanz, Keenan
 Pizano, Brandon
 Pizzo, Nicholas
 Pitzer, Carrie



Pot, Randall
 Potocz, Daniel
 Porter, Dyansty
 Pritz, Kevin
 Pritz, Matthew
 Puentes, Jessica
 Rada, Nicole
 Ramirez, Gustavo



Ramirez, Priscilla
 Ramon, Ana
 Ramak, Jordella
 Raghani, Esho
 Rastin, Brian
 Ravines, Forella
 Rayo, Rachel
 Ray, Cody

Why are Trix ONLY for kids?



"Trix are only for kids because rabbits shouldn't be eating trix - they live in a forest, and kids need nutrition from Trix's fruitiness, and rabbits eat carrots - not yogurt!"
- Colleen Hunsaker



"Because I say so."
-Nigel Ambayec



"I'm pretty sure if a rabbit ate them it would have digestive problems and adults don't like them as much because they are really, really sweet."
-Kerrie Pellon



"Because grandparents don't like rabbits."
-Nick Wlodychak

Rebbast, Marina
Ratlly, Catherine
Revolgado, Rebecca
Rosa, Estefan
Roval, Andrea
Reyla, Juan Pablo
Rhee, Young
Richardia, Jacob



Richters, Vanessa
Riggen, Brianna
Rim, Natalie
Rivers, Cassandra
Rivers, Jocelyn
Robinson, Ashlee
Rubin, Jasmin
Rosa, Damien



Rocha, Ryan
Rudela, Luis
Rodriguez, Albert
Rodriguez, Breanna
Rodriguez, Nancy
Rodriguez, Taylor
Rodriguez, Victor
Rodriguez, Yessica



Roman, Judith Maria
Romero, Katelyn
Romero, Michael
Romero, Regan
Rosen, Spencer
Rosales, Daisy
Rosa, Dain
Rosendino, Stacy





Rotto, Nicholas
Rutz, Adam
Rutz, Erin
Rutz, Patrick
Rusconi, Nicolo
Sabol, Adam
Sako, Matthew
Salazar, Oscar



Saldívar, Gerardo
Salgado, Angel
Salgado, Israel
Salisbury, Trevor
Salzman, Ibrahim
Samuelson, Jacob
Sarabie, Noel
Sardet, Michael



Sanders, Sara
Sandovál, Susy
Sarkisian, Elizabeth
Sarkisyan, Allen
Sarmiento, Brittany
Saurada, Spencer
Sauter, Salome
Schlammeyer, Sabrina



Schmidt, Michael
Scrib, Michael
Segura, Fiorella
Seramini, Jessica
Sepúlveda, Jaclyn
Sung, Yi-Chun
Stach, Melrose
Sturbit, Lindsay



Sturffoss, Christian
Sturffoss, Christopher
Stover, Brett
Suazo, Adrian
Sukaga, Aaru
Suzuki, Alexander
Svec, Dylan
Simon, Matthew



Singh, Nancy
Sippell, Steven
Sisson, Drew
Sliker, Hannah
Slota, Michael
Slater, Kristin
Slider, Angela
Slight, Ryan



Smith, Alexa
Smith, Jo Anna
Smith, Kelsey
Smith, Makay
Snell, Zakary
Soni, Daniel
Sorce, Cody
Sosa, Phillip



Souza, Vanessa
Spillman, Charles
Staley, Josef
Stevens, Spencer
Steele, John
Strawie, Kelsey
Strawn, Evan
Stevenson, Alexander



Stice, Nolan
Stochen, Kevin
Stiff, Desiree
Stowe, Joseph
Stroy, Amanda
Strahan, Lauren
Strat, Kurt
Strode, Sarah

Strong, Cassidy
 Sud, Di
 Szepieto, William
 Summers, Allison
 Sumner, Tyler
 Surok, Lacey
 Sutton, Connor
 Sweeney, Cameron



Szymanski, Matthew
 Tabares, Aaron
 Takahashi, Peter
 Tamm, Naomi
 Tarpski, Christopher
 Tavec, Kaylee
 Tatroff, Lauren
 Tate, Theodore



Taylor, Bradley
 Teresi, Dominic
 Terranova, Anthony
 Teruya, Matthew
 Tess, Robert
 Thatch, Clayton
 Thompson, Donald
 Turney, Wesley



Tibin, Connor
 Tolley, Alexander
 Torres, Eric
 Torres, Sergio
 Tran, Richard
 Triller, Roman
 Umpstead, Matthew
 Ungerling, Matthew



Uribe, Mariu
 Ulrich, Jordan
 Valdez, Manuel
 Valdejoan, Jillian Marie
 Valdivia, Mariu
 Valenzuela, Christian
 Van Dusen, Derek
 Van Gelderen, Donald



Vasquez, Alfredo
 Vasquez, Joshua
 Vasquez, Magdalena
 Vasquez, Nolle
 Vicente, Andy
 Villaluna, Jessica
 Villaseca, Alexander
 Vogelwang, Madison



Voges, Spencer
 Voocham, Taroiko
 Wade, Travis
 Walk, Hannah
 Walker, Britni
 Walker, Olivia
 Watanabe, Eri
 Weber, Danika



Wain, Brittany
 Welch, Matthew
 Welton, Hunter
 White, Elhana
 White, Nicollette
 Whitmer, Jessica
 Wilborn, Arwen
 Wilkerson, Kyle



Williams, Gabriela
 Wilson, Tony
 Wilson, Tom
 Wilson, Vanessa
 Wisniewski, Roxanne
 Wisniewski, Steven
 Wong, Alvin
 Woodcock, Benjamin





Wright, Kristin
 Wykle, Hayley
 Yabko, Marissa
 Yarnon, Amanda
 Yeack, Brantley
 Yefeah, Yara
 Yener, Chelsea
 Yuchin, Junka



Yoon, Justin
 Yusuf, Anthony
 Yin, Elyse
 Zaragoza, Crystal
 Zeros, Maria
 Zoski, Noelle
 Zepeda, Dyma
 Zivach, Katya



Zubi, Matthew

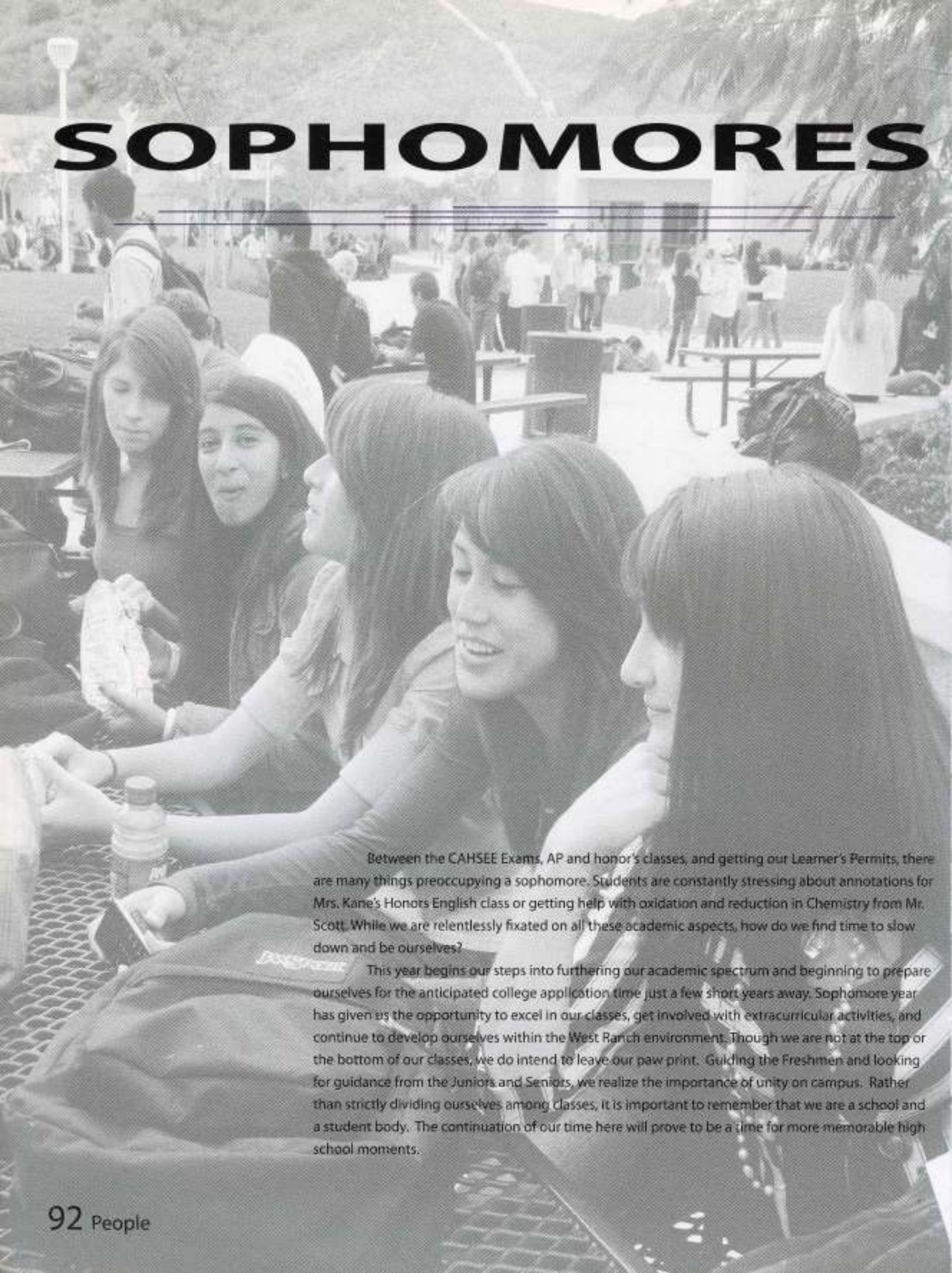


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- Jonathan Kim
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SOPHOMORES



Between the CAHSEE Exams, AP and honor's classes, and getting our Learner's Permits, there are many things preoccupying a sophomore. Students are constantly stressing about annotations for Mrs. Kane's Honors English class or getting help with oxidation and reduction in Chemistry from Mr. Scott. While we are relentlessly fixated on all these academic aspects, how do we find time to slow down and be ourselves?

This year begins our steps into furthering our academic spectrum and beginning to prepare ourselves for the anticipated college application time just a few short years away. Sophomore year has given us the opportunity to excel in our classes, get involved with extracurricular activities, and continue to develop ourselves within the West Ranch environment. Though we are not at the top or the bottom of our classes, we do intend to leave our paw print. Guiding the Freshmen and looking for guidance from the Juniors and Seniors, we realize the importance of unity on campus. Rather than strictly dividing ourselves among classes, it is important to remember that we are a school and a student body. The continuation of our time here will prove to be a time for more memorable high school moments.



Abram, Evan
 Almog, Timothy
 Acuna, Ruth
 Adams, Chardonn
 Agha, Zachary
 Aguilar, Angelica
 Aguilar, Myra
 Aguirre, Brian
 Alarcon, Diana



Ahn, Mi-Je
 Alamo, Vianka
 Ali, Nadiya Nicholas
 Allen, Alexandra
 Allen, Jennifer
 Allen, John
 Almaguer, Adrian
 Alvarez, Michael
 Amador, Christine



Angelino, Oscar
 Anigo, Nathan
 Archambault, Erika
 Arriaga, Genaro
 Arzon, Kevin
 Ashley, Evelyn
 Averano, Alexa
 Ayala, Angela
 Ayashiro, Grant



Ayoubdian, Michael
 Baek, Peter
 Baldonado, Jorge
 Barbosa, Joseph
 Bari, Brandon
 Barstow, Ashley
 Bastista, Arty
 Bayless, Joshua
 Bayona, Daniel Vincent



Beckwith, Nicholas
 Bedford, Kenneth
 Beltran, Rebecca
 Beltran, Rita
 Benedict, Kayon
 Benedetti, Anna
 Benito, Francisco Rigoberto
 Benjamin, Hunter
 Berkowitz, Brandon



Berman, Jonathan
 Bernard, Cole
 Bernick, Eric
 Beverly Collins, Deyan
 Bigirimwami, Malaka
 Bigirimwami, Tanisha
 Bird, Joshua
 Black, Dennis
 Blake, Matthew



Blanchard, Kyle
 Boachio-Yadon, Dany
 Borbon, Katrina
 Borbon, Kenneth
 Borhan, Daniel
 Boye Seung, Sara
 Bowers, Samantha
 Braucher, Breanna
 Bravo, Amanda



Brittan, Joseph
 Brooks, Philip
 Brown, Emily
 Brown, Scott
 Brownlowe, Jake
 Bruan, Matthew
 Bullock, Kyle
 Burk, Tabetha
 Burnett, Shelby



Caballero, Maya
 Cajaron, Bryan
 Camara, Nicole Julian
 Campbell, Chase
 Campbell, Cori
 Canell, Rachel
 Caprio, Isabella
 Cordero, Cristian
 Corey, Michelle



Carlson, Halley Stuart
 Carrillo, Camero
 Carriz, Brandi
 Castillo, Lyda
 Castro, Thow
 Coleman, Gregory
 Centa, Nicole
 Cervantes, Angelica
 Chance, Danielle

Chang, Heena
 Chang, Joshua
 Charles, Prichelle
 Chavez, Liara
 Cho, Abigail
 Chittam, Robert
 Cho, Esther
 Choe, Jason
 Choi, Bryan



Choi, James
 Choi, Min
 Choi, Joyce
 Choudhary, Sagar
 Chouhury, Korney
 Christiansen, Brandon
 Coffarone, Cody
 Croft, Tyson
 Clough, Sophia



Cochran, Meghan
 Colvard, Adam
 Conally, Brian
 Conteras, Nancy
 Corleto, Megan
 Corona, Maria
 Cosello, William
 Crocker, Teri
 Crowe, Kristie



Cuevas, Francis
 Cuzco, Allison
 Card, Diana
 Curran, Chloee
 Dailor, Amanda
 Daniels, Debralee
 Davis, Ian
 De Gorter, Ashlyn
 De Mayo, AJ



De Pasquale, Tania
 Dees, Christina
 DeLeon, Yamin
 Di Domenico, Jessica
 Di Tomaso, Elise
 Dillon, Kaitlyn
 Dinoski, Paige
 Dominguez Villa, Alberto
 Douthett, Riley



Dosley, Christian
 Dragan, Jennifer
 Dresler, Delaney
 Dreyfus, Jordan
 Duhon, Matthew
 Daniel Nocco, Alexander
 Eagle, Jordan
 Eichler, Connor
 Eldefraic, Jordan



El Arabi, Ali
 Ellis, Isabella
 Escobar, Anna
 Escobar, Jonathan
 Esquivel, Michaelangelo
 Espavol, Isabella
 Estola, Kevin
 Estrada, Kevin
 Estrada, Michelle



Farrar, Zachary
 Farworth, Steven
 Farra, Diana
 Fek, Robert
 Ferris, Andrew
 Fiorella, Nicholas
 Fischinger-Pruitt, Nicole
 Fisher, Jordan
 Flaherty, John



Fleishman, Alexa
 Fleming, Alexander
 Flores, Erica
 Flowers, Martin
 Foley, Anthony
 Formani, Cristiano
 Fortner, Alexander
 Foster, Matthew
 Fritts, Bryan



Frankol, Spencer
 Franklin, Tiffany
 Fried, Cassandra
 Fuentes, Ana Lucia
 Futch, Sarah
 Gaff, Alexander
 Galeana, Alejandro
 Garcia, Lauren
 Gardano, John





Morgan Lauff

by Christine Amador

Whether an actor is playing a jealous boyfriend or falling in love with a "Pink Lady", the ability to be diverse is an important asset. Morgan Lauff possesses this skill and puts it to great use. Playing Hugo Peabody from *Bye Bye Birdie* and "T-bird" Roger in *Grease* demonstrates this ability. In addition to acting professionally for two years, his history involving theater spans back to when he was in just third grade. Although Lauff enjoys performing, his true passion is what takes place off the stage and behind the camera: "Being in theater is actually teaching me how to work behind the camera, and [I am learning] how actors want to deliver [the material]. I know what the actors are thinking, so [my own acting experience] is beneficial for both of us." Every artist has their muse, and Lauff is no exception. He draws his inspiration from great film minds like Steven Spielberg and Walt Disney. Whether it is center stage or behind a lens, we can expect great things from Lauff in the future.



Garcia, Armand
Gates, Stephanie
Garranan, David
Gao, Robyn
Generoso, Erika Marie
Generoso, Ernest John
Georgis, Denise
Gepigo, Angelo
Germann, William

Giles, Shan
Giannino, Sara
Gibson, Ashley
Giles, Edward
Gohran, Patrick
Goldrick, Devon
Goldstein, Zach
Gomez, Nathan
Gomez, Valeria

Gonzalez, Alejandra
Gonzalez, Eric
Gonzalez, Mircea
Good, Samantha
Gordin, Amanda
Gottman, Sean
Gottin, Trevor
Grabam, Kathleen
Grady, Vanessa

Granados, Rebecca
Grant, Dylan
Grillo, Emma
Gutierrez, Andres
Gutierrez, Marceline
Guzman, Joshua
Guzman, Melissa
Hacreda, Anika
Haleon, Julie

Hall, Chelsea
Harrisons, Andrew
Hax, Edward
Hanson, Michael
Hanson, Curtis
Harris, Krista
Hawamick, Diana
Hoyes, Shoghi
Hsieh, Nicholas

Holtman, Amber
Holman, Erin
Hernandez, Michael
Harris, Kaitlin
Hornan, Jay
Hernandez, Cordero
Hernandez, Diana
Hernandez, Linda
Herrera, Carlo

Harris, Kelli
Hidalgo, Aaron
Hodge, Leonardo
Hogle, Brooke
Holtzberg, Nathan
Hofen, Jeffrey
Holmes, Timothy
Horvath, Austin
Howell, Isabelle



Hu, Timothy
Hunt, Taylor
Hwang, Soe
Idowa, Ayodeji
Iglesias, Alexander
Inganoll, Dylan
Itzhong, Kristine Rose
Jacobson, Hunter
Jacoby, Rebecca



Jung, Eun Sun Julie
Jensen, Kyle
Jaung, Christian
Johnson, Robbie
Jordan, Jacob
Joyner, Cristian
Julien, Isha
Kahana, Mikoto
Kamihari, Alangir



Kang, Sorah
Kazjari, Karina
Kaplan, Cody
Kasoul, Aidan
Kehel, Mandoop
Keller, Ryan
Kelley, Patrick
Kalahron, Karley
Kelsch, Anthony



Kendrick, Miles
Khosro, Mariana
Kim, Alexandre
Kim, April
Kim, Calein
Kim, Debora
Kim, Doo Min
Kim, Dungs
Kim, Irene



Kim, Ji
Kim, Myoung
Kim, Sabro
Kim, Sarah
Kim, The Hee
Kim, Zachary
Klep, Cody
Kolarider, Ashton
Kopperhaver, Paige



If you could be any cartoon character, who would it be and why?



"I would be Ash Ketchum because he is the best pokemon master ever!"
-Jillianne Cuevas



"I would be Spongebob because he likes to have fun."
-Kalee Kotsinadelis



"I would like to be Superman because he wears tights."
-Joe Barbosa



"I would want to be tigress in Kung Fu Panda because she's really good in Kung Fu! I can protect myself from maniacs."
-Diana Aharonian



Kotsimides, Kaley
Kovic, Shelby
Kunzer, Matthew
Kwon, Neil
Kwon, Patrick
Kyoung, Jun
Lauri, Morgan
Ludner, Justin
Lee, Brandon

Lee, Chanel
Lee, Erika
Lee, Gina
Lee, Ha Naeul
Lee, So Yoon
Lemus, Alejandra
Leshner, Noah
Lewinski, Rachel
Lovy, Jillian

Liddle, Zachary
Lin, Esther
Lin, Jay
Lobel, Hayley
Lomonelli, Ian
Losa, Matthew
Luna, Kelli
Lynch, Dennis
Lyon, Tanner

Mace, Anthony
Mactas, Laura
MacInnes, Tyler
McKirdy, Heaven
Maguire, Alexander
Malin, Holly
Margaret, April
Marshall, Tara
Marzall, Trevin

Martin, Malloy
Martinez, Alejandro
Martinez, Eddie
Martinez, Leah
Martinez, Olivia
Mathews, Connor
Matsumoto, Mitsu
Moore, Joseph
McKinnon, Meryl

McClafferty, Michael
McCollie, Jeffrey
McDonald, Sean
McEvoy, Austin
McKay, Tasha
Mendon, Alexander
Meotri, Jake
Miosick, Alexandria
Michel, Kitty

Michals, John
Michels, Kaitie
Mihalakidis, Stavros
Miles, Lindsey
Millerson, Matthew
Mills-Bosker, Bryce
Mirbae, Agra
Mukher, Hayden
Muroki, David

Miz, Riley
Mitchell, Michael
Mogel, Heather
Montemora, Alyssa
Montezano, Glen
Montoya, Joanna
Moon, Jerry
Morag, Aili
Morales, Kimberly

Morel, Chelien
Morris, Aubryn
Morris, Mikana
Moses, Wayne
Mughal, Basimul
Murphy, Chloe
Murphy, Jessica
Murray, Julia
Myler, Madison

Naglich, Martina
Nadone, Rudolph
Nemochansky, David
Newlin, Maxwell
Nieves, Alexander
Norris, Charles
O. Neill, Trac
Olar, George
Ogata, Kimberly

Oh, Michael
 Olog, Erika
 Oland, Hannah
 Ortega, Madeline
 Otero, Alina
 Owen, Jennifer
 Pacheco, Melissa
 Padilla, Melissa
 Pava, Kaula



Pak, Elizabeth
 Pak, Michael
 Parantea, Patrick
 Pascoe, Taylor
 Park, Angela
 Park, Jacqueline
 Park, Kyung Yoon
 Park, Leanne
 Park, Yoon Ju



Parel, Radhika
 Peddie, Cole
 Perez, Eliana
 Perez, Joana Renee
 Perez, Rebecca
 Peterson, Annika
 Pizuli, Kristin
 Pizzeria, Matthew
 Phillips, Kaitlin



Pierce, Devon
 Pizaro, Cameron
 Plasquet, Ryan
 Polyzine, Brian
 Ponce, Deborah
 Ponsler, Kelsey
 Poblador, Joshua
 Quimran, Kimberly-Clare
 Rai, Joannita



Ramos, Jacob
 Ramos, Amanda
 Randolph, Matthew
 Ranoni, Samuel
 Remy, Michael
 Renke, Alexander
 Renke, Michael
 Reyes, Daniel
 Reynolds, Andrew



Rhee, Young Hwan
 Rikka, Garrett
 Riggs, Alyssa
 Rioslan, Ryan
 Rodriguez, Marco
 Rodriguez, Richard
 Roe, Levi
 Rohland, Kaiti
 Romano, Matthew



Rosero, Josephine
 Rosero, Cristina
 Rosobeh, Yvonne
 Rosales, Doriane
 Ross, Erik
 Ross, Ryan
 Rowden, Taylor
 Ruffino, Ryan
 Ruggiero, Charles



Ruiz, Joanne
 Ruiz, Paul
 Rusting Morales, Kenneth
 Ryan, Ernie
 Rylander, Travis
 Salgado, Eduardo
 Samuel, Madeline
 San Juan, Victoria
 Sanchez, Ariel

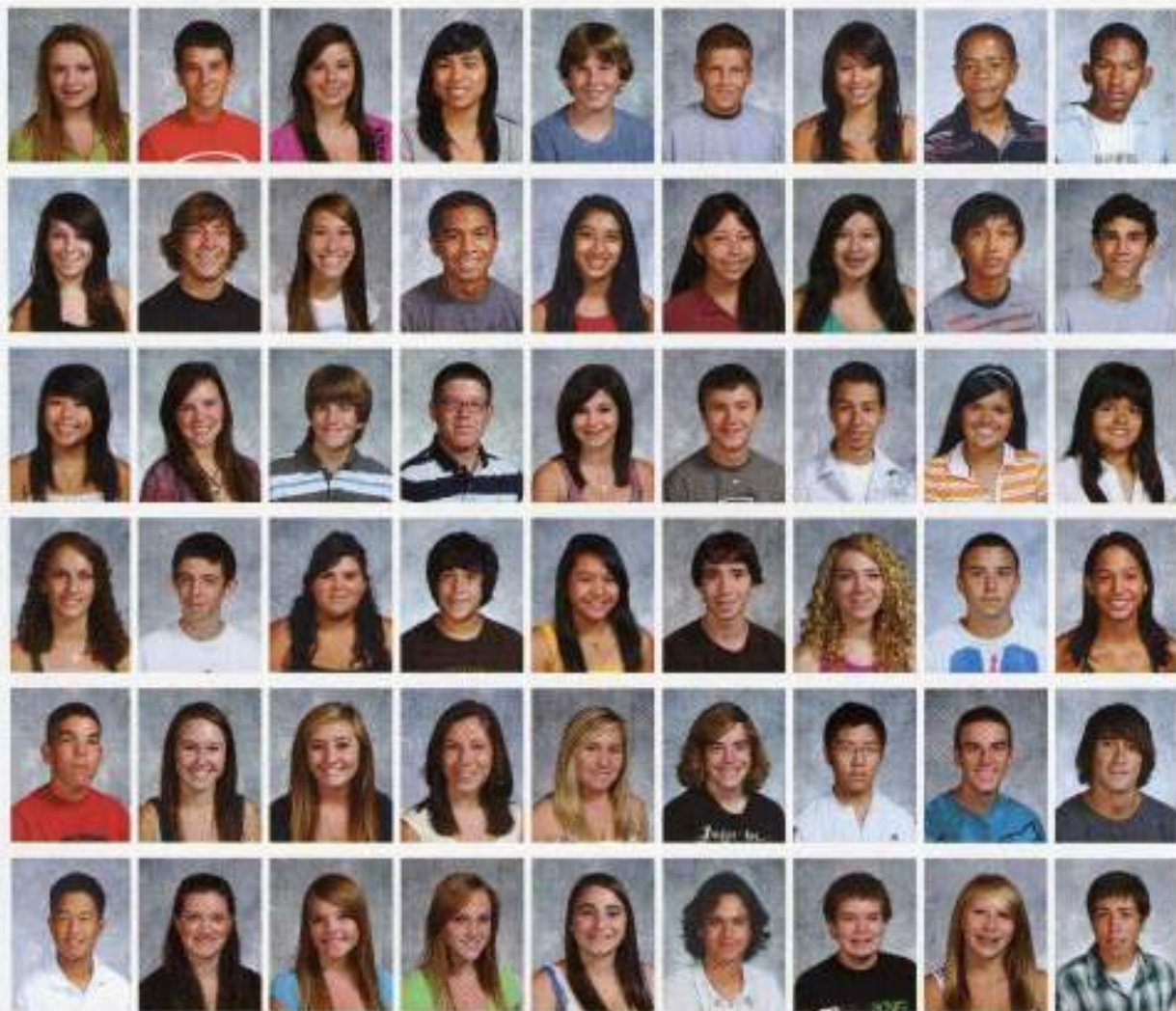


Sando, Lorenzo
 Santa, Samantha
 Savao, Shaun
 Scarborough, Shannon
 Schmidt, Rachel
 Scott, Katherine
 Seo, Richard
 Seung, Ye Won
 Shoen, Emmanuel



Shore, Rachel
 Silva, Gabriel
 Simone, Tyler
 Singh, Harprender
 Sillar, Lauren
 Slawson, Tara
 Smalley, Garret
 Smaroff, Aaron
 Smith, David





Seeth, Destiny
Seeth, Joshua
Seeth, Melissa
Soria, Malaysia
Sparrow, Tyler
Stanford, Andrew
Steinhilber, Eric
Stevens, Eric
Stocks, Kalin

Steen, Tom
Stuart, Brady
Sulhan, Amara
Sullivan, Christian
Sutaria, Sakai
Szymoniak, Samantha
Talarca, Ruby
Tallata, Christopher
Tarnat, Jonathan

Tan, Jasmine
Teague, Dillon
Theodore, Dean
Thomas, Evan
Thorton, Haley
Tollson, Matthew
Torres, Jakon
Tovar, Jessica
Tovar, Vanessa

Trina, Morgan
Travis, Jason
Uribe Lopez, Ismin
Urquhart, Layne
Valencia, Malory
Valenzuela, Nicholas
Van Gevenst, Brooke
Vancore, Christian
Vazquez, Erica

Vazquez, Alfredo Blas
Walk, Kendall
Walk, Kristopher
Wagner, Ashley
Wallace, Jayce
Wallis, Alexander
Wang, Sheng Long
Wang, Shih
Watson, Aaron

Wei, Jianfen
Weich, Lauren
Wells, Kelsey
Wells, Michelle
Wenicker, Taylor
Wieloch, Jake
White, Brandon
Wiaczorek, Eric Mary
Williams, Buddy

Jade Halcon

by Tim Holmes



According to Jade Halcon, art is the "physical manifestation of emotions that incorporates colors and draws inspiration from her surroundings." Jade has had a life-long love for art in combination with enormous talent, despite never taking formal classes. She enjoys drawing realistic portraits with both real and imaginary subjects. Halcon's inspiration comes from people such as Yoko Ono, Gerard Way, and artist Vincent Van Gogh. Her other inspirations come from family and friends: "I draw portraits of people I know and people who inspire me." Halcon has always felt that art is just something that comes to her easily. "Art is something I am good at, it relaxes me. I just grab a pencil and draw what I feel and what I want," states the artist. Despite her talent for art, she is not sure that she wants to pursue an artistic profession. For her, art is not just a job or work; rather, it is an outlet for her creativity.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?



"I would be invisible because I could follow my friends around and see what they do when I'm not there."

-Erika Ordog



"I would have the power to write down anything and read it out so it would happen."

-Peter Baek



"I would like to have a food ray! It would be awesome to shoot bacon out with my eyes!"

-Elizabeth Pak



"I would like to have Jedi Powers. I would be able to win any argument and have my way."

-Michael Shoar

Williams, Nicolette
Williams, Ryan
Watts, Hanker
Waldo, Jesse
Yako, John
Yakub, Rodrigo
Yhona, Dorica
Yoo, Yoo Li
Yonathia
Yi, Austin



Yoon, Alexander
Yoon, Hanna
Yoon, Ryan
Yun, Jung Hyun
Yusman, Isabel
Zamora, Melissa
Zarco, Omar
Zayyat, Nabil
Zelaya, Tyler



Zheng, Victoria
Ziggy, David
Zigmon, Harley
Zulaga, Carolina



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Cameron Muldoon
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Robert Reyes
Cassandra Hilary
Rivera
Anthony Romero
Jose Serrano
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FRESHMEN

The transition from middle school to high school can be a bit rocky, but with the help of friends, new and old, as well as teachers and counselors we, the newest West Ranch Wildcats, have fit in pretty well. The first day of school was terrifying. Between struggling to find our classes and choosing a new hangout spot, it was anything but what we expected. But as the days continued things seemed to get easier. The upperclassmen weren't as scary as they were at first and the school wasn't really as big as we thought. Classes were easier to find and we no longer walked around with schedules and maps in our hands. Sure it was difficult going from being the oldest at our Junior High to the youngest at our High School but we worked through it together. This year has been full of surprises and excitement as has set the tone for the next several years. West Ranch is our new home and we couldn't be happier.

Abdel Maghoul, Adam
Ackerman, Matthew
Adler, David
Aguilar, Bridget
Aguilar, Fernando
Aguilar, Israel
Aguirre, Erick
Aguiar, Jennifer
Akins, Ryan



Albi Mercier, Aurora
Alcantar, Valeria
Alcantara, Jenica
Alcoba, Jeremy
Alegre, Justin
Alexander, Kyle
Alfonso, Taliana
Algarin, Nicholas
Alkof, Syra



Andrade, Myliss
Andrews, Jake
Andrews, Sarah
Angeles, Daisy
Apostol, Meli
Apostolos, Alexander
Arias, Anthony
Argueta, Aaron
Arias, Lucas



Arina, Michelle
Armstrong, Amanda
Arnold, Joseph
Arllock, Connor
Arora, Nikita
Aye Darin, Jessica
Baek, Jehee
Bain Sowers, Alexandra
Baker, James



Baill, Jarrison
Balazser, Maria
Baron, Erick
Barda, Preston
Barnitt, Chad
Barrera, Christian
Barnett, Liara
Barroso, Felicia
Barroso, Jesse





Bartholomew, Hunter
 Basini, Rya
 Batten, Jesse
 Baum, Jeffrey
 Bautista, Angelina Camille
 Becker, Alexa
 Bedoya, Andrew
 Behshad, Andrew
 Bell, Austin



Belgas, Nicholas
 Beltran, FRANCISCO
 Bennett-Ortega, Tamara
 Bernal, Justin Ray
 Bernie, Gillan
 Biedy, Brandon
 Blumenthal, Brent
 Bond, Alexis
 Bondar, Troy



Bradley, Curtis
 Brar, Navjot
 Brava, Elizabeth
 Breckenridge, Robert
 Brito, Stephanie
 Brooks, Nicole
 Brooks, Taylor
 Brown, Sean
 Bulman, Nicholas



Burakov, Joseph
 Bustillo, Marian
 Buston, Juan
 Butler, Jacob
 Butler, Tucker
 Calbo, Rhodynn
 Callas, Richard
 Campbell, Dylan
 Canada, Brandon



Candler, Michael
 Canon, Justin
 Carothers, Amanda
 Costaneda, Daniel
 Castellon, Denise
 Castillo, Cristina
 Castillo, Daniel
 Castillo, Lorraine
 Castro, Andrew



Castro, Joseph
 Conon, Arthur
 Conell, Ivette
 Chang, Soo Ho
 Chanon, Perrya
 Chapman, Quenton
 Chisum, Deanna
 Chu, Jeffrey
 Chu, Michelle



Chacra, Jacob
 Christensen, Matthew
 Christensen, Michael
 Christy, Allison
 Chung, Donald
 Cisco, Bryan
 Clark, Arthur
 Clark, Malannie
 Cloney, Joseph



Clough, Cassandra
 Coffey, Casey
 Cornelius, Christie
 Cornell, Anastasia
 Corral, Jacqueline
 Crook, Francis Daniel
 Cuevas Corona, Maria
 Cunningham, Kelsey
 Curran, Abby



Curry, Daniel
 Curtis, Ryan
 Daggon, Lucas
 Davis, Kameron
 Davis, Laurence
 Davis, Tracy
 Davis, Victoria
 De Alday, April
 De Giorgio, Anne



De La Cruz, Janine
 De La Rosa, Heidi
 De Piano, Jago
 De Somoy, Christopher
 De Wolf, Connor
 Dewey, Michael
 Diaz, Louis
 Diaz, Amanda Emelyn
 Dietz, Stephanie

DiGiacomo, Amy
 Dimoski, Alessandra
 Divito, Victoria
 Dixon, John
 Dobias, Nicole
 Dobrowsky, Justin
 Dobriansky, Skyler
 Domeyer, Scott
 Domingo, Gabrielle



Doner, Donald
 Donatovich, Bailey
 Doolley, Brandon
 Dostec, Regina
 Douville, Samantha
 Dougherty, Dakota
 Downs, Kent
 Downs, Patrick
 Dragan, Nicholas



Drapez, Jessica
 Drouin, Dylan
 Dudley, Megan
 Dugger, Christopher
 Duncan, Connor
 Ebarik, Nicholas
 Edelstein, Shannon
 Erbody, Jessica
 Eitelich, Michael



Escamilla, Christian
 Espino Gonzalez, Christopher
 Estela, Alexis
 Evans, Lana
 Feinig, Lauren
 Fagan, Zachary
 Fakhri, Amy
 Farah, Alexander
 Farah, Sahal



Fanstra, Maria
 Ferrin, Christian
 Fernando, Kyle
 Fauser, Hayley
 Fisher, Joseph
 Flores, Amanda
 Flores, Gail
 Floyd, Kaylin
 Foley, Austin



Fols, Titus
 Forster, Garrett
 Fox, Melanie
 Franco, Justino
 Frey, Jacob
 Fromberg, Darral
 Furdak, Cobi
 Furnari, Michelle
 Gahan, Cassy



Galleaga, Mariah
 Galtori, Jesse
 Gamboa, Ricky
 Garmaradio, Robert
 Gaos, Celine
 Garcia, Brianna
 Garcia, Maria
 Gardner-Way, Adam
 Gaong, Samantha



Gasallo, Albert
 Giorgio, Devin
 Gertner, Kyle
 Ghau, Salf
 Gideon, Samara
 Gilker, Jonathan
 Gilman, Christian
 Gitau, Clara
 Godinez, Guadalupe



Gomez, Annette
 Gomez, Juan
 Gomez, Julian
 Gonzalez, Aaron
 Gonzalez, Anthony
 Gonzalez, Ashley
 Gonzalez, Johannah
 Goodman, Carter
 Gordillo, Denise



German, Kelly
 Grant, Michael
 Gray, Sydney
 Green, Alexander
 Green, Colette
 Green, Nicole
 Gregory, Tyler
 Grigovic, Anna
 Gross, Lily





aron Argutua

by Sarah Andrews and Elliott Park

The confident guitar player stands alone on the stage. He strums his guitar passionately and music notes begin to flow from the instrument. The audience jumps to their feet as they begin to clap along to the beat. He is not distracted by the cheers from the crowd and continues to let the music flow. Music is his life in that moment, it absorbs him completely. The stress of school, or everyday life for that matter, no longer engulfs him as it usually does. The confident guitar player is our very own Aaron Argutua.

Aaron Argutua has fallen in love with the guitar, beginning when his cousin first introduced him to the instrument about two years ago. Since then he has dedicated his time and energy into learning and playing, it has quickly become his passion. "Guitar has become a bigger part of my life," Argutua states. He owns an acoustic guitar, an electric guitar and a bass guitar. With such a variety of guitars, he is able to play an assortment of genres, including soft acoustics, classic rock and metal. His diversity keeps his hobby fresh and fun. "Music inspires me a lot," he explained, "it opens up how I think." Argutua loves to play in front of people and in the future, he dreams of making a band with his friends. For now, he will continue to practice to work towards his goals, he will never let the music stop flowing.



Grywczynski, Ashley
Guenero, Matthew
Guerns, Rebecca
Gullen, Floreia
Gulley, Brent
Guthrie Wedemeyer, Megan
Gutierrez, Ronald
Guzman, Alan
Haddad, Walid



Hahn, Celeste
Haight, Elinor
Hamberson, Kevin
Han, Esther
Han, Yoon
Hanna, Anthony
Hancock, Ryan
Harbin, Heather
Harland, Brandon



Harrison, Emily
Harris, David
Harsenstein, Megan
Harsenstein, Sarah
Horzyl, Matthew
Huskel, Zachary
Huthaway, Madison
Hoyes, Fuschia
Huth, Brandon



Heitz, Joshua
Hernandez, German
Hernandez, Morgan
Hernandez, Nelson
Herrera, Carlos
Herring, Simone
Hertzberg, Erica
Hertzog, Alexander
Higham, Spencer



Hill, Michael
Hogan, Mark
Hong, Christina
Hope, Connor
Horowitz, Ariel
Hoskins, Bradley
Hovis, Justin
Howard, Sydney
Howard, Zachary



Howard-Robinson, Vania
Hwang, Shannon
Hrip, Katie
Iby, Kimberley
Jacobowitz, Alessandra
Jacobs, Fallon
Jaffe, Jordan
Jing, Ellen
Jervis, Nicole

Jeon, Jessica
Jarrpa, Allison
Johnson, Courtney
Johnson, Evan
Johnson, Justin
Jones, Sydney
Juszkowski, Madison
Judge, Danielle



Jun, Justin
Jung, Joe
Kado, Corey
Kaiser, Natalie
Kakacy, Korinna
Kang, Ashley
Kang, Baek
Kang, Jacqueline
Kang, Sally



Kanjala, Binisha
Kasdorf, Clay
Kautz, Kara
Kenny, Ryan
Kerim, Anthony
Keshk, Michelle
Kessler, Ellis
Kinnison, Abbi
Krajanan, Erica



Khan, Aaliya
Khoury, Natalie
Kilgusworth, Kyle
Kim, Han Min
Kim, Naac
Kim, Ji Yoon
Kim, John
Kim, Karen
Kim, Rachel



Kim, Tae Hwi
Kiser, Diego
Kleber, Brooke
Kleist, Kristi
Kouchak Eshkvar, Kayvan
Koury, Katherine
Kowitz, Teagan
Kranitz, Alex
Kranitz, Jordan



Kruloewski, John
Krippa, Terina
Kury, Nicholas
Kutschko, Kromer
Kuwahara, Kenji
Kwak, Cho Young
Kwon, Julie
Labza, Hannah
Lambright, Jessica



If you were stranded on a desert island, what would you take with you?

by Sarah Andrews and Eliot Park



"A pigeon, so I can get a message home by pigeon migratory patterns."
-Angie Lee



"A refrigerator, just in case."
-Avery Ortiz



"A surfboard so I can surf for the rest of my life. What a dream come true!"
-Camille Bautista



"Michael Phelps, so he can swim me back home."
-Harrison Nam



Laney, Ghisla
Lansen, Shane
Lee, Nicholas
Lemier, Chelsea
Law, Justin
Lawrence, Lucas
Lay, Michelle
LeBaron, Kathryn
Lee, Angie

Lee, Brian
Lee, Dong Geun
Lee, Ga Ram
Lee, Lauren
Loughton, Taylor
Lamke, Jordyn
Lemus, Ariela
Leyva, Francisco
Lizari, Brittany

Liddle, Alyssa
Light, Ryan
Lim, David
Lim, Esther
Lindstrand, Leah
Lindvall, Janette
Lipa, Krill
Liu, Ryan
Lo, Juliana

Lobato, Alex
Lochord, Forest
Lovel, Moore, Caroline
Lucero, Sabrina
Ludwig, Joseph
Lutz, Brittany
Lynn, Brandon
Lyon, Christopher
MacArthur, Kylee

Mackachern, Skylar
Madrigal, Alyssa
Majors, Daniel
Makarova, Natalya
Mabeck, Arianna
Maldini, Anthony
Malkadash, Ornel
Manso, Tiffani
Marengi, Riccardo

Martin, Arianna
Martin, Brittany
Martinez, Amie
Martinez, Christian
Martinez, Jaemin
Martinez, Oscar
Marrone, Carly
Masino, Camille
Mason, Hadi

Matera, Alessia
Matern, Allison
Mason, Katie
McAfee, Laura
McDuff, Allison
McDonald, Lacey
McDonald, Megan
McIntee, Nicole
McKey, Sean

McLean, Chase
McMahon, Justin
Medina, Alex
Medrano, Jesus
Merchaca, Nicholas
Mendez, Jennifer
Mendoza, Jazmine
Merrill, Lorena
Meyer, Jessica

Milman, Benjamin
Miller, Austin
Miller, Jacob
Miller, Kayarah
Miy, Ki
Mitchell, Donna
Mura, Jake
Modlin, Amanda
Moon, Leonardo

Moore, James
Moore, Nelson
Moore, Shanon
Moyles, Christina
Morgan, Brett
Morgan, Ellen
Morgan, MacKenzie
Mucci, Gabrielle
Muska, Kendall

Moustis, Alexandra
 Muir, Morgan
 Munoz, Andrew
 Murillo, Alan
 Murtz, Joseph
 Myung, William
 Nam, Harrison
 Navarro, Alexis



Nehus, Jessica
 News, David
 Newlin, Marice
 Nguyen, Anh
 Nguyen, Elizabeth
 Nichols, Channing
 Nitz, Tyler
 Nordskog, Chet
 Norson, Nikolai



Nowakowski, Nicholas
 O'Brien, Delaney
 O'Brien, Jack
 O'Connell, Chaz
 O'Neil, Taylor
 Ocampo, Alejandra
 Ochoa, Brooke
 Ochoa, Samuel
 Omatuende, Tiffany



Ortega, Brian
 Ortiz, Alejandro
 Ortiz, Avery
 Ostrowski, Maximilian
 Otajin, Dachs
 Otani, Raji
 Otazo-Serrano, Mayra
 Otto, Amanda
 Pace, Courtney



Park, Soo
 Park, Karina
 Palmer, Brandon
 Panchasaram, Eric
 Panganiban, Kyle
 Pansigua, Alejandro
 Park, Genavieve
 Park, Elliott
 Park, Katherine



Panson, Melanie
 Ramirez, Austin
 Patel, Katie
 Paul, Matthew
 Paul, Nicholas
 Paulus-Pascual, Kory
 Peck, Dalton
 Perez-Valladares, Zuly
 Perry, Christopher



Peterson, Tommy
 Petras, Katherine
 Phillips, Ryan
 Phillips, Samantha
 Phongphannich, Kitpong
 Pfluer, Nicholas
 Pineda, Raul
 Pirjanian, Christian
 Plazo, Devin



Pond, Lauren
 Ponnopalam, Lina
 Price, Jonathan
 Prince, Alexandra
 Pritchett, Vanessa
 Propper, Ryan
 Radich, Nicole
 Rai, Karen
 Ramirez, Darlen



Ramirez, Jessie
 Ramos, Allison
 Rangel Lopez, Aime
 Raphael, Phoenix
 Ratner, Brandon
 Raviv, Tali
 Razjouyan, Debaram
 Reed, Thomas
 Reiser, Robert



Reid, Patricia
 Reilly, Daniel
 Remsen, Hannah
 Rendich, Brian
 Rendich, Justin
 Reinos, Chelsea
 Reyes-Bello, Christian
 Reynolds, Harley
 Richards, Kyle





Rivas, Stephen
Robinson, Daniel
Robles, Melissa
Rodriguez, Cindy
Rodriguez, Kassandra
Rokipour, Tyler
Romero, Ryan
Roque, Briana
Rosa, Mica

Rosa Guerrero, Bryan
Rosenberg, Paxton
Ross, Lauren
Rosa, Mikaela
Rubinoff, Stephanie
Rudrud, Ryan
Ruppert, Daniel
Russell, Connor
Russell, Nolan

Rutledge, Angelica
Sabie, Courtney
Sabie, Josh
Sako, Christina
Salinas, Brianna
Samudio, Stephen
Samuelson, Joseph
Samuelson, Julia
SanLara, Justin

Sanborn, Rachel
Sanchez, Adán
Sanchez, Aleksandr
Sandoval, Margarita
Sang, Min Gyu
Sarmiento, Caroline
Santibanez, Nicole
Sara, Ketan
Sara, Samir

Sarré, Megan
Savell, Jessie
Schiffman, Chayenne
Schrick, Kacie
Schrick, Jonathan
Schrick, Trevor
Seay, Curtis
Sellars, Kelsey
Serrao, Katie

Shamoun, Wajid
Sharbutt, Dylan
Shepard, Ryan
Shin, Jui
Shin, Alexander
Shin, Dong Won
Shirashi, Maya
Shoat, Jean Paul
Shojkie, Julian



Mariah Gallegos

by Elliott Park and Sarah Andrews

Goal! With determination in her eyes, Freshman Mariah Gallegos dribbles the ball down the field and swiftly dodges her opponents. In one swift movement, Gallegos kicks the ball past the goalie's waiting hands and it flies into the back of the net. The crowd jumps to their feet and erupts into cheers, sending waves of thrill up and down her spine. This moment reminds her of what she has been working for the last three years.

Mariah Gallegos' dedication has led to her nickname "soccer". She is currently on the school's JV team and she is also on the Santa Clarita Express Soccer team that travels across the state and competes against other teams. "I love the fact that I can play the sport that I love and be able to travel throughout the state at the same time," says the talented player. Though Gallegos loves the game, it can be stressful. Out of the many challenges she has faced, the greatest has been improving her game in all aspects to match the intensity of the level at which she plays. To overcome this obstacle, Gallegos looks to Mia Hamm for inspiration. "She is a really great soccer player...she has a great life inspiring [young people] to become better athletes, people like me." With three years of experience, Mariah Gallegos has proven that she has what it takes to play at a level that requires a lifetime of commitment.

What were you most looking forward to on your first day of high school?

by Sarah Andrews and Elliott Park



"I was looking forward to the new experiences and the beginning of the best four years of my life."

-Madison Hathaway



"I was concerned about meeting the teachers. I thought some teachers were going to be mean, but everything turned out okay."

-Julian Phongpharnich



"I was looking forward to being there with all of my friends. I was also happy to be in high school, finally!"

-Jordan Kravitz



"I looked forward to meeting my teachers, seeing the campus, seeing my friends again, and meeting new people."

-Ben Wilkin

Shaw, Linda
Sloan, Doine Rose
Sodaja, Anna
Sosa, Michael
Sosa, Allison
Spreng, Adriana
Stark, Ravina
Strobel, Matthew
Suith, Alyssa



Smith, Jillian
Smith, Sasha
Smother, Hadley
Snyder, Emily
So, Jonathan
Sohn, Jonathan
Solchman, Alexis
Solon, Jillian
Somerset, Nicholas



Sorenson, Lander
Sorsano, Isabel
Spagnuolo, Samantha
Spradlin, Kelly
Snyder, Joshua
St Arnold, Natalie
Stobler, Chandler
Stacy, Billie
Stanz, Brooke



Stolton, Clark
Stokes-Lawson, Sabrina
Stono, Jacob
Stout, Alexandra
Stuckler, Emily
Sturak, Ashley
Sward, Robert
Sweeney, Kevin
Syed, Fizza



Tabares, Andre
Tabor, Arnell
Tabor, Matthew
Tani, Jonathan
Tapanes, Elisa
Tapp, Gage Keith
Tate, Mekona
Taylor, Archer
Tells, Jerry



Tanzi, Joseph
Torres, Jeffrey
Terry, Andrew
Thompson, Danielle
Theorin, Courtney
Tiedel, Brian
Tideman, Chandler
Tjani, Jonathan
Tolleson, Elizabeth





Ingram, Andrew
 Torres, Ashley
 Torres, Isabella
 Tran, Julianne
 Trampala, Isabella
 Trigg, Robert
 Tuzman, Christopher
 Tanski, Matthew
 Tanski, Michael



Udeyana, Matthew
 Urbina, Zoi Zoi
 Urrea, Gerson
 Urvich, Jake
 Valdez, Leslie
 Vallejo, Guadalupe
 Van Dusen, Rigby
 Vasquez, Jessica
 Varschik, Thomas



Vasquez, Jonathan
 Vaughan, Samuel
 Via, Anthony
 Villegas, Angel
 Vincent, Brandon
 Viramontes, Robert
 Vogtman, Bailey
 Vogl, Sydney
 Von Kester, Baron



Walker, Giovanni
 Walker, Markus
 Wallin, Dylan
 Walsh, Bryan
 Waschik, Brandon
 Waterman, Jeffrey
 Watts, Ryan
 Weathers, Shannon
 Webb, Kelsey



Walker, Ashley
 Webb, Logan
 Wesol, Adam
 West, Trevor
 Whitley, Matt
 Whitmarsh, Christopher
 Wilkie, Benjamin
 Wilkman, Alec
 Williams, Emily



Williams, McKenna
 Williams, Scott
 Williams, Tanner
 Willis, Ozzie
 Wong, Cody
 Woodson, Alexander
 Woods, Ian
 Yamamoto, Tyler
 Yacht, Sergey



Yates, Eric
 Yehuda, Assad
 Yi, Ashley
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 Yin, Paul
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 Zarrin, Sasha



Zaragoza, Celina
 Zivich, Zachary



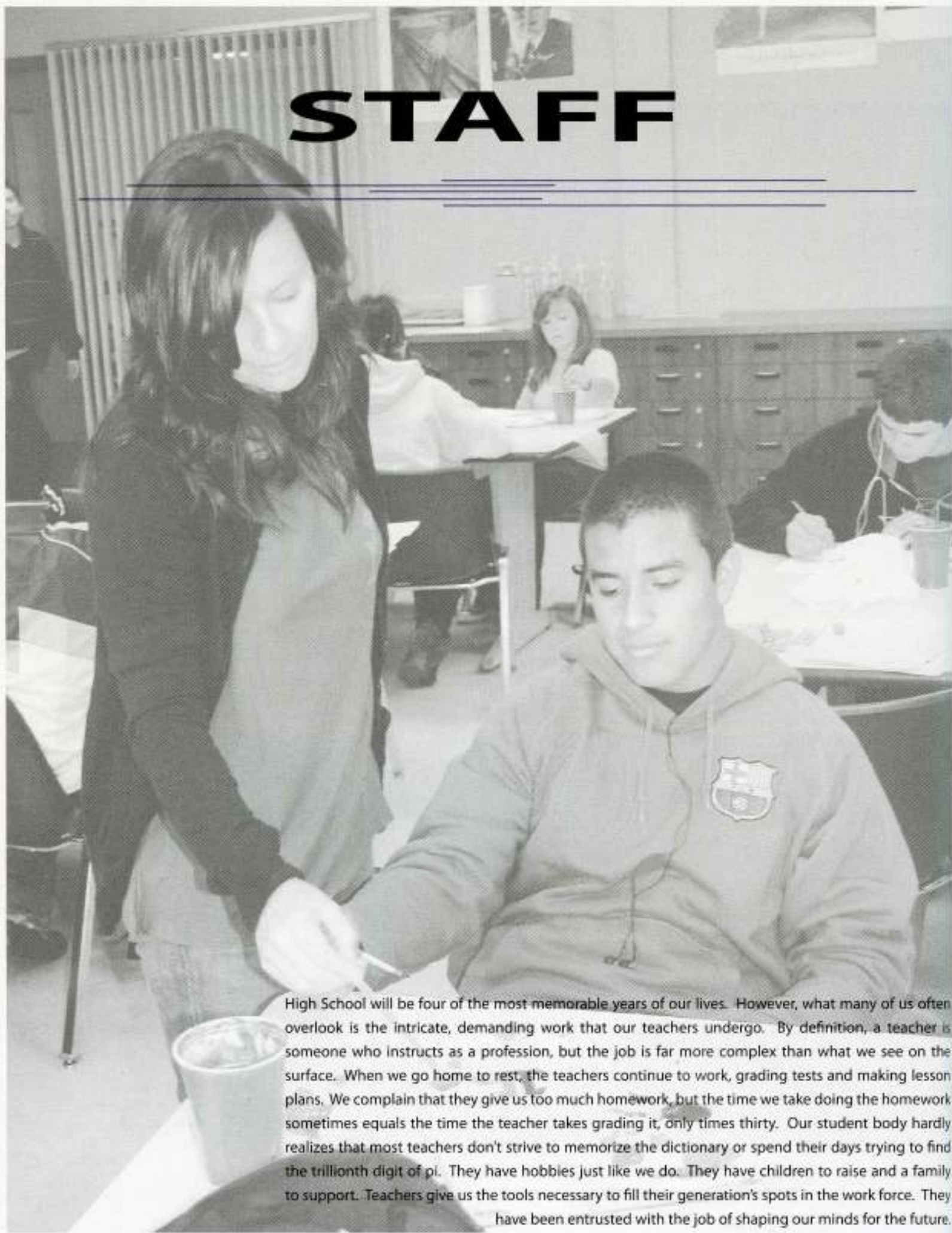
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 Joshua Kim
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Gloria Nunez
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STAFF



High School will be four of the most memorable years of our lives. However, what many of us often overlook is the intricate, demanding work that our teachers undergo. By definition, a teacher is someone who instructs as a profession, but the job is far more complex than what we see on the surface. When we go home to rest, the teachers continue to work, grading tests and making lesson plans. We complain that they give us too much homework, but the time we take doing the homework sometimes equals the time the teacher takes grading it, only times thirty. Our student body hardly realizes that most teachers don't strive to memorize the dictionary or spend their days trying to find the trillionth digit of pi. They have hobbies just like we do. They have children to raise and a family to support. Teachers give us the tools necessary to fill their generation's spots in the work force. They have been entrusted with the job of shaping our minds for the future.



Left: Athletic Director Dody Garcia scrutinizes her PE students as they complete the workout that she gave them. Far Left: Coach Kane records his student's mile time for the day's PE credit. Below: With her students watching on, Ms. Vanderheim uses the SmartBoard to teach her class an exciting lesson in math.



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Branna Andrews
American Sign Language
Laura Arrowsmith
AP US History, US History (Team)
Brandy Azareh
Resource, CAHSEE English
Kellen Atkins
Counselor



Above Right: Mrs. Gehlke stands up at the front of the class and teaches her students the American Sign Language.

Far Right: Mrs. Gannon, otherwise known as Madame, teaches her eager students the romantic French language.

Below: Even while he's busy teaching his class, Mr. Manalastas takes a moment to smile for the camera.



Deborah Babkhanian
English 9

Bob Babko
Adv. Jazz Band, AP Music Theory, Int. Jazz Band

Cami Bangasser
Mod Civ, Sociology, Soccer

Kristina Banks
English 10, American Literature

Yuleth Beatty
Lead Campus Supervisor



Jennifer Blount
English Literature, Yes I Can!

Diane Bouchard
Instructional Assistant

Michelle Bozarth
Receptionist

Tanja Brosche
Strategic Math, Algebra 1

Shannon Burgess
Ceramics



Vern Burns
Journalism, English 9

Brady Burtill
Algebra 2, Baseball

Casey Burtill
Home Page Production, Baseball

Lauren Calderonello
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Daniel Choe
Economics, US History



Samantha Coe
Warner Studios, Biology 2

Christopher Cook
Theater 1, 2, 3

Kathy Cooper
Health Assistant

Heather Corcoran
English 9, 11, 12; Yes I Can!

Luis Corretjer
Spanish 3





G abbing with Ms. Gabel

After having taught mathematics for six years, three of those in Bakersfield, Ms. Fayanne Gabel was named West Ranch Teacher-of-the-Year for the 2007-2008 school year. Additionally, she was also nominated for the California League of High Schools Teacher of the Year and was named one of the top ten educators in Region 8 for California, a distinction that she genuinely appreciates. "It is a real honor," Gabel explained, "Being elected by my own peers makes me feel good that my peers recognize what I have been doing." Deciding to enter the teaching profession because her grandmother was a teacher, Gabel became a math teacher because she was inspired to do well by a math teacher in her freshman year of high school. Now, she hopes to do the same for those students in her classroom. As she notes, "You can't underestimate how rewarding it is when students succeed." Developing strong connections with students is an important aspect to building a strong, close classroom community, but building those relationships does have a drawback. "The hardest thing for me is that I do not realize how close I can get to students," Gabel admits, "and how hard it is when they move on." In addition to her love of teaching, she has a real passion for fly fishing, a pastime that she has been doing for seventeen years. Gabel is also serving as an advisor for Wildcats Against Cancer, which she describes as a contribution to life itself, a comment which reflects this teacher's dedication and commitment to not only her profession but also to the needs of the community.



Linda Cox
Intro to Business, Marketing

Nancy Crosson
Marine Studies, Basic 1 Biology, Career Voices

Dan Doggett
Graphic Design, AP Computer Science, Tech Coordinator

Andersa Douglas
Humanities, AP Language and Composition

Jessica Duren
Basic 7 Biology, Basic 7 Health, Yes I Can



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Sara Ehrman
AP Psychology, AP European History

Laura Erickson
Librarian

Janis Flock
Textbook Clerk

Joannino Flemming
Career Advisor

Brad Fogel
US History, Mod Civ

Josh Fogel
US History, Economics, PE, Yes I Can!

Heather Frame
AP Literature & Composition, Shakespeare, W&D 11/12

Jessica French
Geometry, H Alg 2/Trig

Marsha Frost
Library Technician

Fayanne Gabel
Algebra C, Algebra 1

Andrea Cannon
French 1, 2, 3; AP French

Debby Gibson
AP Secretary

Dawn Gridler
Art 1, 2D Art

Gary Haggart
AP Physics AB, Physics



Happy Halloween

by Tim Holmes

West Ranch Teachers Share the Spirit of the Season!

For students, Halloween is about trick or treating with family and friends, running endlessly up and down streets until our pillows fill with assortments of sweets to the point where our bags are overflowing. Though Halloween can be a staff's worst nightmare due to the distractions of costumes in class and the student's sugar rush from all the candy we have consumed, at the Ranch however, the join in on the spirit of the day and dress up, at times even more creative and more original than ours. Though Halloween can be nerve racking for the staff, at West Ranch that's not the case: the staff is actively in festive activities and celebrating the tradition with campus students.



"Cat in the Hat" Mr. Webb joins in the festivities by joking around with his students.

Mrs. Padilla, Mrs. Burgess, Ms. Marsh, and Ms. Banks smile for the cameras.

Even our teach ladies get caught up in the spirit of the season!

Señor Helm struts his style as a Seattle Snowboarder.

Peter Parker, aka Mr. Haggart, reveals the superhero within.

Mr. Ayo shows sports traditional garb of his native Nigeria.

Saborita Martin sets off on a Spanish adventure as Bora the Explorer.



Kristin Hembel
US History, Economics, Fresh Cheer

Joshua Hammock
Campus Supervisor

Richard Haring
Biology, AVID 10

Yvonne Harger
Campus Supervisor

Bret Helm
Spanish 1, 2



Christine Hirst
Earth Science

Bill Hogan
Campus Supervisor

Jeff Hoken
General PE, PE 9, Golf

Adam Holland
CAR Tech, Found, US History

William Hughes
AP Calc AB/BC, Algebra 1, AVID 9



Alison Hunsaker
British Literature, St. Reading, American Literature

Brenda Hunter
Administrative Assistant

Olumuywa Idowu
Pre-Calculus, Algebra 2

Chris Irons
Chemistry, Earth Science

Rosa Jevahirjan
Spanish 1, 3



Michael Kane
General PE, PE 9, Football

Tracy Kane
Academic Decathlon, Honors English 10

Anna Kassin
Campus Supervisor

Anne Konrad
Aerobics, Tech Foundations, General PE

Tammy Koenfeld
Photo 1



Danielle Lahey
Med. Dir. Peer Counseling

Judi Lasalle
Registrar

Sean Legaux
American Government, Basketball

Mary Little
Counseling Secretary

Marisa Lodge
Resource 9, CAHSEE Math, Learning Center



Diane Love
Attendance

Cindi MacKay
Attendance

Margie Magee
Instructional Assistant

Shaha Makan
AP Biology, H Micro Biology, Biology

Kanika Mapp
Study Skills, Algebra, Yes I Can!, Learning Center

USC

The Annual USC vs. UCLA Football game gets much attention from die-hard staff and students every fall. This year, we polled the staff to find out which school has the greatest support. And the results were ...

"You can feel their [fan's] pride and they are not fair-weather fans"

- Mrs. Kane, English

74%

VS.



"We are such a dominant program. Everybody wants to beat us, and from time to time, that happens, but it makes it a lot of fun to watch a team that is good."

- Mr. Atkins, Counseling

26%

UCLA

Christine Marsh
Legends of King Arthur, Myth/Folk

Jason Marshall
Orchestra, Marching Band, Concert Band

Holly Martin
Spanish 1, Spanish 2

Caryn McDaniel
Receptionist

Jessica Mendez
Spanish 1

Joni Mikals
English 9-12

Sean O'Brien
Science Fiction, Am Literature (Team), Football

Sheila O'Dwyer
English 9, ELA 4

Pat Oakley
ROP Advisor

Vincent Oliver
AP US Government, Honors Economics





Left: Mr. Haring cracks a joke and laughs along with his class.
 Far Left: Counselor Mr. Rogers speaks with sophomore Chelsea Curran.
 Below: Mr. Cook goes over theater terms with students.



Jennifer Overdevest
 TV Production, Video 1, WITV

Claudia Padilla
 ELA 1/2/3

Maureen Patchett
 Campus Supervisor

Anissa Pauer
 Algebra 1, Algebra 2

Matthew Pearce
 Honors Human Anatomy/Physiology



Melody Pellegrin
 Myth/Folk, English 10

Cassandra Perez
 Biology, Biology 2, Intro to Sports

Heather Perrenoud
 Algebra 2, Geometry

Molly Peters
 Concert Choir, Women's, Chorus, Mixed Choir

Annie Preach
 Honors Geometry, Geometry C



Jason Prike
 Algebra, Pre Algebra

Tracie Prike
 Food, Intro to Hospitality

Ingrid Riederer
 Honors Alg 2/Trig, Geometry B, Algebra 2

Senia Rivera
 Algebra 2, Algebra C, Algebra for Seniors

Jeff Rogers
 Counselor



Darcy Rojas
 AP Hum Geography, Mod Civ

Sharon Rubottom
 Resource 11, Basic Health

Sally Rush
 AP Studio Art, Art 1

Terri Sage
 Health

Ben Scott
 Chemistry, Physics



Above: Sara Ehrman takes some time from her teaching to high-five a student who answered her challenging question.
 Right: Coach Holen directs his students' attention towards the weight equipment.
 Far Right: Mr. Babko writes out the tempo for his students on the board.



Christine Smith
Counseling Secretary

Michael Smith
H English 10, Yearbook, English 9

Randy Smith
Biology, Earth Science, Cross Country, Basketball

Laura Solarez
AP Env. Science, Chemistry

Eric Spiecker
English 10, Tennis



Jennifer Tresham
Pre-Calc, AP Statistics

Anelusa Valles
Spanish for Spanish Speakers, AP Spanish, Spanish 2

Suzanne Van Amberg
Counselor

Hannah Vander Helm
Algebra 1, Honors Pre-Calc

Timothy Von Busch
American Government, US History



Mary Walsh
AP Secretary

Terri Warford
Counselor

James Webb
Am. Literature, H English 9, English 9

Susie Westall
Resource 10, Parallel Social Studies

Fran Whitney
ASB Secretary



Mary Lou Wise
Assistant Registrar

Melinda Wignal
Life Management, Textile

Aaron Worby
American Government, US History

Doug Worley
Strategy

Paul Yoon
Bible as Literature, American Lit



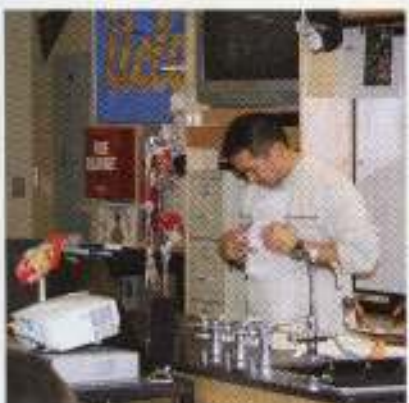
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- LaDorna Allman, Instructional Assistant
- Jacqueline Andrade, Instructional Assistant
- Ed Barera, Custodian
- Daniel Blair, Custodian
- Filmon Castro
- Jess Cericeos, Head Custodian
- OCI Galan, Counselor
- Victoria Contreras, Instructional Assistant
- Joe Garcia, Custodian
- Scott Gore, Custodian
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- Daniel Silvestro, Custodian
- John Seffkin, Custodian
- Gracie Stewart, Instructional Assistant
- Ed Thompson, Custodian
- Paulette Uptight, Instructional Assistant
- Jennifer Wookledge, Counselor

Shawn Zeringue
Chemistry, AP Chemistry





(Top to Bottom; Left to Right)
 Mr. Vincent, Ms. Burgess,
 Ms. Jevahirjian, Mr. R. Smith,
 Mr. Corretjer, Ms. Valles,
 Mr. Manalastas, Mr. Helm,
 Ms. Bangasser, Mrs. LaSalle,
 Ms. Hirst, Mr. Burns, Ms. Banks,
 Ms. Westall, Mr. Holland

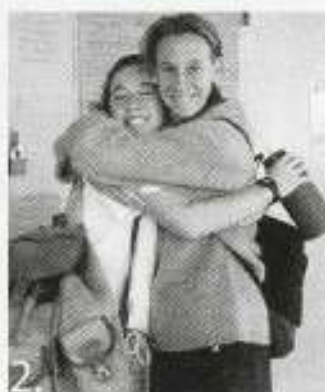
Flashback

Who's Who?

by Cory Batza and Christine Amador

Though we spend at least 60 hours of classroom time a semester with our each of our teachers, what escapes many of us as students is that teachers were once part of a student body just like ours. They once stressed over mid-terms, procrastinated on important essays, and even skipped school because they were "sick". They all know what it's like to have loads of seemingly irrelevant busy work and what it's like to get a perfect score on a difficult test. They had subjects that inspired them and others that made them want to throw themselves off a building. Whether it was head banging in a rock band, ridding horses, or playing a competitive sport, teachers have experienced all of the drama, trials, and tribulations that come with being a high school student.

Can you guess who's who? Below, there are fifteen photographs of teachers and staff from their high school days. See if you can guess who's who. Match the photographs below to teachers and staff on the following page. (Answers at the bottom of page 123.)





Frame- "Drama class was my favorite...part of high school. It gave me a place to...belong [and] to excel!"



Pearce- "I loved playing football, studying architecture and hanging out with friends."



Reynoso- "I would have to say the best part about high school were all the life long friendships I formed."



Martin- "My best memories came from being a member of the show choir."



Micals- "Best parts--the bowling alley and Friday night dances to a live band"



Preach- "Spending time with my friends."



Rush- "My favorite parts of high school were hanging out with my friends and my art classes"



Hunsaker- "I was on the speech and debate team - that's what I loved most about high school."



Fox- "My favorite part about high school was being ASB President."



Atkins- "I think my favorite part... was being able to interact with adults on an even playing field."



Kane- "My most favoritest, bestest high school memory was being on basketball team."



Babakhanian- "I loved all the activities (football games, clubs, dances, etc.)"

Answer Key

1. Mrs. Hunsaker 2. Mr. Atkins 3. Mrs. Babakhanian 4. Ms. Frame
5. Mrs. Kane 6. Ms. Martin 7. Mrs Micals 8. Mrs. Preach
9. Mrs. Reynoso 10. Ms. Rush 11. Ms. Fox 12. Mr. Pearce

simply **focused** academics



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efine school. School is an educational institution where young people receive an education. Not only can we be educated, but we also have the chance to expand our social skills by communicating with other students our age. When we enter our classrooms and leave our friends, is the material taught really being imprinted into our brains? Like the common expression states, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink." What drives us to accomplish these things? For many of us, we come because our parents and other factors push us to come to school to learn. However, earning an education is much more than just simply attending school regularly. We students must choose whether or not to apply ourselves and truly engage in the material. Yielding to the heavy load of work and choosing to participate and exceed may not be as easy. School is more than just buildings where we obtain education. It is also a chance to acquire knowledge that can last us a lifetime.



Eclectic English

by Esther Cho



In the Shakespeare English elective, West Ranch Seniors are exposed to the bard's various works and often act out the plays in an effort to better connect with the text. Seniors Tim Coyle, Robio Gonzalez and Stephen Chavez wear costumes and use props to better understand Hamlet.



Freshman Casey Coffey completes an overhead assignment in his ninth-grade English class. Getting the students to participate does not seem to be a difficulty in this classroom.



During his English class, Freshman Shane Larsen receives assignments from his teacher Mrs. Deborah Babakhanian.

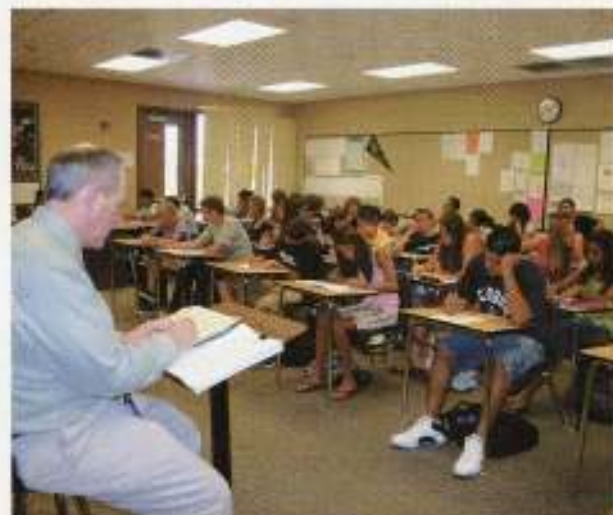


During British Literature with Mrs. Hunsaker, Senior Patrick Fueites presents a poem for his class while wearing an eccentric viking hat, adding enthusiasm to his presentation.

Below: Juniors Robert Lee, Richard Tran, Michelle Correa, and Brittany Chu pay close attention while listening to Mrs. Andrea Douglas in AP Language and Composition. This challenging class offers students the opportunity to enhance their writing skills as well as read classics such as *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and *The Great Gatsby*.



Below: Mr. Burn's ninth-grade English class prepares themselves for a long day's work. As the class completes their warm-up, Mr. Burns calls attendance.



Below: Junior Nigel Ambayec listens to his teacher's directions and begins to read a short story. Independent reading acts to strengthen individual skills and allows students to interpret the text on their own.



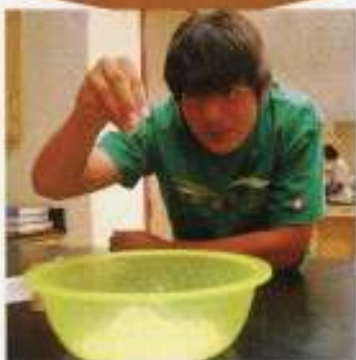
Though English is certainly the most widely-spoken language in the world, English classes involve much more than understanding the spoken word. In fact, even here at West Ranch High School, students have a variety of different and unique English classes such as Humanities, AP Literature, British Literature, and Mythology and Folktales, to focus on the study of a class or genre of literature as they work to improve their reading, writing, and speaking of English. As sophomore Gina Lee notes, "with so many different [English] classes, it is very hard to realize which class studies what." Indeed, Lee is correct. In Humanities, students learn to view artwork such as paintings and music, on an analytical level. The students learn how to analyze and critique artwork presented to them. "Humanities is an 'artsy' form of English," adds senior Esther Yi, no doubt referring to the study of art in conjunction with the literature in a number of historical periods. In contrast, AP Literature encourages students to excel at reading and analyzing fiction. Senior Prabh Kehal explains that "AP Literature is finding the passion in writing and reading." In the first few years of high school, Honors English classes are great for preparing students and acquainting them to the basics of English. Honors English 9 and 10 are courses that move at a quicker pace yet study more in-depth writing, reading, and composition processes. "Even though at times Honors English is hard," acknowledges sophomore Alex Iglesias, "I look to my teachers for help, and they help me find the answers to my questions." Certainly, the language we speak isn't simple. Its use in a variety of genres and forms of classic literature with a wide-range of styles makes English classes more than just studying vocabulary and analyzing plot. More importantly, studying the English, as expressed through a variety of types of literature, should help us appreciate the language that we take part in every day.

Sweet Science

by Esther Yi

With fumbling, tentative hands, an Earth Science student gently pushes down the vibrant layer of Fruit Roll Up onto the soft layer of cream. What do you expect to happen? Will the cream spread out onto the sides or will it stay still? Students gather around their own project to observe what will happen...

Wearing long pants and pulling your hair back are the basic rules everyone must follow when performing a lab, but there is so much more to know. Chemistry teacher, Mrs. Shawn Zeringue, feels labs are important because "they allow students to see what they are learning visually." This "hands on approach" to learning often engages the students in the subjects which they are learning. Labs not only require all of the students' attention but also call for "cooperation and teamwork from each group member," notes Heejae Chung. Returning to the Earth Science classroom, students stare questioningly at their "oceanic crust" and behold. The cream seeped through the microscopic holes of the Fruit Roll Up showing small white dots upon the colorful sweet candy. When questioned what she enjoyed most about the lab, junior Olivia Walker exclaims, "You can learn something and then eat it!" Whether it's as simple as creating play-doh to molding the Earth's Mid-Atlantic ridge, or as complex as dissecting a cat, labs are an enjoyable and active way to learn.



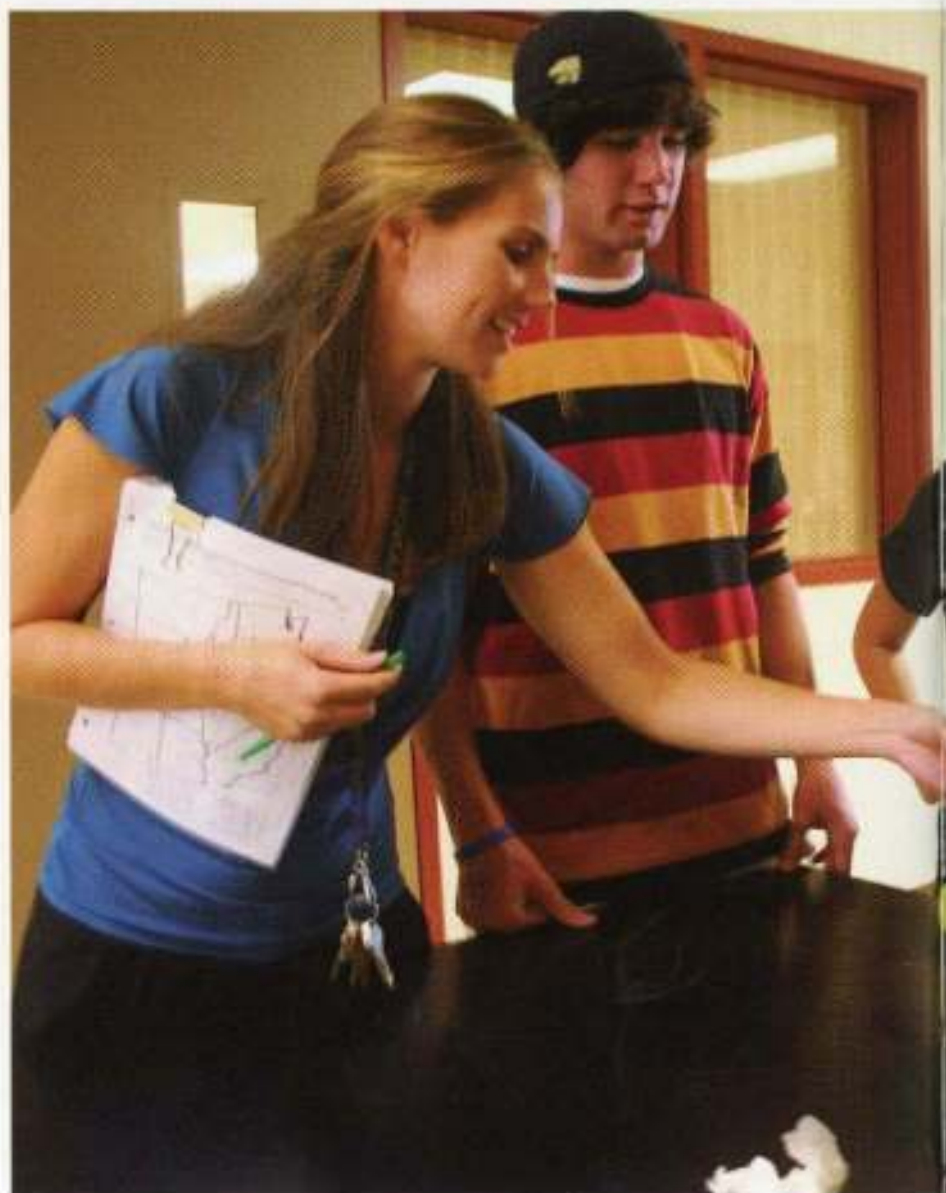
Andy Vicente watchfully dispenses his miniscule amount of salt into his play-doh mixture.



Senior Kirsten Haines and Junior Mikaela Cimarusti complete their biome lab for Environmental Science at the LA Zoo. "Learning outside of the classroom was a great experience!" says Mikaela Cimarusti.



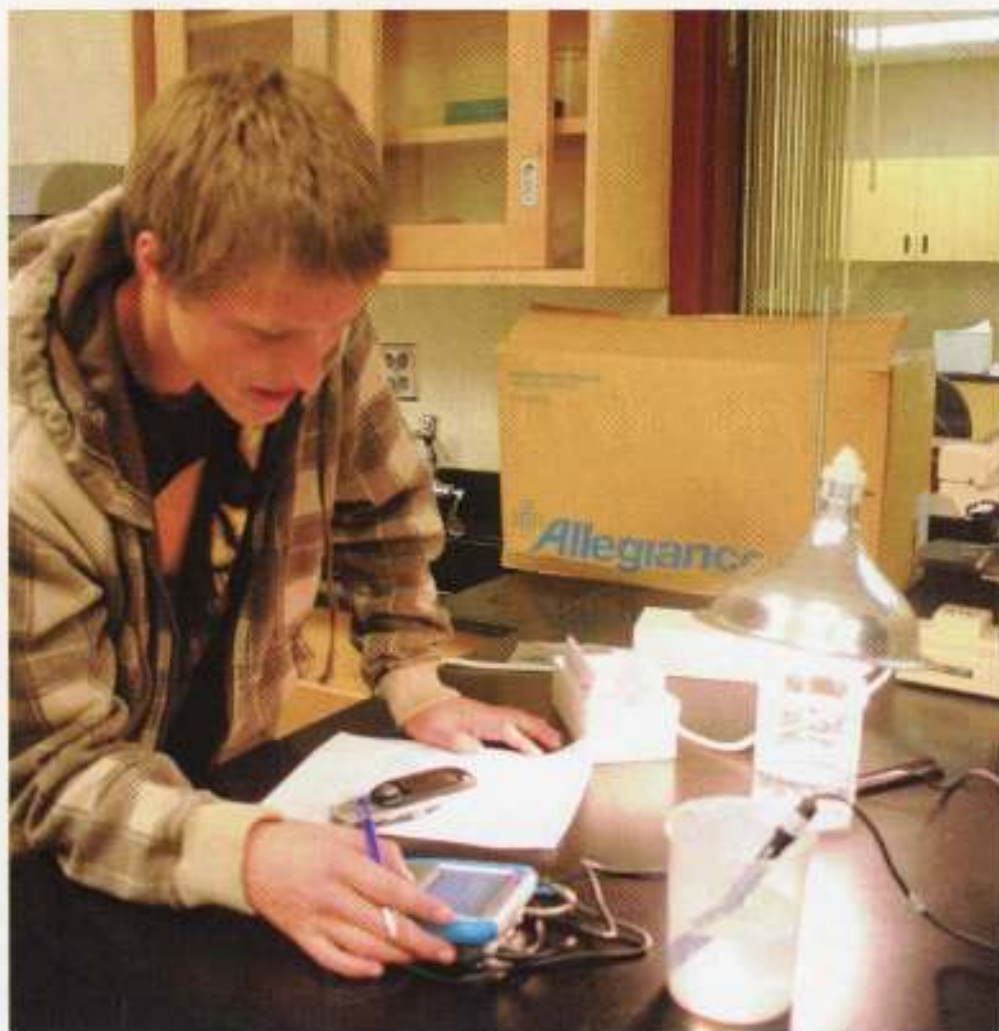
Mole Day, October 23, gives chemistry students a chance to be creative and create stuffed moles such as this one.



Rachel Cantrel and Mandeep Kehal watch Mrs. Shawn Zeringue pour the dangerous chemicals into their already partially made solutions. They must be careful not to spill.



Below: Students Zach Farmer and Buddy Williams engage in running in order to compare their times to the velocities of seismic waves.



Above: Mark Bagnall diligently records his observations by measuring the salinity of ocean water with conductivity probes during a lab. Labs can often "light up" any science class.

Left: Mrs. Samantha Coe checks to see if the play-doh mixture is ready for lab students James Gladden, Azure Baxter, and Nicholas Mateus.

Below: Junior Shelbi Lampman reviews her Advance Placement, U.S. History notes as a reference to help to finish her flow map assignment. Many different types of thinking maps are used in the class to help stimulate and organize thinking.



Below: While completing their class work in their United States History class, juniors Michael Sander and Zachary Nordby share key points with one another as they find the answers for review of class concepts.



Mr. Brad Fogel shares his enthusiasm for the lesson of the day with his Mod Civ students.



A Blast From the Past

History

by Esther Cho

Tick, Tock Tick, Tock. A student nervously glances at the clock to check how much more time is left to finish the gruesome test in Modern Civilizations. Question number forty-seven, Which group was more likely in favor of a limited monarchy: the Girondins or the Jacobins? Wrinkling his forehead in frustration to remember the answer, the student decides either to guess and attempt at doing well on the whole test or to really concentrate and try to remember the notes on the last lecture...

There is a battle going on in the silent class of Modern Civilization as students struggle with their test. Sometimes the importance of a test is often misread by students. They either think of it as the most important factor for their grades and study furiously for it or believe that it will be easy to pass. Either way, every student has a soundless struggle occurring in their head while answering test questions. Before taking a history test, students have mixed emotions depending on how much they have devoted their time to studying. Senior Fernando Schiantarelli knows that he will do well on his next test and feels "calm and confident because I know the criteria and material very well."

...Sophomore Angelo Gepiga decides to fully give his concentration because he feels that "one single test in history, can determine whether you pass or fail the class." And just as we all very well know, something no matter how small, will definitely affect us in the future.



Left: During Modern Civilizations, Mr. Vincent Oliver and Alberto Estela take a break from test-taking to strike a playful pose for the camera.



Above: Judith Romeo diligently focuses on her A.P. United States history class work assigned by Mrs. Laura Arrowsmith.



Above: During AP Euro, Jonalhan Tamsut smiles at his test, glad to know the material he studied showed in his test score.



Above: Wesley Bowen prepares to roll the dice during a group activity in A.P. U.S. History class.

Add It Up

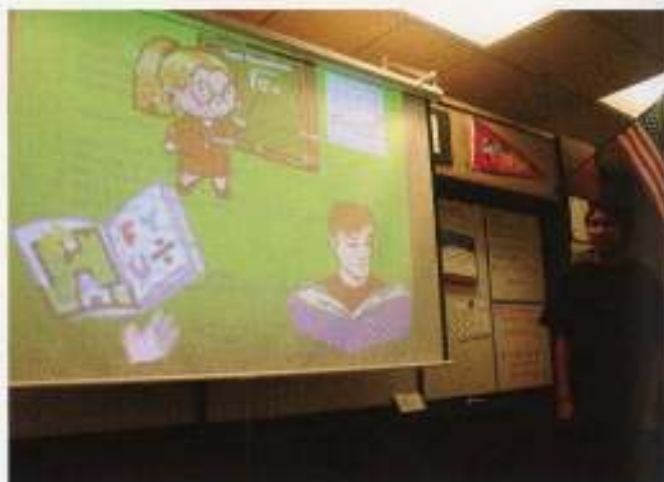
Mathematics

by Jennifer Moon

One, two, three, four, five, six. A student counts down the number of people in line ahead of her. She enters the student store and counts the endless number of refreshments the store has to offer. What can she afford with three dollars and twenty-seven cents? Sophomore Erica Flores settles to buy one Hot-Cheetos fries, Lays Barbeque chips, a Sprite, and one Fruit-Roll-Up. She calculates the price before hand, adding up to three dollars. She hands the student store cashier three dollars and walks out of the store with her hands full of food...

At West Ranch High School, students are offered several different math classes. Students are able to undertake the class of their choice. These classes range from Geometry to AP Statistics. The diverse classes offer a wide range of levels to match each student's abilities. Math is perhaps one of the most crucial classes in regards to real life applications. Students often underestimate the power of knowledge and learn too late the necessity of their classes. Being focused and dedicated are definitely important qualities for the classroom.

... But then, Erica leaves and suddenly realizes that she only has twenty-seven cents for the bus and is short seventy-three cents. When asked about her opinion of money, Erica Flores exclaims that "We need it for everything!" But rather than money, it is actually numbers that are essential to our lives. Math is complex. Math is not easy. It isn't exactly the subject that most students look forward to, in their schedule, but math is used in various ways to make our lives much easier. From grocery shopping to cracking a difficult statistics problem, numbers are present in many of our daily activities.



Above Right: With her graphing calculator as an aid, Karina Kanjaria concentrates on giving all her attention to her assignment. Calculators allow students to complete complex problems and evaluate different equations. A wide-range of choices, from scientific to TI-89 graphing calculators, help students in diverse math classes and levels. Middle Right: As Jerrel Mendoza presents his mathematics powerpoint to his fellow classmates, playful clipart images magically appear on the screen. Presentations serve to reinforce information for the students who view the presentation while helping students who create them to understand the material better. Bottom Right: Jun Kyoung and Garret Smalley show that great teamwork and effort is a primary need to complete their work successfully.



Above: Presenting his project on Descartes, Abraham Park shows his well-made powerpoint for the students. Student teaching is often a technique used by teachers to get the students more involved in the learning process. Left: During class, Students often have time to interact with their fellow classmates and their teachers to discuss the day's lesson and work on math problems. Mrs. Vander Helm smiles down upon her student, Katelyn Ford, glad that she is able help her students in need. Below: After listening to a day's lecture, students Elizabeth Sarkisian and Suzanne Anderson studiously work together to complete their task for the period. In-class assignments serve as reinforcements of the new information learned in class. Teachers often use them to offer students a chance to practice the new concepts and speak one-on-one with each other to answer specific questions. Working together is also a great way for students to interact with each other on the problems that were troubling.



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Foreign Languages

By Meghann Flaherty

Learning another language can set students up for a successful future and allows one to have a broad knowledge of that language's culture. "I like learning about all elements of French culture: the fashion, food and the daily lives of the French people," notes junior Erika Krahl. "I also find it really interesting that French is spoken in so many countries because knowing another language allows you to communicate with others all around the world." West Ranch has a wide range of French-speaking classes from French 1 to AP French, but French isn't the only language that is offered here at West Ranch. "What I love most about the Spanish culture is the spicy food and their fashion," remarks senior Natalie Tuttle. Spanish is a language that is used throughout the world and is spoken quite frequently in California. But many students who know another language and want to try something new choose the newest language offered here at West Ranch, American Sign Language. As senior Paloma Baltazar explains, "I chose American Sign Language because I already speak Spanish, and because my grandma's friend's daughter is deaf and from a very young age I wanted to communicate with her but couldn't. Now I can!" It doesn't matter if you speak Spanish, French or American Sign Language, knowing another language is a benefit for life and creates a well-rounded person. *Por lo tanto, salir allí y aprender un nuevo idioma de hoy. Donc, on dois apprendre une nouvelle langue aujourd'hui.*



Above: Instead of just memorizing vocabulary terms in the book, many teachers try different approaches to help a variety of students, which includes visual aids, kinesthetics, and lectures. Mrs. Gannon demonstrates to her class the actions of multiple vocabulary words to help them fully comprehend the meaning. In this photo, she acts out the verb "écouter" which translates to "to hear."



Above: Excited by the new Spanish vocabulary that they have now acquired, students in Señor Helm's class raise their hands enthusiastically, knowing the answer to one of his questions.



Above: The entire class pays attention as Mrs. Andrews tells them a story in sign language. Story telling is one of the best ways for students to learn and understand a new language. In ASL, she signs fascinating stories in American Sign Language literature, which can range from poetry to ABC stories.



All of Madam's French classes came together for a French feast, which consists of Moroccan couscous, perrier water, french lemonade and other delicious French food.

Below: While students work with their books, Senor Helm strolls around the room, helping out students who are engaged in the text and making sure that no one is getting left behind.



Above: Madame Gannon mixes up the curriculum by having the students stand up and do some exercise. She is making her students act out the word "house."

Below: Ms. Andrews gives her ASL students instructions to tell each other about what they did that day and what they plan to do tomorrow. This involves signing in the present and future tense.





Above: Stephan Rivas and Nick Kurn rest on the grass and discuss their finishing run times.

Below: John Kim and Andrew Jeong wait for the daily routine of stretching and warm-ups to commence. Each class period begins with stretches and agility exercises, such as skipping and sprinting.



Below: Louie Diaz and Justin Bernal finish the final lap in their one mile run. P.E. classes complete weekly timed-runs to test students' endurance and improve cardiovascular health. Types of runs vary from endurance-based runs to runs that are based on how quickly a student can cover a given distance.



On a hot Southern California day, many students who are completing their mandatory two years of physical education may wonder why it is really necessary. On the surface it seems as if the class merely calls upon students to aimlessly run around a track, throw balls at each other in the sweltering heat, and to compare muscles in the weight room. Of course, as we all hate to admit, the benefits to a strong physical education is much more beneficial than it appears. "Your health is the only thing you have," comments Coach Jeff Folen. "If you don't work to stay healthy when you are young, it will be much harder when you get older." It's true that physical activity provides valuable lessons for the body and helps us maintain a healthy physique; this lesson is especially important in today's world where fast food chains and junk food dominate. While many acknowledge the truth in Coach Folen's statement, P.E. can also be a challenging class. Sophomore Stephanie Gates admits, "P.E. is okay, if you like sports." For that reason, within a semester, classes cover several different sports units, including basketball, football, and volleyball. After students have learned the basics of the games, classes compete in teams for prizes such as free runs. The content of P.E. classes appears to be tailored to students who already possess athletic ability. Luckily, the coaches are there to aid students while they work to develop and improve upon their skills. Playing sports is not the only enjoyable part of physical education classes. Junior Ben Gideon enjoys P.E. because "the teacher is easy going and easy to talk to. The people are chill and you make a lot of new friends." Even the student service enjoys being a part of the physical education class. Freshman Dalton Peck's favorite part of being student service is "borrowing money from Coach Folen...because you always have to pay interest." So even though most physical education students constantly complain and P.E. seems like a daunting class, it helps us keep up a happy heart and a fit body.

Your Daily Intake

by Liz Bauer and Marissa Fein

of Vitamin D

Physical Education



Students take a rest after a vigorous workout in their Physical Education class.



Ryan Curtis finishes his weekly timed run. Each week students work to improve their times and gradually increase the distance of their runs.



Pariya Chanon sprints on the final stretch of the track. Physical education teachers encourage students to complete their runs in an allotted amount of time. Ideal run times are based on a national standard based on age and gender.

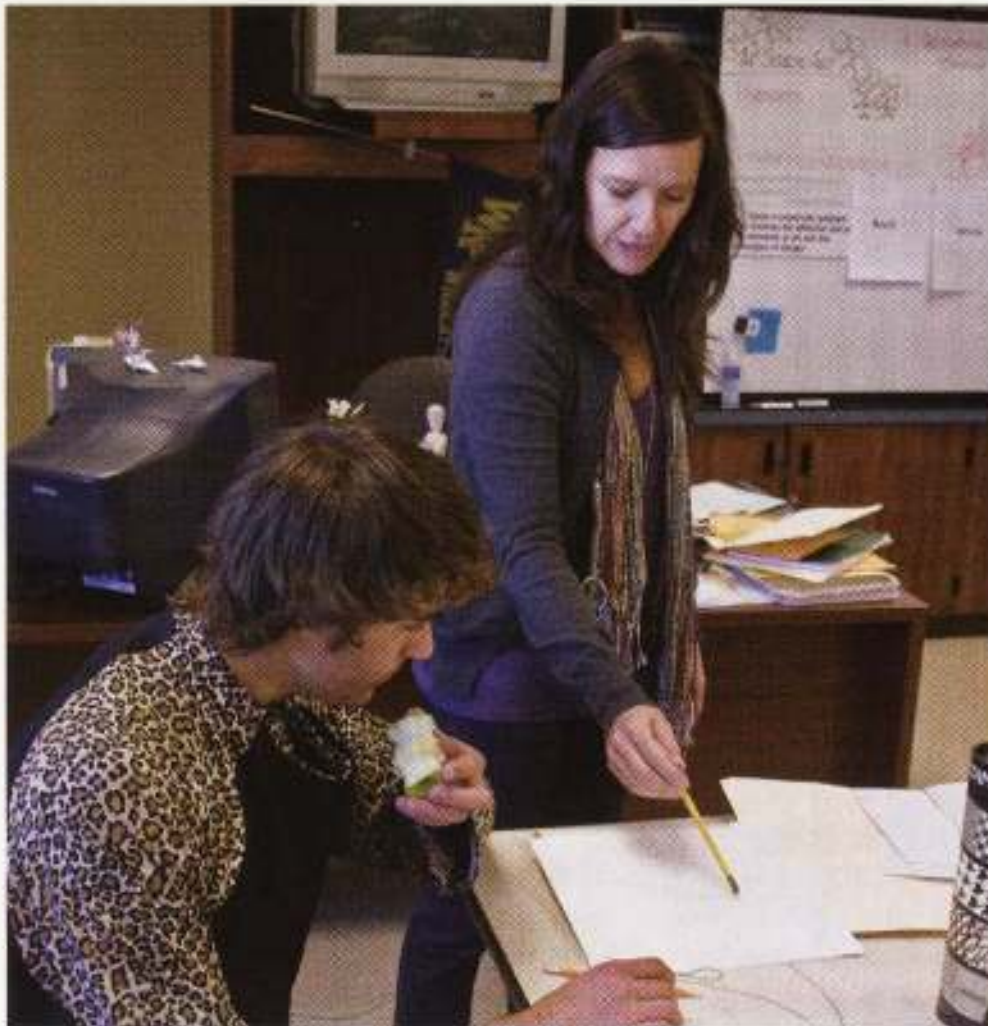


A group of P.E. students walk to the track to complete a weekly run. As the semester progresses, weekly runs can become more challenging, but with practice students can increase their athletic ability which makes the runs easier.

Mrs. Burgess and Junior Nichole Ogden concentrate as they work at the pottery wheel stations in ceramics class creating their pottery masterpieces.

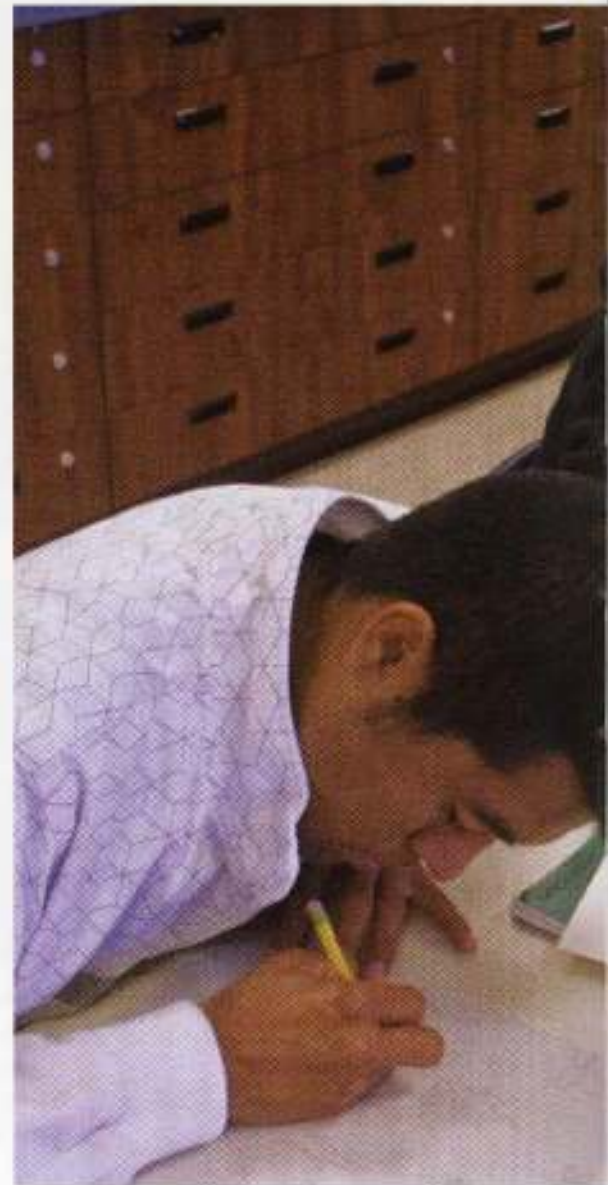


Ms. Kornfeld assists Senior Monique Gudino with image editing in Adobe Photoshop for her Photography 1A final project.



Above: Ms. Rush and Senior Patrick Allen discuss ideas for Patrick's project in Ms. Rush's fifth period art class. Ms. Rush is helping Patrick to develop his idea, bringing up issues concerning color theory and placement as well as what paints to use.

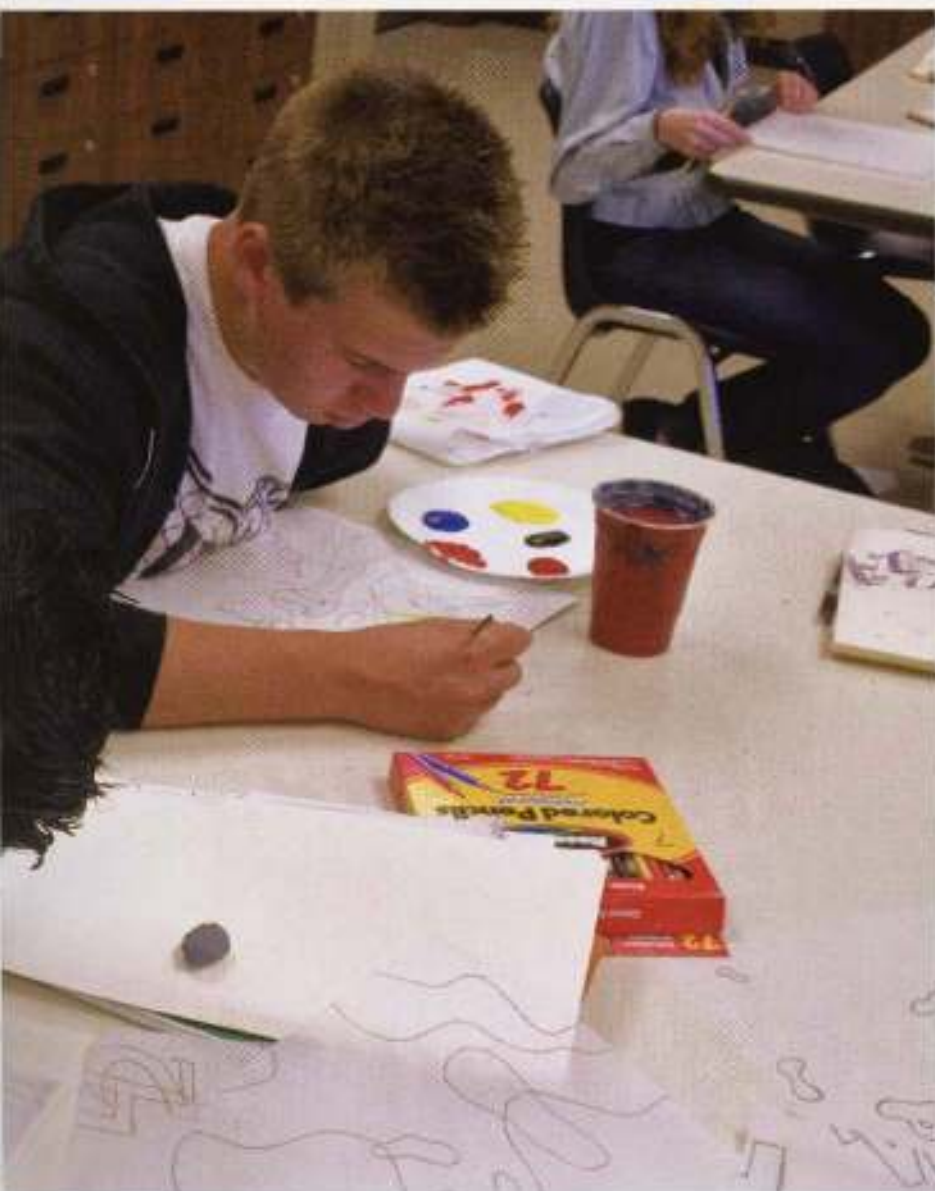
Right: Senior John Pineda and Freshman Brandon Palmer focus on drawing and painting in art class.



Art Awareness

by Andy Gohlich

Foundation-level knowledge in fine art, whether it be in ceramics, photography, art, music, or theatre, is extremely important in any educational program. The purpose of fine arts curriculum is to heighten students' artistic awareness and promote personal growth in the arts, which goes on to facilitate success in other academic classes. In the general art courses, instructed by Ms. Rush and Mrs. Grider, students learn to work with a variety of mediums, including graphite, charcoal, and paint. Freshman Madison Hathaway says her favorite part about art class is "getting to paint and be creative," which is no doubt a nice break from a hectic academic schedule that many students face. Junior Lindsay Hibbs also mentioned that she feels she expresses herself best by painting and sketching. In ceramics, taught by Mrs. Burgess, students are constantly working with their hands, whether they're at the pottery wheel or at their desks gingerly sculpting clay. Nichole Doden, a Junior, while working on the pottery wheel with Mrs. Burgess, also said that her favorite part of ceramics is the ability and freedom given by her teacher to express her creativity. Senior Teddy Agyapong said that his favorite part about his digital photography course with Ms. Kornfeld is "going out to take pictures with a group and coming up with different ideas together creatively."



Senior Teddy Agyapong analyzes his photo for print quality right after it comes out of the printer in Ms. Kornfeld's Photo 1A class.



Senior Jasmine Tenting looks on as fellow senior Kirsten Haines uses a small tool to work on her art in Mrs. Burgess's ceramics class.



Senior Christian Martinez works in Adobe Photoshop CS3 to edit his photographs prior to printing for the best print quality.



A Way With Practicality

Practical Arts

by Meghann Flaherty

Who says that the practical arts are the easy ones? Classes that we think are simple, such as Cooking, Health, Graphic Design, Marketing and Life Management, actually take time to learn and master. Luckily, West Ranch High School schedules all of these valuable classes. One of the classes where students can learn about one's body is Health. In Health, students study different diseases, the effects of drugs and alcohol, and the developing human body. Some of the most valuable lessons learned in that classroom, as stated by Jessica Villalvazo, are "the way we look and learn to accept ourselves, because that's the only way we are truly happy and how one simple way of thinking can affect your body and mind." Health is not the only class where students learn important life skills. Foods class is where West Ranch students can get hands on experience with cooking. In Foods, students learn the importance of food preparation like "washing your hands before and after touching raw food so you don't get sick and reading directions thoroughly so you don't mess up a recipe," says Christen Delpilar. Now, who can forget the infamous baby project in Life Management? "Having a baby is a big responsibility and a great experience. I really liked the baby project because I learned a lot about taking care of a baby," said Kim Jenner. West Ranch also supplies classes where students can learn computer skills. For example, in Graphic Design, "we draw, make posters, and design images. We also use effects on images that improve the picture, but you have to spend your time wisely because it can improve your work ethic," said Sabrina Schiermeyer. Last, but not least, there is Marketing, where students learn and gain an appreciation for the stock market. "I hope to follow the Market and start a business of my own," stated Wesley Lienoy.

Right: Students in Mr. Burrill's Home Page Production class learn many important skills about creating web sites. Here, students diligently work on finishing a web page that they have been compiling for weeks.



Students in Mr. Burrill's Home Page Production class have no problem helping each other out on the computer, such as this student who is helping another student with her home page.



Posters cover the walls of Mrs. Sage's Health class room. Most of these posters are of past projects students have done about different diseases.

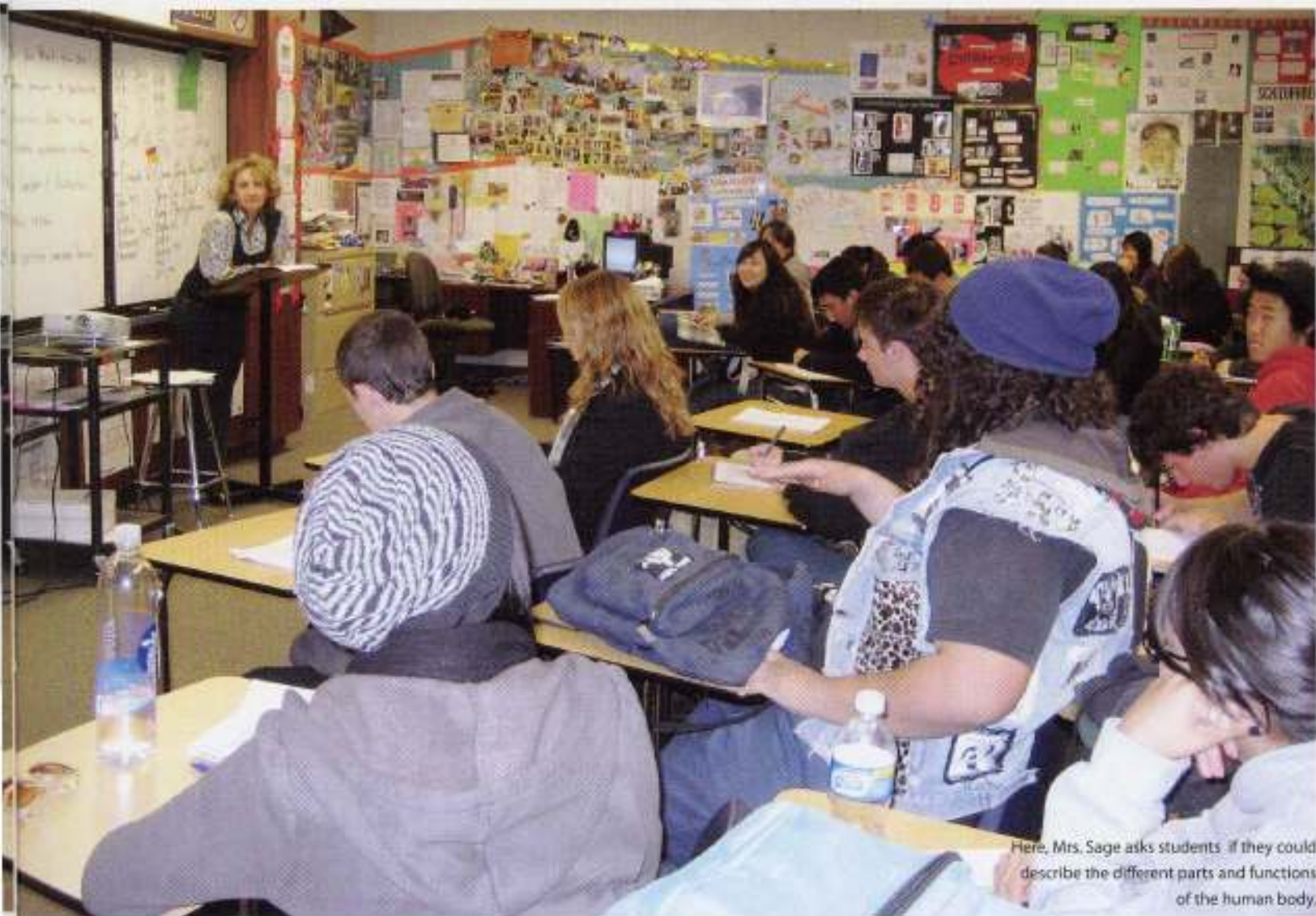


Students in Ms. Wignal's Life Management class were very excited to work in the kitchen for the first time. They made yummy pizza and sweet apple pie.

For the first time, students in Ms. Wignal's Life Management class went in to the kitchen and made some delicious apple pie. Here Justin Dobrowsky is cutting apples for the pie.



Students in Mr. Doggett's Graphic Design class learn how to maneuver around the In-Design program. The students use the program to enhance movies, music and theatre posters by adding text and images.



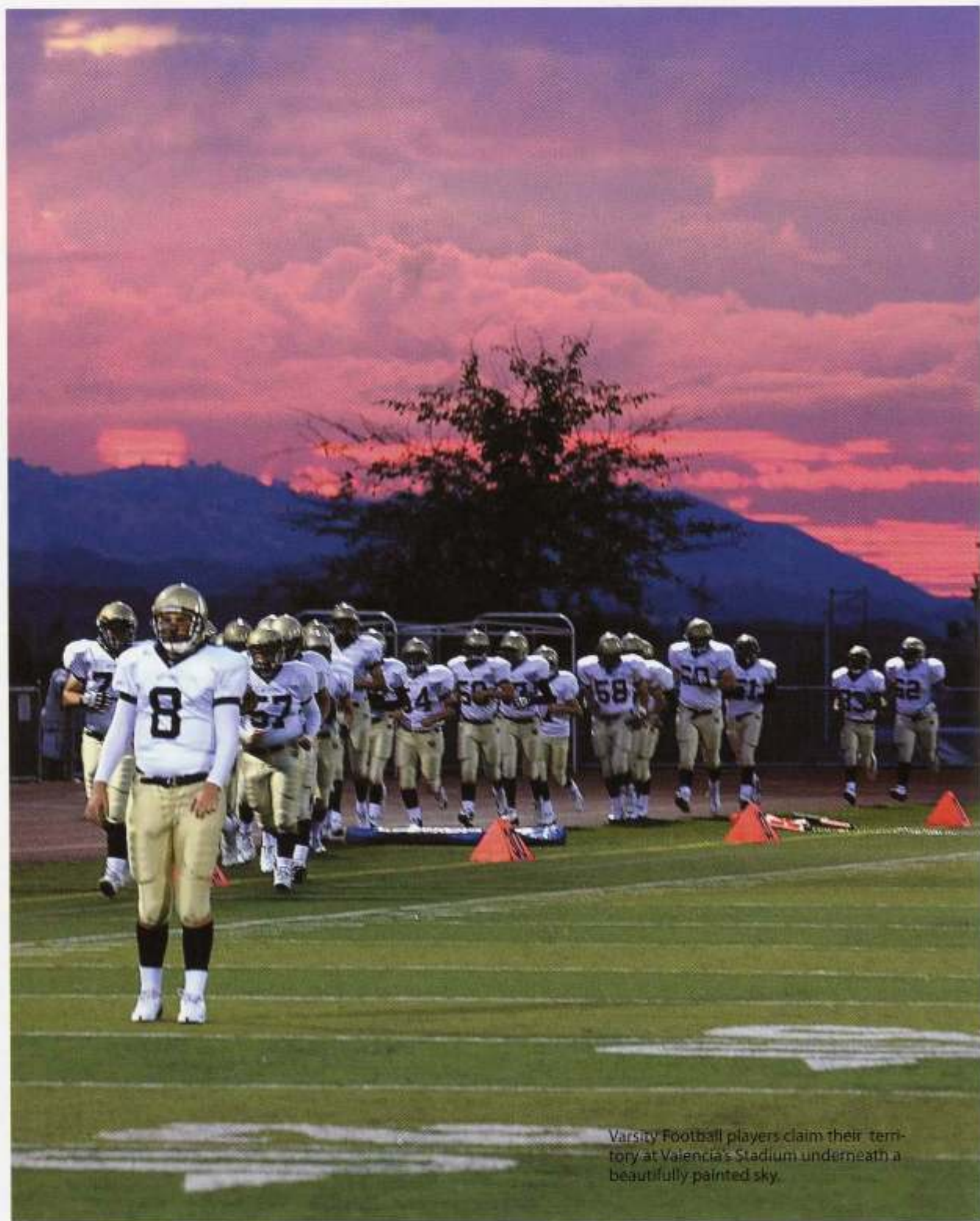
Here, Mrs. Sage asks students if they could describe the different parts and functions of the human body.

simply **devoted** athletics



Whether you are an athlete, a coach, a die-hard fan, or even just a family member, there is nothing as exciting as the drama found in a sports game. You have action, you have surprise, and most of all you have suspense. All of these aspects serve to keep the game interesting and here at West Ranch we have many sports teams that keep our days and nights exciting. Whether we're out cheering for our football team or sending out good wishes for players from home, everyone at West Ranch supports all of our teams. Everyone dedicates numerous hours to the strenuous training and practice that is required to build up their stamina, improve their skills, and increase team bonding. Everyone, from team members and coaches to managers and team parents, work together to do the very best that they can for their team. Every year, each team comes closer and closer to becoming the Foothill League Champions, and we know that that day will come soon. Many people believe that only practice and discipline will make champions out of any player. But champions are not made in the gyms or on the field; champions are made from something they have deep inside them—a desire, a dream, and above all, devotion.





Varsity Football players claim their territory at Valencia's Stadium underneath a beautifully painted sky.

Crossing the line

by Ashley Stegeman

The goal is simple, take the ball and run across your opponent's goal line to score. However, getting the ball to the endzone is a complicated process that begins months before players take to the field for the first time in a season. In fact, the 2008 Wildcat season began this summer with rigorous workouts and practices. Our dedicated players donned pads and helmets in sweltering heat, learned countless plays, and practiced hours and hours to improve their skills.

For this year's varsity players, finding victory was a challenge. Yet, as Coach Kane reminds his team, "Many of good things happened this season. With the schedule we had, we played

some of the top teams in Southern California." Despite a 2-8 record, Kane admits, "I am proud of the guys and hope they take away some good memories." Dodging, spinning, juking, and cutting their way down field in game play that was at times nerve-racking, varsity players were determined and dedicated to do their best throughout the season. Patrick Fuertes, our varsity right guard, stated, "Winning a game with your teammates is the greatest feeling you could have in your life." Having played football for the last ten years, senior Branden Pistone never gave up: "It's the best sport!" While Kevin Stickles said, it is great "to be able to be a part of something to be proud of." During this season, every down and yard was fought for with perseverance. Our team was a dedicated, passionate unit working tirelessly to demonstrate that in the end, they were simply the best!

I will never give up, because if I do, I give up on those beside me. I will never give up, because if I do, I give up on those who believe in me. If the Wildcat next to me is down, I will pick him up, and he the same. I will never give up! I believe in the cause; I will fight 'til the end and we will win, this I promise.



Forcing their opponent to the ground, varsity players, Chris Jeong and Branden Pistone, protect wildcat territory.



Brandan Barti, Michaelangelo Esquillin, Jake Brownlowe, and Derek Georgio tear a Cowboy to shreds as they try to pry the ball from his hands.



Dylan Campbell and Arseny DiGiacomo put up a fight against a Valencia tackle.

Simple Measures...

Junior Varsity On The Move!

Crossing the goal line with a hard fought 2008 season of 3-7, the junior varsity team took on their opponents with a spirit of dedication to a sport they enjoy. As Coach Sean O'Brien described his team, "This year's J.V. team was unconventionally successful. This is a group that was unified and exemplified the true meaning of team." With dedication and perseverance, the players broke away from their opponents and showed the skill, strength, and determination that defined their behavior, a simple measure of the commitment they have for the sport of football. "I remember watching football on T.V. as a kid," recalls sophomore Matt Bruns, "always wanting to play. Now I am participating and having fun playing here at West Ranch." For Patrick Kelley, football provides an opportunity for him to challenge himself. "I push myself to be the best that I can [be]," explains Kelley. "I am committed because I want to make myself and our team better." Sometimes though, family keeps the players going strong, as is the case for wide receiver and double back Alex Nieves. "I [have been] committed to play football because my Dad and Grandpa played football ... and it would be nice to get a scholarship." Looking



Our Varsity Wildcats stretch at Valerius Stadium before they take on the Saguos Centurions.

...Complicated Results

forward to the 2009 football season, these J.V. players will be a force to be reckoned with as they move up to Varsity next year.

Freshmen Find Their Stride!

Striving to the end zone is our dedicated and driven freshmen team, which started their 2008 season with a 59-6 win over Lancaster. "This is a talented

freshman football team," cited Coach Jan Miller, "with great potential to put West Ranch football on the map." Teamwork and dedication was a key factor in the season's results. The lessons the Freshman learned in this first year allowed them to grow as players and gave them the skills they needed to reach their complicated result: running down the path



Junior Varsity player Brady Stuart starts the game with a strong kick-off.



Senior Frankie Madero leads the varsity team as they return to the field after half-time.



Leaping into the end zone, Matt Romano scores a touchdown for the Junior Varsity team.



and crossing the goal line with success in finishing their season with a 4-6 record. These types of results don't come easily, but players were eager to share the lessons of their victories. "I learned that it is important to be able to work together as a team to reach a common goal," acknowledged Quaid Willis. For Joseph Castro, the experience was more practical: "Football was fun, [and helped] me stay fit." Perhaps Jake Miura, though, found the most profound result.

"I learned," Miura replied, "that football teaches good skills, like discipline." Nicholas Bultman, the cornerback and wide receiver for the freshman team, also learned that, "You should always try your best! When you try your best it shows that small players can be good too." We look forward to watching these up and coming players' future paths of success in the WRHS Football Program.

Season Memories: What is your favorite memory from this season?



"My favorite football memory is before the Hart game this year: We were all in the locker room listening to music on the Bose speakers and dancing. The whole team was pumped for the game it was a lot of fun"

- #10 Nick Mateus, Varsity



"My favorite memory was the first time I ran out of the locker room and out on to the field in a varsity football uniform. Just being out there, first game of the season, with the real varsity squad was a really good feeling. I just thought to myself "This is it... this is the real thing now."

- #17 Brett Shriver, Varsity



"My favorite memory of the season would be the end of the first game against Lancaster. The feeling of such a good game was awesome. After a good start to the season, I felt like we were going to do really good in the next games."

- #1 Tyler Lindahl, Varsity



"My favorite memory was when we won our first game. We worked so hard during practice and it felt good to win."

- #83 Adam Colvard, Junior Varsity



"My favorite memory was sacking Glendora's QB for a ten-yard loss!"

- #58 Albert Gastaldo, Freshman



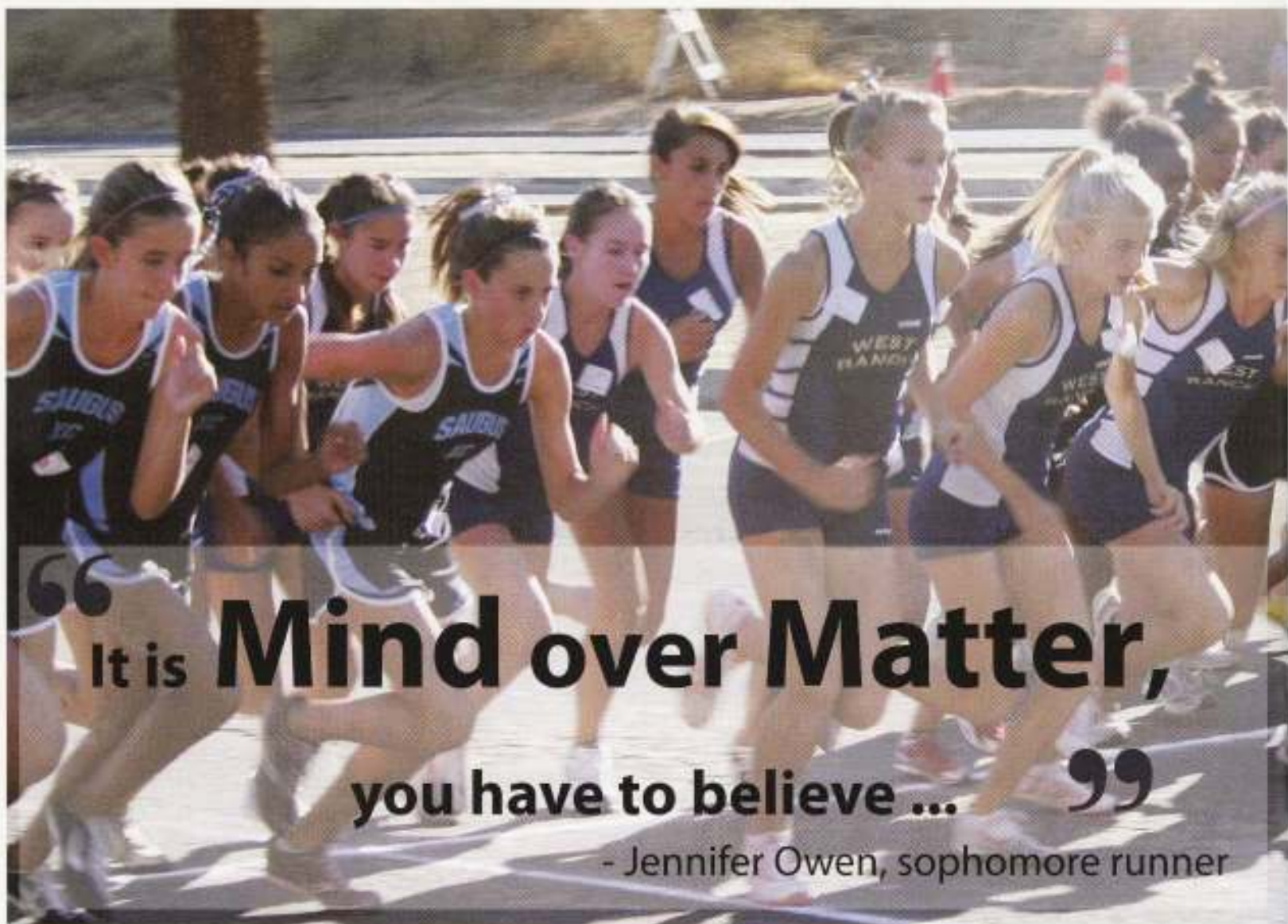
The defensive varsity line readies to attack the Valencia offense.



A Golden Valley Grizzly tries to stop Freshman Dylan Edwards as he sprints towards the end zone.



Jacob Stone runs to join his fellow player Jake Miura on top of the dog pile.



“It is **Mind over Matter,**
you have to believe ...”

- Jennifer Owen, sophomore runner



On the running trail, sophomore Rudolph Nardone practices racing uphill as he prepares for the league meet at Castaic Lake.



Melissa Pacheco, a second year runner, focuses on her race in league finals. She is determined to finish the race to beat her last race time, which was 22:19 at the Castaic Lake league meet.



At Castaic Lake league meet, varsity runner Zacharia Bond sprints to the finish line. He finishes his race with a time of 18:52.



At the starting line, the varsity girls Jennifer Owen, Kendahl Waalk, Lauren Sitler, Ashley Welker, Bailey Miller, and Samantha Philips bolt at the sound of the starting pistol.

Mr. Randy Smith, West Ranch Cross Country's head coach, is determined to push every member of his team to strive for their best from the starting line to the finish line. Coach Smith boosts the team's passion with this inspirational quote from Vince Lombardi: "Fatigue makes cowards of us all." The motivation to finish a race is not only due to coach's encouragement, but each student's determination to achieve an ambition of accomplishment. Practice is a key component in order to improve everyone's performance for upcoming meets. "My practice affects [my performance] definitely because I do [well] in races because it helps. If you don't do well in practice, you won't do [well] at the race," states Bailey Miller, a cross country runner on the Girls' varsity team. Everyday the team trains for four and a half hours on different terrain. The agonizing pain the team feels everyday is just a sign of strengthening in their performance in meets. During the Apache Meet in Arcadia, another cross country runner, Jennifer Owen, won first place in her race. "It [is] mind over matter. You have to believe in yourself to achieve what you want," she stated. Although runners aim to just finish a race, there are obstacles to overcome in order to claim first place. For example, pressure is an obstacle runners need to overcome. "There is [some] pressure because you want to make West Ranch look good but you just go out there and have fun and you don't think about pressure or anything," states Josh Sutaria, a Boys' Varsity runner. Other obstacles outside running include balancing school work and practice. Runners do their work during the meet while they wait for their turn to run. Others try to finish their work ahead of time. No matter how hard the challenges are, these runners embrace the trails and strive to be the best. Thanks to the coaches' advice, the team is pushed to strive for the best in every practice and race. West Ranch runners endured long runs to perform their best in the meets in order to cross the finish line. Their ambitions allow them to finish with outstanding performances and improvements in their overall run times. No matter how hard the challenge is, it can be overcome by placing mind over matter.

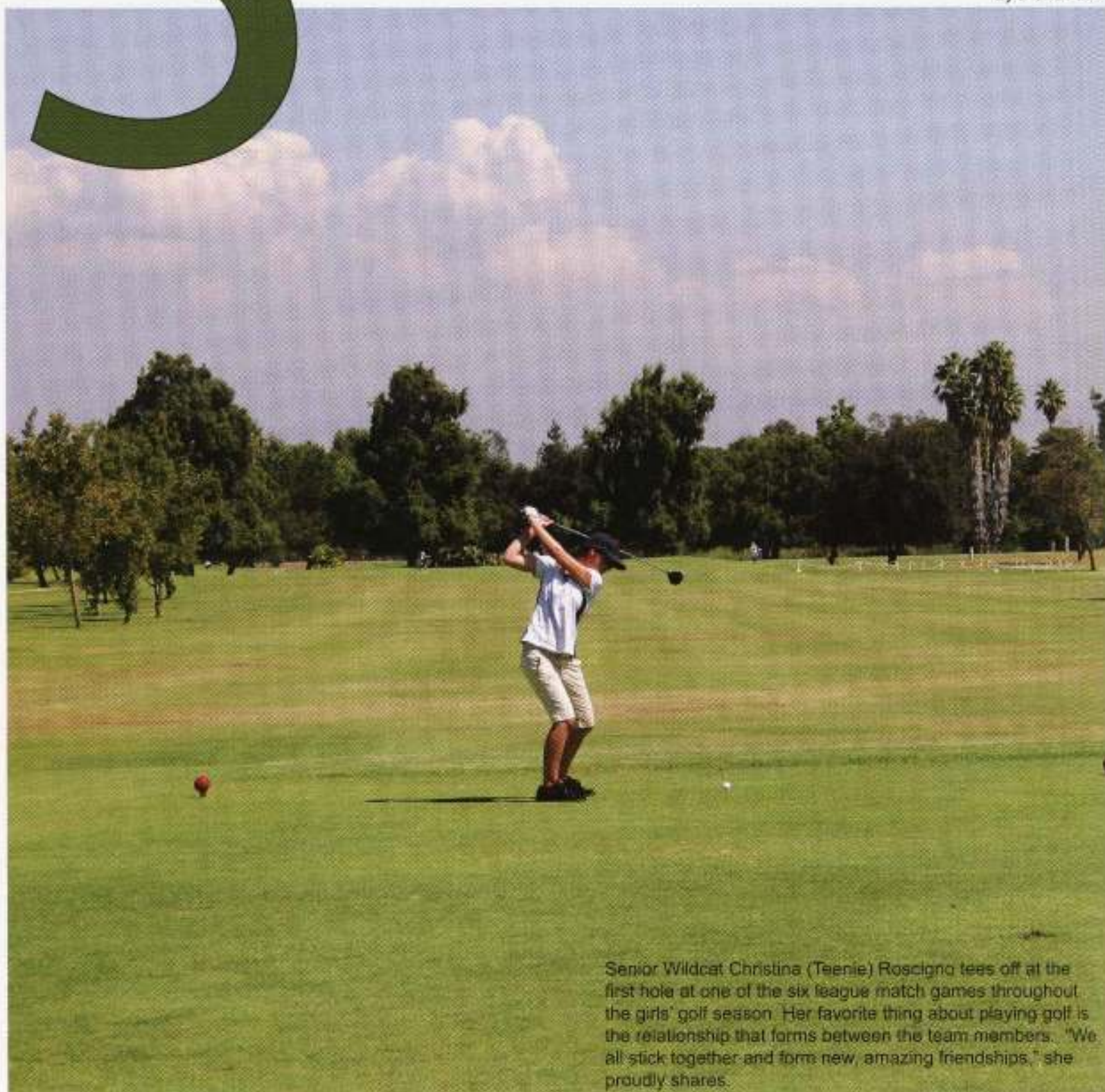
Finishing First Cross Country

by Alex Magsarili

Simply Par

Girls Golf

by Diana Park



Senior Wildcat Christina (Teenie) Roscigno tees off at the first hole at one of the six league match games throughout the girls' golf season. Her favorite thing about playing golf is the relationship that forms between the team members. "We all stick together and form new, amazing friendships," she proudly shares.

14 girls. 14 golfers. 14 dreamers. 1 Vision. West Ranch High School's Girls' Golf Team has gone through a long journey to accomplish their goals and to get where they are today. They have made it to CIF for the first time this year, and in 2008 they ranked in the top 10 teams throughout Southern California. With passionate dedication, consistent perseverance, countless hours of practice, natural teamwork, and supporting encouragement, our wildcat girls have truly shown a different perspective for the sport of golf. They have worked so hard throughout this year's season, and the results obviously show their determination. "I feel that we as a team had enough practice for each golf match," expresses senior varsity player, Sarah Kang. One of the most important things that these girls realized, especially this year, was that they could've never gotten to where they are today if it weren't for the amazing support and encouragement. "When I couldn't really hit the ball high due to trees, Coach Holen taught me how to hit the ball correctly without the ball going too high," explained freshman golfer, Jackie Kang. "There would be nothing without encouragement and faith from the coaches and parents. I felt really supported, especially when Coach Holen would always tell us before each tee-off, have fun and walk with a purpose," said varsity golfer, Diana Park. The girls' golf team has finally started the end of the road. Hopefully, West Ranch's golf team can continue to pursue their goals the way these girls have made it to CIF this year.

Practicing in the back of the range, the girl golfers pitch and hit balls at Vista Valencia Golf Course. Miranda Parker, a senior varsity player, believes that the team had enough practice for each match they played in. "On the team, our practice and encouragement was amazing. The coaches were great!" exclaims Mandi Parker.

Not only do the girls practice on the range, but they also work on other important techniques such as ups and downs. Along with that, our wildcat golfers had serious and intense guidance from Coach Holen and Coach Hughes. Below, Coach Hughes gives directions to junior Genieve Lee to help her improve on her short game.

Varsity player, Diane Kim, tees off at her first hole of the CIF game. All the girls worked extremely hard to qualify to play. Many varsity golfers had mixed feelings before teeing off at their first hole. "I was very nervous but at the same time, I felt accomplished and proud of our team for making it this far," explains senior Julia Sung.



Golfer, Karina Kanjaria, practices her putting consistently on the practice green at Vista Valencia Golf Course. "My favorite thing is the feeling when you get the golf ball in the hole. It is a feeling of accomplishment and it makes me feel great each time. It never gets old," she explains.

Jenny Kim, a determined golfer, works on her putting, chipping, and ups and downs during 6th period golf, in preparation for an upcoming match.

West Ranch's varsity girl golfers gather for a picture before tee-off at Woodley Golf Course. Left to right: Diana Park, Diane Kim, Julia Sung, Sarah Kang, Christina Roscigno, Mandi Parker, and Jackie Kang.

Par-perfection!

Boys Golf

By Taylor Moustris and Jessica Lederer

It seems so simple; you stand with your legs bent at the t-box, look down to the fairway, and swing. Golf is more than what it seems. To be able to hit the ball with the correct club, miss the bunker, and still reach the extremely tiny hole in the smallest amount of strokes is incredible. It takes skill, precision, and devotion to the sport of golf to be able and willing to spend countless hours at the golf course improving scores. Senior and Varsity player Ryan Pond admits, "It takes a lifetime to perfect your golf swing."

Our golf team is pretty close to perfection since they have already won countless tournaments and competitions. However, with as much dedication and motivation to being the best, our golf team members practice almost every day at Valencia, Vista, and TPC perfecting their shots. Junior and Varsity player Luis Garcia said, "Practice, practice, practice. It is the only way to improve."

The goal of golf is to be under par, which is what all of the golf team members strive for. Senior and Varsity player Colton Goodwin explains, "Golf is extremely difficult; it involves tons of dedication and mental strength," but to be the best and come in under par each team member has to really want to win. It has to come from the heart.

Not only is the entire team dedicated to winning, but they are dedicated to each other. They spend time together on and off the course. Freshman and JV player Brandon Dooley said, "Golf is a ton of fun. It is a good way to keep up with friends." The team's dedication to the sport of golf and to each other is the reason the team achieves greatness during the season.



Clayton Davis, a junior on the varsity golf team, places his golf ball on the tee inside the tee box on hole 10. This is the beginning of the match, and this hit definitely set Clayton up for the rest of the match at the Tournament Players Club. He was satisfied with where his golf ball landed on this hole and finished strong.



Luis Garcia, a junior and varsity golf team member, tries to maximize his time and get a little bit of practice in while he waits for his team members to begin the match. Luis takes a break from practicing his swing at the practice range at the Tournament Players Club to pose for the camera.



Senior and varsity golf team member, Collin Wheeler, concentrates on the golf ball as he prepares to swing his club at the practice range. His practice time was extremely effective since his swing was nearly perfect at the match. Due to his effort and dedication, Collin kept his eye on the prize and did his best.



Senior varsity team member, Colton Goodwin, holds his swing as he watches his ball go down the fairway. This was his final swing of the day but definitely not the last, as he dominated the TPC course at the qualifier.

Ryan Pond, a senior and varsity golf team member, practices his short putts on the practice green. He stands on the putting green holding his club after he made an extremely soft putt at his golf ball. His putting has improved with practice and now he can gracefully put the ball in the hole every time.



A few of the junior varsity team members are reading the green for their perfect golf ball alignment to the hole. While some of the golfers shown below are waiting their turn, they ponder about how much they should swing their putter for their last stroke of the hole. The sight of the beautiful landscape and nature of the course definitely helped the golfers by calming their nerves and focusing their minds to improve by each stroke.



A Sophomore on Junior Varsity, David Smith bends his knees to get a closer look at his golf ball that traveled straight down the fairway. Bending down allows him to eye his shot, visualizing the shot in order to determine which club is best suited to make the shot.



Freshman and junior varsity team member, Isaac Kim, watches his fellow team members take their swings at their match, while he walks to the next hole on the green golf course holding his club. He takes this moment to focus on the match and clear his head of everything else that went on that day.



Josh Sabile, a freshman and junior varsity player, takes a practice swing to ensure that his next swing will come in under par and ensure that the team's overall score will be less than that of the opposing team's score. Josh concentrated on the golf ball and his swing to put himself and his team in the best position to win the match.

Nice Shot!

Girls' Tennis

by Jennifer Moon

ten-nis (n)

a game played on a rectangular court by two pairs of players equipped with rackets, in which a ball is driven back and forth over a low net that divides the court in half.

ten-nis (n)

a fun sport that can be played by everyone for a lifetime and as a stress-reliever.

Tennis may seem like a simple sport: two or four players just hitting a ball across a net to each other. However, playing tennis is similar to creating a delicious dish. In the recipe you need certain ingredients to make the taste perfect, and in tennis you need certain qualities to do well. In becoming a great tennis player, the needed qualities, according to senior varsity player Aimee Choi, are "patience, diligence, and endurance." Tennis itself also needs great team work and performance in order to excel in the sport. This year proved to be a great year for our girl's tennis team. Not only did they accomplish their goal of defeating Hart, but they also managed to take second place in the Foothill League. The team won a majority of their games this season, proving their excellence and displaying their improvements from last year. As the girls continue to correct their flaws and perfect their skills, it is certain that they will improve as a team.



Varsity player, Salene Scamardo runs over to return the ball through the use of a backhand shot in order to get the ball over the net to the opposing team before it goes out of the boundaries. This shot is commonly used during games and especially used by right-handed players.



Gabrielle Morici, a junior varsity player, uses all her strength to hit a forehand back to her opponent. Forehand shot is frequently used amongst many players for it is one of the best ways to return an oncoming serve.



The girls' tennis team line up in two rows, Junior Varsity on right and Varsity on left, in order to watch Coach Speicker's demonstrations for a practice game. They line up separately because they practice on different courts.



Lena Poonnopatam displays great posture as she pulls back her racket in order to return the oncoming ball to the opposing singles player.



The junior varsity team pours a jug of water over the junior varsity coach after showing great success on their game. Though serious and focused during the games, the girls show a playful and carefree side as they are relieved with their victory.

“Oh we’re good,
Really good!”

-Stacy Alabastro

You Got Served!

Boys Tennis

by Elliott Park and Sarah Andrews



As Jaewoo Chung hits the tennis ball, Baron Von Kessler prepares to return it. This improves their hand-eye coordination and exercises teamwork, which will come to their advantage in games to come. Our team has practiced to the best of their ability and will fight to win what the Wildcats rightly deserve.



Teammates warm up to begin their usual practice routine. They first sprint around the perimeter of the courts, and then they do team stretches. These exercises prepare the players for future games in which they will have to work themselves to their fullest potential.



Jordan Hovis works to perfect his forehand. These drills strengthen the individual athlete's playing strategies. Wildcat opponents better keep their eyes open for this promising player.



Michael Lee tosses the ball in the perfect position and prepares to serve. This displays his skill and effort, which will come in handy when Lee must face his opponents in future games.



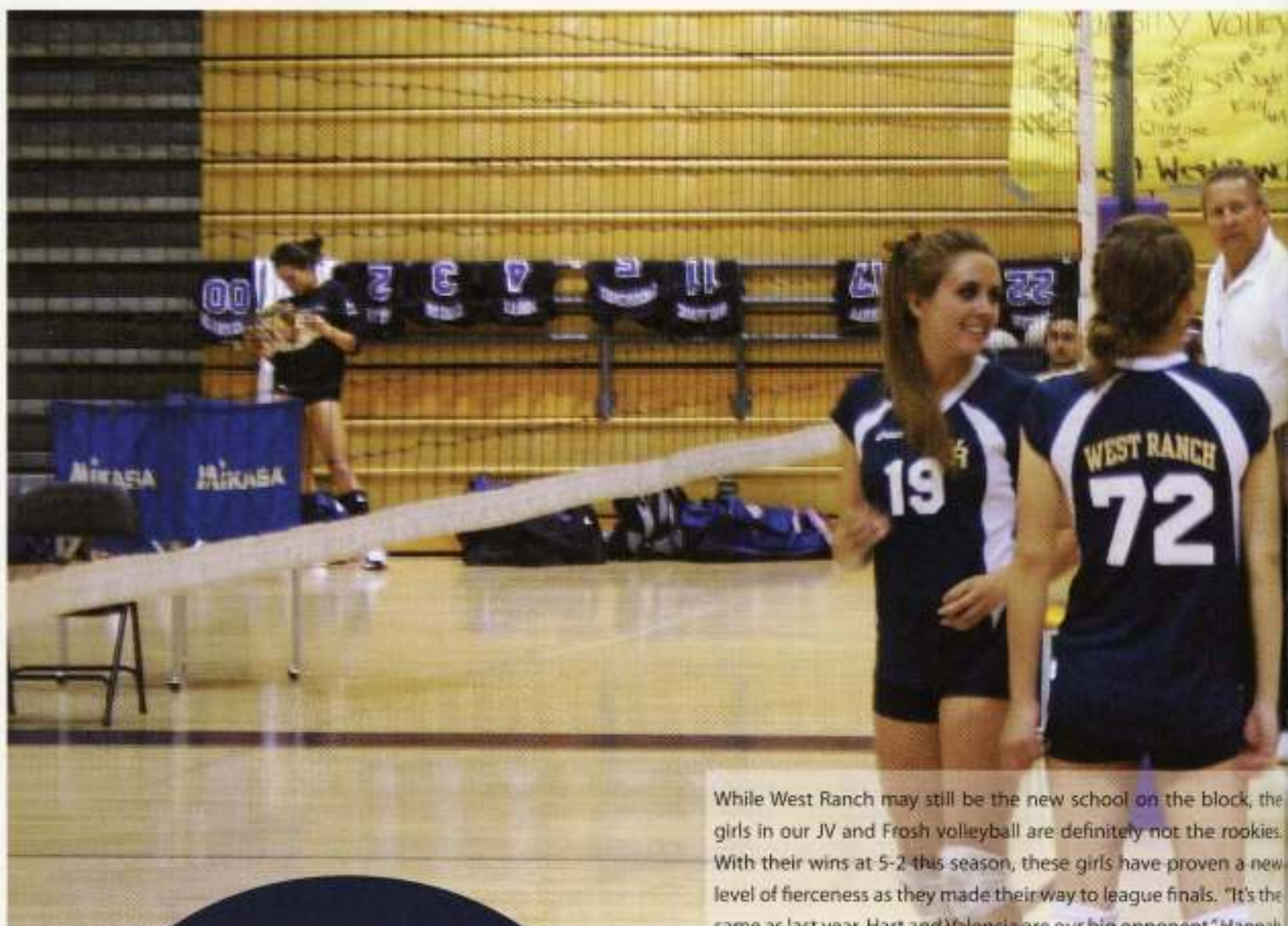
Brandon Lee swings his racquet and hits the ball with great force. Practicing his ground strokes will pay off in the season when the team will play against their rivals. Lucky for West Ranch, our team has come prepared.



Before each practice, the team is divided into varsity and junior varsity, who line up on opposite sides of the court. The coach gives them information about future practices and games and provides support for the team to work together as one. Each player individually can benefit from these talks because they will gain greater insight on playing the game with great skill.

To some, tennis may seem to be a relatively simple sport. But according to our tennis team, a great amount of practice and dedication is required to succeed. In response to those who do not see the full potential of this sport, senior Jeremy Ramirez says, "I think that you actually have to play tennis to judge [the sport itself]. ...if people actually played competitively and didn't just fool around on the court, they would have something different to say." Ramirez's words take action during the team's practices and games, where players improve their skills through drills and intense playing. These athletes encourage each other by keeping a positive attitude and observing words of wisdom from Coach Spiecker: "Every point, every game, every set, and every match counts." Freshman Darien Ramirez is also inspired by professional tennis players. "Roger Federer motivates me to play. He is really good and he inspires me to practice more so I can play as well as him." Their role models and inspirations give them the extra push they need to play as best as they can. The commitment, time, and energy that the team demonstrated has paid off, leading to a very successful season.

Boys Tennis

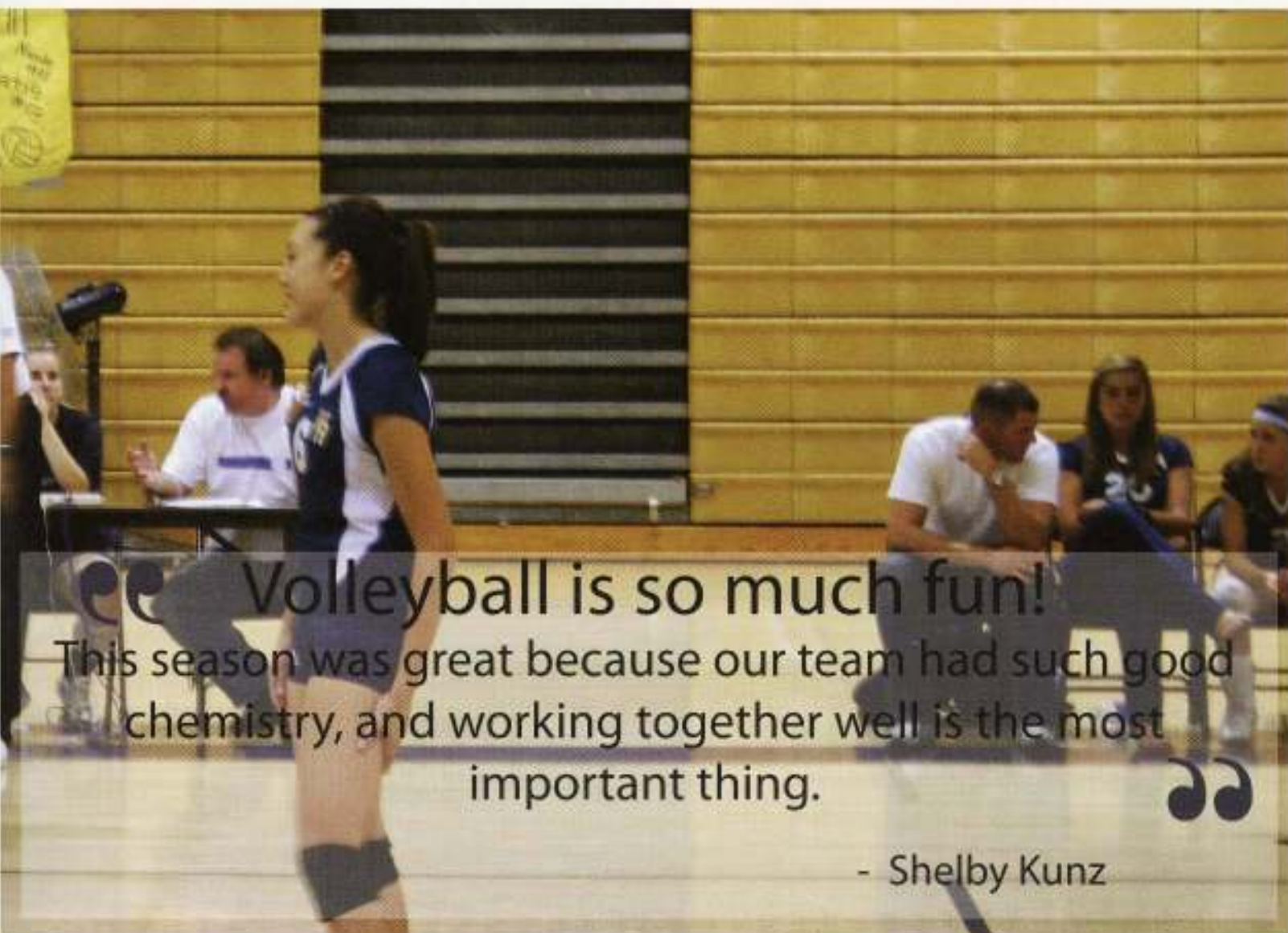


While West Ranch may still be the new school on the block, the girls in our JV and Frosh volleyball are definitely not the rookies. With their wins at 5-2 this season, these girls have proven a new level of fierceness as they made their way to league finals. "It's the same as last year, Hart and Valencia are our big opponent." Hannah Orlandi and Cristina Romero agree about the competition; "We are always improving, and we learn something new every match." During their games this year, the spectators got a good chance to see teamwork at its best, when they played in sync with each other's strengths and weaknesses and cheered everyone on from the sidelines. As expected, every sport comes with some side-effects; as team outside hitter, Hannah, explains: "Managing time has been difficult, we practice nearly 15 hours a week". But all this work has clearly paid off. Throughout the many matches this year, the team enjoyed their triumphs and accepted their defeats, and even when the girls didn't attain as many victories as they had hoped, they always came back fighting. It was a long season for our lady wildcats, but it was definitely worth the suspense. When asked to summarize their experience so far, freshman Brooke Stice said "It's a fun sport, we learn a lot about working together." When playing opponents from Lancaster to Hart, the girls of West Ranch volleyball showed some serious skill on and off the court.

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Team Makes League Finals

by Lauren Welch

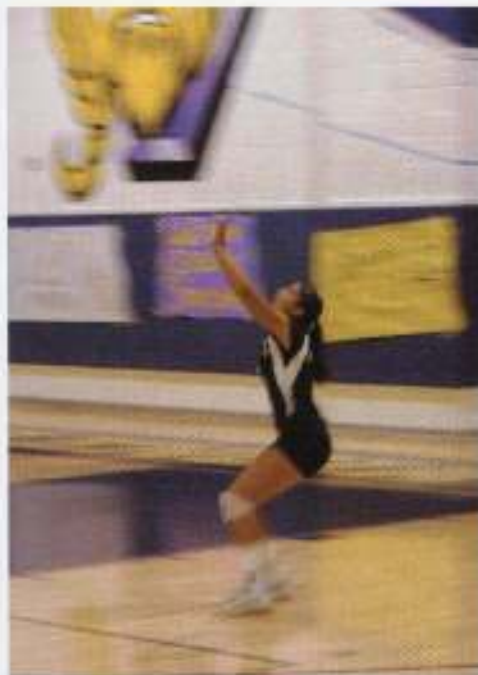


Volleyball is so much fun!

This season was great because our team had such good chemistry, and working together well is the most important thing.



- Shelby Kunz



In a match against Valencia, West Ranch Volleyball fought their hardest to beat the top competitors. At this point in the game, the crowd holds their breath as Tani Slauson prepares to hit the ball after an amazing serve.



In a competitive match, Frosh Volleyball cheers on their fellow players to battle as hard as they can. The freshmen may be new to the school, but they play their sport like pros, while showing off their school spirit.



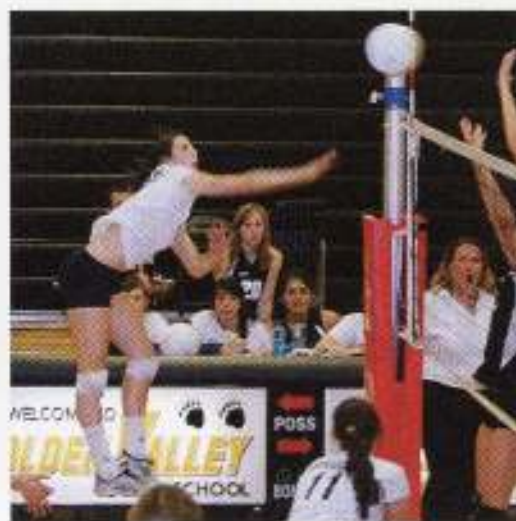
Practice makes perfect and the West Ranch JV Volleyball team make sure they are prepared for anything. Before a match, Danielle Hochman, Janelle Lindvall, and Katie Dillon warm up with a partner across the court.

For the Santa Clarita Valley, high school sports have always been competitive, but our Varsity Lady Wildcats sure know how to battle it out. In the matches against Valencia, Hart, and other strong opponents, the spectators can see how well our girls fight for the gold. Opposite hitter, Izzy Howell, says that "Our main motivation is proving to the other schools that our young West Ranch is a top competitor, and this year we want to show that we can win the league as a Varsity team, especially since we're a relatively new school. We also play for the seniors, like it's their last game, and we want to do our best!" It's clear that their motivation is working because our girls have almost placed first in the league all season long, but it is not just ambition that gives our team their competitive edge. During practice they run several drills and exercises which includes a mile run every day as well as an hour of strenuous conditioning. When asked if they minded all the hard work, the players agreed that the practice has definitely helped their endurance against tough competition. With all the effort and time these players put into their sport, it shows how much dedication goes into volleyball, even on an average school day. "For me, practice is practice, but I find it hard not to think about volleyball during school, because I love it so much, even though I have been found guilty of doing homework during water breaks." During their games, the volleyball team rejoiced at their victories and showed good sportsmanship towards their defeats. Whether they were running laps in the gym or dominating the court, our girls Varsity Volleyball team proved they had some serious 'growl power'.

Below: It was an emotional evening as Varsity volleyball celebrated the departure of their senior girls. Here, Meagan Futch stands with her family as she poses for pictures at the senior night game.



Below: Allison Summers springs to the net to defend their side from our rivals. Golden Valley and West Ranch faced off at Golden Valley, with West Ranch showing no mercy to our long-time competitors.



Below: The crowd shows their support as students, players, and family members alike, line up as Varsity volleyball does their routine walk around the court. This was one of the big home games of the season, and the gym was full of the cheering fans.



Above: All eyes are on Courtney Cessna as she focuses on her serve. All the girls spend a great amount of time perfecting their aim and precision, and their hard work can be seen as the ball soars over the net.



Above: Being prepared for a game is more than just knowing the plays; it takes teamwork, tremendous effort, and a great amount of support that comes from the fans and from your fellow teammates. Varsity Volleyball huddles together to rev it up to before a big match.

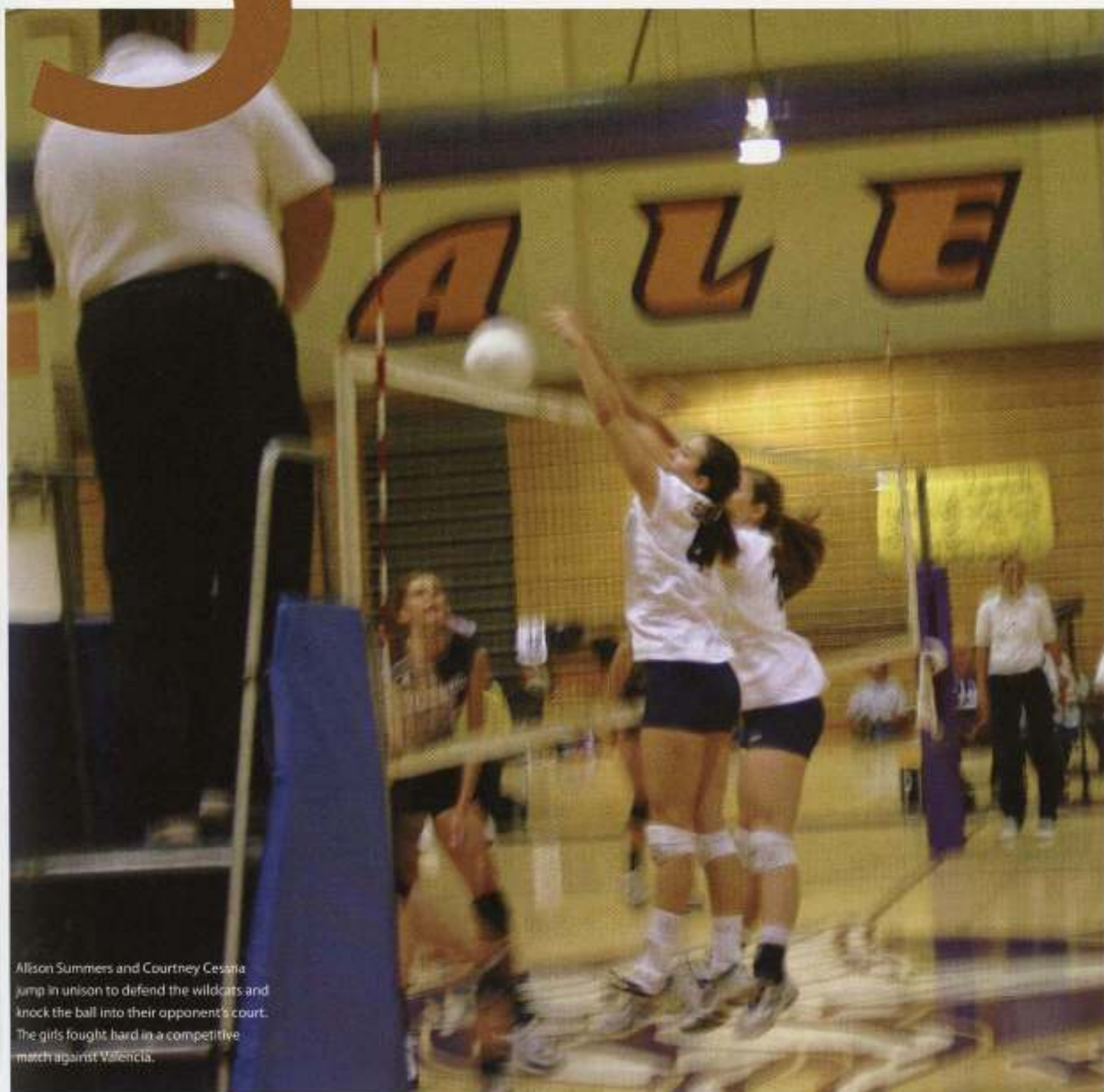


Above: Bree Braucher and Sophie Burns, glide across the hardwood floor to dive for the ball flying over the net. The ball was saved, and a collision was avoided as both girls swerved to defend our team.

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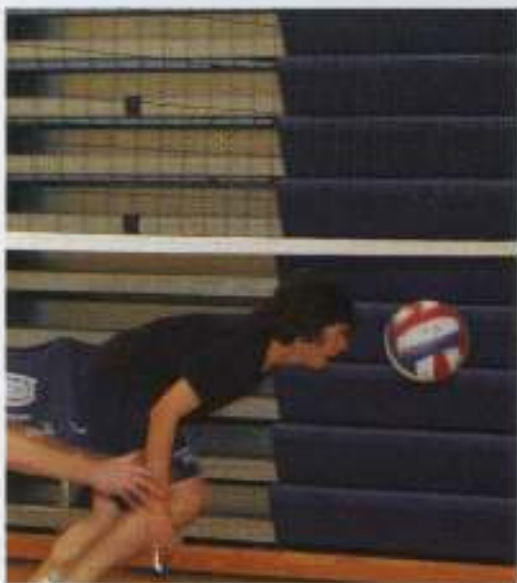
Varsity Volleyball

by Lauren Welch

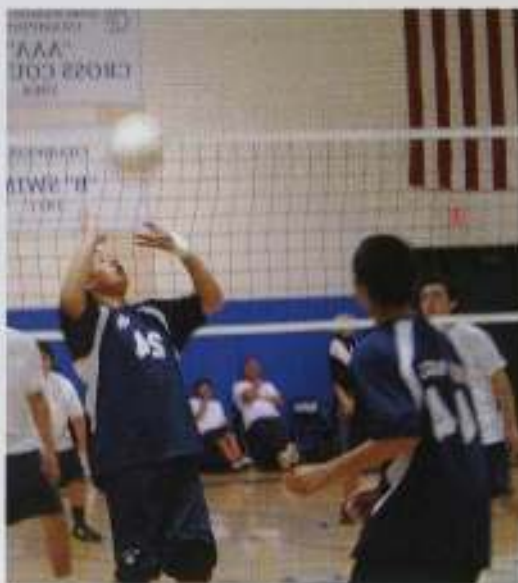


Allison Summers and Courtney Cesina jump in unison to defend the wildcats and knock the ball into their opponent's court. The girls fought hard in a competitive match against Valencia.

During a time-out in a game against Thousand Oaks, the coach delivers a pep talk to the JV volleyball team as they discuss strategy.



During their routine practice, John Flath runs in an attempt to get the ball back into play. The Junior Varsity team is scrimmaging in order to improve their skills before their game against Thousand Oaks.



Anthony Hanna sets the ball for his fellow teammate in the hopes of creating a strong pass to advance in the game.



In an effort to spike the ball, Chet Nordskog uses his free hand to propel the ball over the net while his teammates wait for their turn to prove their skills.

Dig Deep

Boys JV/Frosh Volleyball

by Christine Amador



Bump, set, pass, and spike are the foundations of playing volleyball, but the effort and exertion that goes into the actual implementation is far easier said than done. The boys Junior Varsity and Freshmen volleyball teams undergo grueling practices in order to stay on top of their game and polish their skills. "For the work out, we do six-inch-work outs were you have to keep [your] feet off the ground, push-ups, jogging in place, and running laps which [all] lasts about an hour," according to DJ Lynch when asked about their practices. He then went on to say, "then, we do our standard practice [which includes] hitting drills, passing drills, and scrimmages. I am still sore from the last practice!" Every time the team meets, they endure these brutal practice regiments with the understanding that it is for a good cause. Through these practices, the team has been able to form a cohesive relationship that helps them endure even the most demanding conditioning. According to Travis Rylander, "Through all the practice, you just mesh. As hard as the work outs are, you come together as a team. We need each other to survive all those tough practices." In the course of honing their skills and forming bonds with their fellow teammates, the JV/Frosh volleyball teams find inspiration that keeps them going even through the most difficult scenarios. "Our coach inspires us," said Jonn Flath when asked about the team's source of inspiration. "He pushed us to do our best and is just a really good coach. Our team has been working [very] hard and seeing the results just inspires [us] to do [our] best."



Left to right: Patrick Downs, Jeremy Alcedo, and Matthew Turski wait eagerly on the side lines as the Freshman Tournament game in Burbank progresses.



During their game against Thousand Oaks, Javier Chavez tries to get the ball over the net while keeping the ball out of the hands of an opposing player.



As one of the Thousand Oaks players tries to spike the ball, Kurt Mc Millon jumps in an attempt to block the ball and score a point.



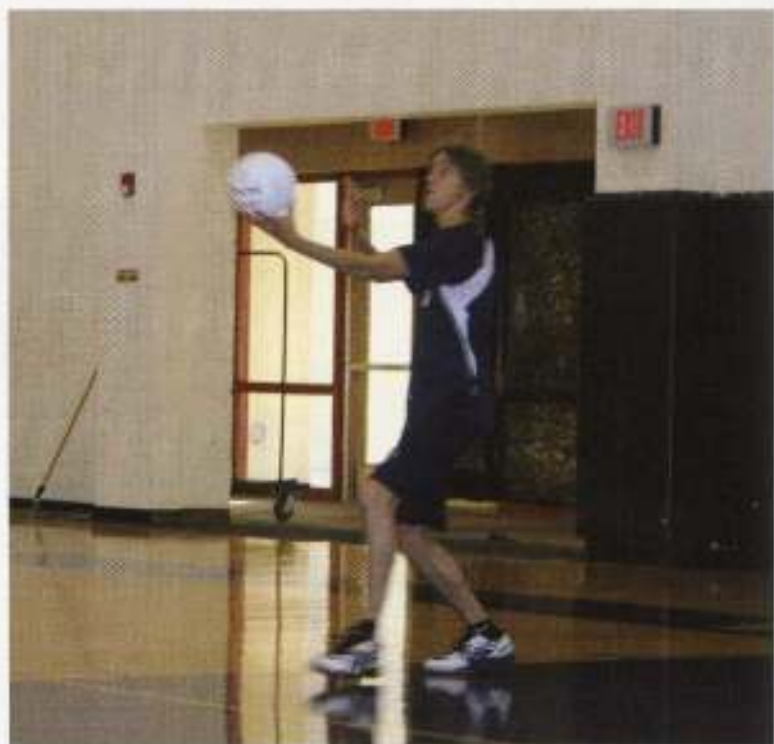
As the exciting and intense game progresses, resting Wildcat players sit on the sidelines and shout out encouraging and helpful words to their hardworking teammates. All of our Varsity players have become close friends, so it is very fitting that they should help and support their "brothers." Even through a tiring and somewhat stressful time, this Wildcat team knows how to keep their head in the game.



As our Wildcat player sets the ball, Frankie Madero sprints to put himself in the right place so that he can spike the ball over the net. Fellow teammate Theodore Johansen also sprints towards the net to prepare to bump the ball back over the net should the opponents somehow deflect Madero's spike. This is one play that our Varsity team has practiced countless number of times and have finally perfected.

“You’ve got to know how to work together.”

-Frankie Madero, Opposite and Setter



Edwin Spurling prepares to serve the ball so that the match can begin and the Wildcats can show that all their hardwork will pay off in the end. With intense care and precision, he lines up the ball and judges how hard he must hit the ball to get it over the net. Spurling carefully but professionally prepares to throw the ball up in the air so that he can clear the ball to the opponent's side. Serving the ball is always a hard and pressuring job, but Edwin Spurling proves that he is up for the challenge.



Guess What?

...you just got served!

by Jessica Lederer and Naomi Kim

Boys Varsity Volleyball

Serving up the competition this season, Varsity Volleyball put up a good fight. Their hard work and commitment to the team paid off this spring. With a lot of cooperation and plenty of effort, these boys worked together to do their best. They practiced almost everyday for hours-on-end to prove to schools in this valley and the next that West Ranch is no longer the "newcomers" but a force to be reckoned with. Frankie Madero, describes volleyball as "...nothing but teamwork, a lot of communication and chemistry. You've got to know how to work together." And that showed a great deal this season. The chemistry between the team was easily recognizable on the court, as seen by their ability to pass and to receive the ball between each other nearly flawlessly each and every time. "The more you know all the guys the better we all work together. Good chemistry and trusting your team helps to win games," says senior player Jeff Zepp of his teammates' dedication to the team. The team worked well together and definitely showed future Wildcats how playing as a team contributes to their confidence in themselves and in their ability to succeed during the game.



With intense concentration and a supreme jump, Jeffrey Zepp leaps to set the ball to his teammate who will hopefully hit it to the other side of the net. The opponent stands tense and with bated breath and ready to block the shot from our Wildcat players. The referee watches the play closely to ascertain that the game is played cleanly and fairly. Everyone on the Wildcat team watches in the hopes that their teammates will be able to go through with this important play.



To warm up for their game, our Varsity Boys Volleyball team stretches out so that they will not get cramps during their game. This is a routine that all our sports teams go through, and these Wildcats have their own special warm-ups for their team. With warmed-up and relaxed muscles, our Varsity team is ready to take on their opponents, and they are ready to bring on the competition. Stretching and warming up are just two contributing factors to the overall success of this Varsity team.



Fresh basketball team members Arianna Malachi, Chelesa Renner, Ashley Surak, Allison Silver, Ashley Torres, and Celeste Hahn wear their gold jerseys and huddle together in front of their coach before the game begins. Their coach assigns each player their positions, which includes point guard, shooting guard, or center, and he encourages them to have fun.

Before the game starts, Girls' Freshman and JV basketball team huddle together formulating play by play strategies to out-manuever the opponents. They arrive at the court with five players on each side preparing for the basketball to be thrown into the air by the referee. These dynamic teams clash with each other in order to score a point in the other team's hoop. These girls are motivated differently in court scenarios, which prevents them from an interception or fatigue. "Everything about the game motivates me. The competition, the intensity, the teamwork, and everything else," states Mandeep Kehal, JV basketball player. The team's motivation helps outsmart the opponent with the use of defense plays such as screening, "trapping", and defense of zone. Otherwise, if they have the ball in their possession, they are immediately on offense and make a breakaway towards the basket where teammates assist when needed. Other times, West Ranch basketball players use the pick and roll either to shoot a three-pointer shot or a two-pointer. The intensity of the game builds up from the first quarter to the end of the game with limited time. "I like to just focus on the game. When I get angry, it helps me to get aggressive in the game," states Ashley Torres, Fresh basketball player. These fierce players go out and play their best in order to win the game. "There is never a perfect game, win or lose, so after every game, I think about what I could have done better, whether it was from a simple extra pass or even just running back on defense," states Erika Archussachat, JV basketball player. Although their school work takes time from practicing, they still put forth extreme effort and endure hard practices to become better players.

Play by Play

by Alex Magsarili



Fresh player Ashley Torres makes a breakaway towards the basket as she receives a pass from her teammates. She fends off the opponent with the assistance of her teammate from behind in order to make it to the hoop. This game becomes intense as she sprints across the court passing by the opponent.



JV basketball player Joy Herman attempts to pass the ball to her teammates as she is being defended by a Canyon player. As Herman attempts to pass the ball, her teammates watch on in anticipation. She pivots her foot back and forth to prevent herself from traveling or double dribbling.



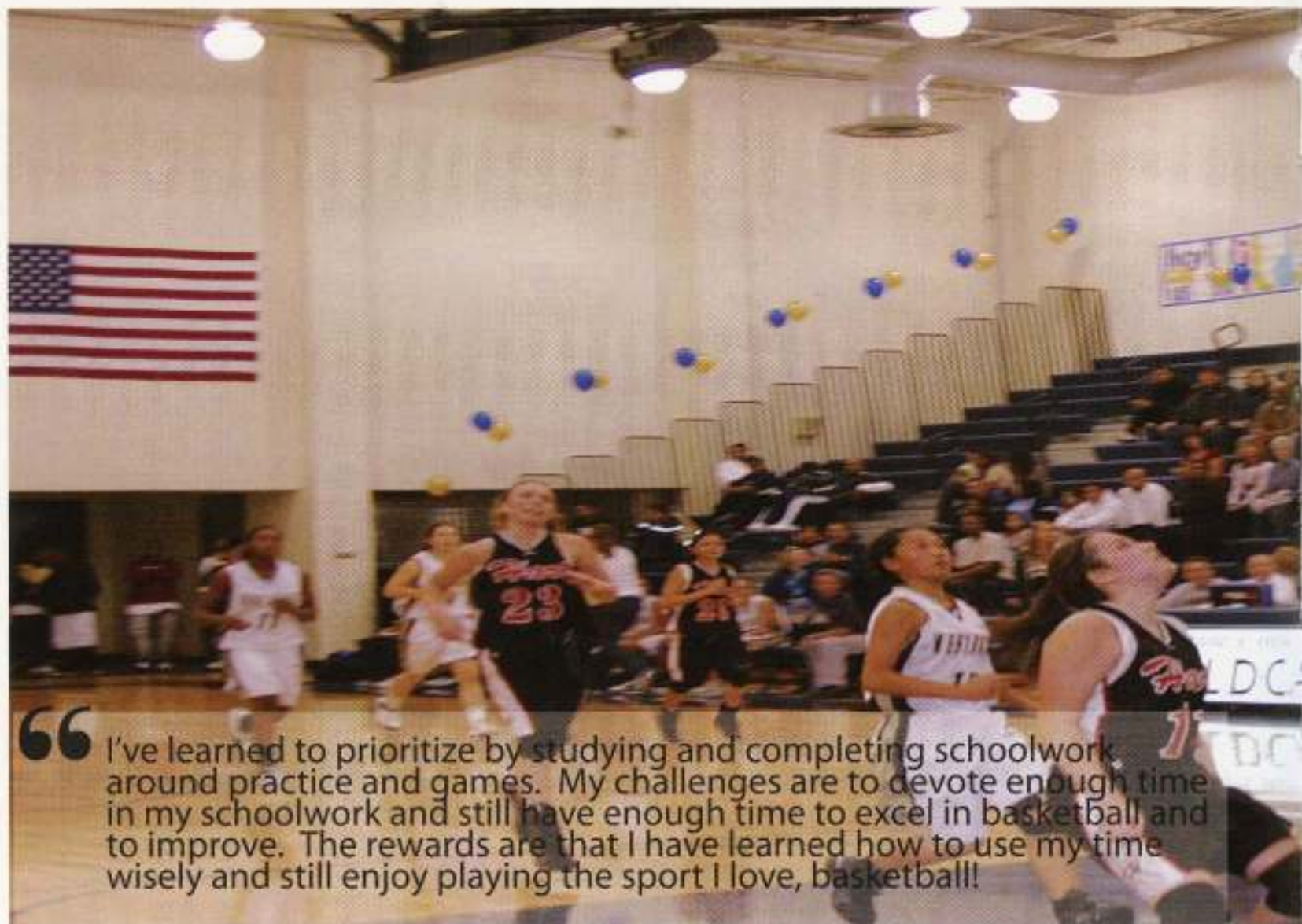
Malysa Somo and Mallory Martin, two JV players, attempt a trap defense against Canyon to prevent them from making a shot. They were positioned in a 2-3 zone defense and attempted to steal the ball from Canyon.



Karen Rai, Fresh basketball player, poses a triple threat position in order to make a two pointer. When it comes to the game of basketball, Rai states, "I love playing because its fun and many of my friends are on the team."



Kristi Kniest, a JV basketball player, finally retrieves the ball and decides whether or not to pass it to a teammate or drive it to the hoop herself. She is eager to take a chance to drive towards the hoop and to take a shot.



“ I’ve learned to prioritize by studying and completing schoolwork around practice and games. My challenges are to devote enough time in my schoolwork and still have enough time to excel in basketball and to improve. The rewards are that I have learned how to use my time wisely and still enjoy playing the sport I love, basketball!



Alex Ritz and Tori Wilson reach and defend the ball from the Viking's as the opponets grab the ball and try to make a basket before the other team can make a move.



Erin Ruiz reaches high and attempts to block each other. Ruiz makes a shot as the Centurion player tries to take the ball and then run down the court to make a basket.



Chantal Khalilieh dribbles and defends the ball as she tries to block the Cowboy opponent to pass it to one of her teammates.



"Basketball is my escape from my everyday life. When I play, everything seems to be put on pause and I can just focus on the game instead of worrying about everything else," says Kristina Ortiz. This team consists of strong, solid, talented players who work together in their attempts for a victorious season. Basketball is a dedicating sport of non-stop action, and the girls manage to balance the time between this great sport, school-work and activities. How do you make time for other things and what are the rewards? Well, Brittini Walker explains, "Being a student athlete is pretty difficult. I have to stay focused and not fool around before and after practice when I have homework, which is hard. It's rewarding to do well in games while getting good grades. It makes me feel like I accomplished something." Therefore, teamwork is an important element of the game. Family, friends, and the other team members make such a major impact on each other of the girl's lives. All of their hard work is shown through long practice and when the game starts. The challenge that our players go through makes them stronger and better. Girls Varsity Basketball has proven their team can stand up to anything, especially in this fulfilling season.

Girls' Varsity

Basketball

by Tim Holmes

Leading the Receiver

Boys JV/F Basketball

by Jennifer Moon
and Genevieve Lee



The Freshmen basketball team, hoping that the ball just thrown goes in as a shot, crowds under the net along with the opposing team that is waiting to receive the ball if the ball does not make it into the net.

BZZZZ! With the ring of the buzzer, the basketball is lifted in the air and our Boys Junior Varsity and Freshman basketball teams are at it again as they work to hold a great defense against the other team. Pass, pass, oh—! Interception! The Wildcats have the ball! The crowd roars in excitement as the boys race across the court, dribbling the ball back and forth between players. The ball leaps out of our Wildcat player's hands and everyone's eyes look up. The crowd clasps their hands on their seats and holds their breath in anxiety as the ball jumps from one side of the rim to the other. Thmp! Thmp! Thmp! Swish! The Wildcats score! The crowd cheers in triumph and delight. The coach shouts in happiness and the boys howl.

Wildcats JV and Frosh Basketball Boys played it rough this year, and every single one of their games have been played with determination. They have worked hard to stay fit, build their stamina, and keep up with their competitive streak. According to JV player, Zachary Farmer, he "runs hills and does sprints on weekends" to stay fit and healthy. As the season progressed, team motivation and confidence emerged. "So far we only lost 2 games and we're 3-0 in league," says Freshmen Clark Stokes. When they lose, they do not let that thought slow them down, but rather, they brainstorm to think of ways to improve their game when the next opportunity arises. As Freshmen Clay Kasdorf says, "After each game, I replay it in my head and find things that I could have improved on and make sure I do better in the next game." Their coaches encourage the boys to play their hardest no matter who their opponent is. We expect these teams to become a major threat in the Foothill League in the future.

Freshmen player, Jago Deplano, double teamed by two players from the opposing team, dribbles the basketball while searching for a teammate waiting to receive his pass.

Guarded one on one by the opposing player, Donald Chung quickly plans ahead the moves he should make in order to successfully pass his opponent and make his shot.

While his teammates work hard to guard the other players, Sam Ochoa dribbles as fast as he can get in order to get closer to the net for his shot.



Varsity and Junior Varsity player Alex Lucas tries dribbles his way to the net while being double teamed by the opposing players.

Andrew Munoz, with the opposing players running after him to guard him from making a shot, dribbles and then stops in order to trick the opposing team. The teams and coaches watch nervously as he makes his move.

The JV and Varsity boys mix up the two teams so that there is a mix of both JV and Varsity on a team in order to practice together by playing against each other.

Full-Court Threat

Boys' Varsity Basketball

by Naomi Kim

With the gymnasium as their second home, our Wildcat players have spent hour after hour running back and forth across the court and shooting baskets and passing to fellow teammates. These seemingly infinite and neverending practices have helped out our Varsity team during their games by improving their game and building up their stamina, all of which affects the game of our Varsity players. These team members have dedicated countless time and effort towards perfecting their game so that they might show themselves to be a threat in their games. "We spend as much time as we can prepping for our games, so that we can bring pride not only to our team, but to our school," says Varsity player Geoffrey Peterson. Many teams have underestimated our Varsity team, and they seem to regret overlooking such a serious threat. When asked if the team would make it to the playoffs, Patrick Allen stated, "Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen...like me." All our boys gave their maximum effort to each and every game and gave tough fights with their opponents each and every game. Although the improved team was short on wins to enter the playoffs, they made a great effort and finished the season with a strong record. But according to Fernando Schiantarelli, "We gave it our best shot, we stepped it up, we didn't give up. But we are all friends playing a game that we all love... What could be better than that?" The players have obviously not let themselves get down, and they all look forward to continue playing for school teams, whether its in college for our seniors, or back on the school team for the undergraduates. Although there is a mix of classmates on this team, they all bring dedication, passion, sportsmanship, and different skills that make our Varsity Boys' Basketball team a serious threat. With returning Coach Sean Legaux at the helm, our Varsity team has definitely shown that they are force to be reckoned within the Foothill League. We look forward to seeing the future performances of players who have been motivated and inspired by our Varsity team.



While a fellow Wildcat blocks an opponent from moving in on his fellow teammate, David Franklin looks across the court for an open man to pass the ball to. An opponent tries to steal the ball away, but Franklin avoids this threat with ease. With such teamwork, our Varsity team has shown that they are a force to be reckoned with.



After making a drive towards the basket, Elias Lucas leaps to make a lay-up before his opponent can steal the ball away. As he leaps up, his opponent makes a last desperate attempt to block the shot, but Lucas is determined to make the shot and prepares to catch the rebound should his shot miss.



With players and fans alike watching on and adding pressure, Fernando Schiantarelli composes himself and shoots a feathrow. Fellow Wildcats wait with bated breath as the ball flies through the air and into the net, while our opponents hope against hope that the shot will somehow not make it through the hoop.



With an opponent hot on his trail, Alejandro Castro dribbles the ball in a drive to make a basket. His teammates watch with bated breath, and hope that he is able to work around the defense and offense players who are trying to stop him from scoring a basket and from pulling the Wildcats into the lead.



Before every game, our Wildcat players warm up and take some practices shots to get pumped for their upcoming game. In this photo, William Tate jumps to make a layup, while spectators scrutinize his shot. His teammates all look on, hoping that he'll make it and give their opponents a reason to be nervous about the game.



As he makes a huge effort to jump higher than his opponent, Geoff Peterson reaches to tip the ball to his teammates to gain control of the play. A tense Wildcat and a tense Centurion push and shove one another in a struggle to be the first to receive the tip-off ball and, consequently, to take control of the game from the very beginning.



As Anthony Yumul takes a jump shot, his opponent jumps to attempt to block his shot. Wildcat fans and team members alike look on and hope with every fiber in their body that the ball will shoot through the basket. The remaining defense players position themselves to catch the rebound, should the ball miss the hoop.

Kick It!

Girls JV/F Soccer

by Chelsea Curran

West Ranch High School Girl's junior varsity and freshman soccer teams are very hard-working and goal-oriented. They are willing to take that extra step to improve on their game and beat the competition, which by consensus seemed to be Canyon. "They have lost the least amount of games," notes Elise DiTamaso. These girls are very dedicated and are willing to go that extra mile to outplay the competition. With most of their games won, they were a force to be reckoned with. Without determination, they would be on the losing side of most of their games. "As a team, we are motivated, to come out with a win every time," Emily Brown commented. When the team is motivated, the girls are ready to play and beat the other team. It is important for the whole team to give 100% during a game. The Wildcats won almost all of their games that they played this season. As a team, they have become so much closer this year, when compared to past season. With a season this big, all they can do is wait to see what next year brings them.



This group of girls are sitting on the sidelines awaiting their turn to play. Sitting out gives them a chance to rest and prepare for when they have to go back in. They get a chance to watch their teammates play. Also, when they are on the sidelines the coaches have a chance to talk and critique their on-field performance.



Our Wildcat girls are determined to take the ball and shoot it into the goal for another point. It is important that they put in their all during a game, to show that all of their practice has paid off. Without their effort the game would easily go to the other team, therefore allowing the other team to win.



The Wildcat Girls put up a fierce fight to steal the ball away from the other team. They are determined to get the ball into the goal multiple times during a single game. All of the hard work as their practices has led up to this point. It's important for them to give it their all to try to win it.



The WR soccer girls know how to fight, especially on our turf. Here, the girls show off their skills at a home game, proving to Saugus that they can step up their game. Practicing many hours a week on and off the field has clearly paid off, with WR soccer doing wonderfully this season.



All the girls sit in a circle during half time to discuss what they need to improve on and how they can do better throughout the rest of the game. This huddle will help them come together as one to strategize for the second half. This is a good time for all the girls to come together as a team to talk about how well they are working together.

“The best moments are when we beat our competition.”

Francine Hernandez, Sophomore

We Kick Some...

Grass

Girls Varsity Soccer

by Naomi Kim



With an opponent hot on her heels, Camille Kirkpatrick dribbles down the field and prepares to pass the ball up further to a waiting teammate who is waiting to kick the ball into the net. All the players move in sync with the ball as it moves up the field, and they all position themselves in places where they are able to receive the ball to shoot into the net.



As the opposing player attempts to steal the ball from a Wildcat, Amanda Kelley pulls a move and dribbles away from the opponent. Other Wildcats look on in anticipation as Kelley manages to keep hold of the ball and sprints towards the goal. This play allows her to gain advantage in the game, an action that is beneficial to the overall victory for our Varsity Wildcats.



In a two-against-one situation, Biana Lomelli decides that the best thing to do is pass the ball to her teammates. With both opponents closing in, she lifts her foot and prepares to send the ball flying down the field and closer to the goal.



After the ball has been kicked out of bounds, Ivy Emmons takes a huge step to throw-in the ball to her fellow Wildcats. She rushes to get the ball back in play and to catch her opponents off guard before they can set up their defensive strategy.



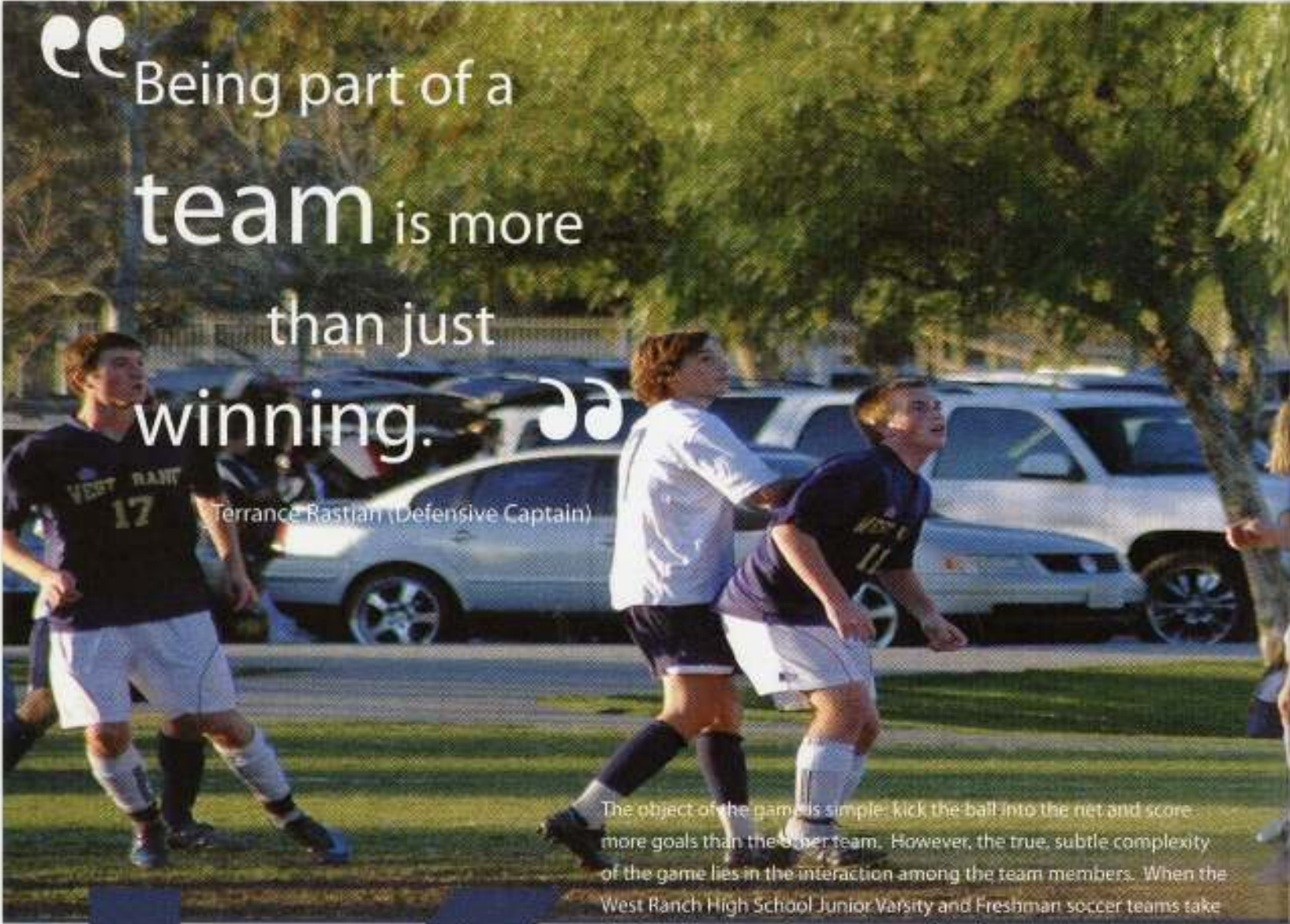
With a supreme effort, Rebecca Seguancia dives to save a shot on goal by an opponent. As they both slide on the turf, the referee watches to make sure that the game is kept fair and that no one is fouled or hurt during the play.



While Taylor Greasley dribbles the ball up the field, she has an opponent close on her heels. She notices and puts on a burst of speed that will propel her past the defenders and closer to her goal... THE GOAL. Her defeated opponent sprints to catch up with her, but Taylor Rose-Greasley shows that all the weeks of endless conditioning and practice do pay off in the long run. Her show of speed and endurance will send a message to their opponents saying that not only are our lady Wildcats not to be underestimated, but also that they will do whatever it takes to win.

"As twenty-two Wildcats take their positions on the field, adrenaline rushes through each of them. The crowd is pumped up, the much-anticipated whistle is blown, and the players scatter across the field. While the game goes on, the crowd cheers as our team kicks the other team's...grass. The referee's whistle is blown one more time, and the game ends in a Wildcat victory."

This year has been full of changes: a change in coaches, a change in teammates, and a change in skills. The only thing that hasn't changed for our lady Wildcats is their love for the sport that they play—soccer. This year, our girls' Varsity team has been expected to play up to the great legacy of the seniors who graduated, and they have exceeded that goal and more. After many strenuous hours of practice and conditioning, our Varsity Wildcats took to the fields, their kicks harder than ever, and their team bond was even stronger than they thought possible. Senior Ivy Emmons gets her motivation from "[her] teammates. ...I don't want to let them down so I always want to work extra hard." With such inspiration, it is no wonder that our Varsity team is seen as a threat in the Foothill League. Teammates are not the only motivation for these girls to play on the school soccer team. For Michelle Malette, her drive comes from "[t]he great feeling [she] gets when [she] scores the winning goal and when the handwork of [her] and [her] teammates pays off." For these Wildcats, playing on the girls' Varsity team not only brings about new friendships and improved skills, but it also sets a precedent for future Varsity soccer players who yearn to kick some grass in the Foothill League in the future.



“Being part of a
team is more
than just
winning.”

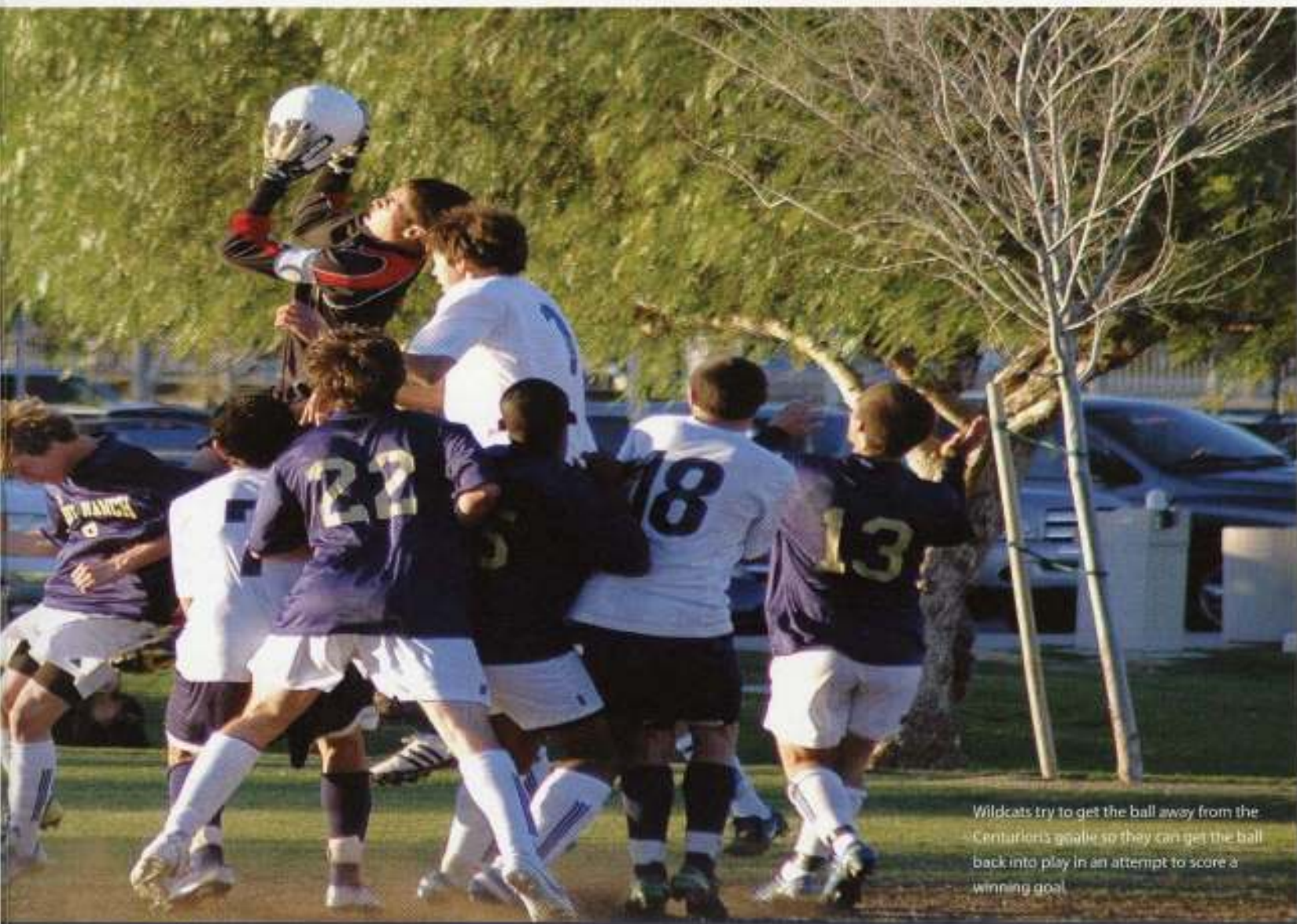
Terrance Bastian (Defensive Captain)

The object of the game is simple: kick the ball into the net and score more goals than the other team. However, the true, subtle complexity of the game lies in the interaction among the team members. When the West Ranch High School Junior Varsity and Freshman soccer teams take the field, they know the importance of “[not] underestimating the other team,” according to Andrew Reynolds, but they also realize the importance of working together. “Teamwork,” according to Terrance Barroso, “lets you work as a [unified] team. You [have to] be able to pass the ball and know that everyone knows what is going on.” Another important aspect of teamwork is trust. Whether it is trusting a teammate to play offense and try to score a goal, or trusting that the defenders will try to stop the other team from advancing, it is always important to that “you trust your teammates. That way, you can trust them to do their job [which] helps you win,” notes Jonathon Price. No matter what the outcome of the game is, Jonathon Tamsut “[views] everyone on the team as friends,” which allows them to have fun while playing a sport that they all enjoy. It is through these types of relationships that the JV and Fresh soccer teams can persevere and achieve their goals. Through practices, scrimmages, winning or losing, the West Ranch boys JV and Fresh soccer teams know the value of teamwork and the role it plays both on and off the field.

Keep it Rolling

Boys JV/F Soccer

by Christine Amador



Wildcats try to get the ball away from the Centurions goalie so they can get the ball back into play in an attempt to score a winning goal.



Ashton Kolander uses his feet to skillfully maneuver through two Golden Valley players while maintaining possession of the ball.



In order to maintain control of the ball, Joseph Maxey leaps into the air and performs a header surprising the Saugus defenders.



Brady Stuart comes from behind a Saugus player and tries to steal the ball in an attempt to regain possession. He is trying to pass the ball to an awaiting teammate.

The game of soccer seems simple: kick a ball and score a goal. And yet, this simple sport requires much time, rigorous practice and the motivation to play and win. According to Steven Delgado, "Our coach pushes us to be the best we can be and to work as a team." Intense commitment and self-discipline are required to bring the team to the top, and our West Ranch Wildcats bring this game to a whole new level. The hours of intense conditioning show the team's dedication and prepares them for the games. All their hard work comes down to the last moments in the game when the final goal is scored, leading the team to victory. They have pushed themselves to their full potential, which is clearly shown on the field. Though the players work together as a team, each of their talents and strengths are significant and contribute to the team's successful season. Through all their hard work and dedication, the players have grown closer together as a team, both on and off the field. The team has faced fierce competition this season, but it has never backed down from a challenge. The obstacles they have faced have made the team stronger in the long run, and they have demonstrated that their efforts are not to be underestimated. The victories and powerful kicks they have made this season have been worth the great pain and sacrifice and will boost the spirits of future players for years and years to come. Our Varsity team has proven their fierceness through their successful season and can wear the title of "Wildcats" with pride.

Teammates Evan Stevens and Josh Martinez prepare to score a goal and lead their team to success. With confidence and purpose, they carefully dribble the ball down the field. Their efforts are not taken too lightly by the other team, because these Wildcats will easily bring the team to top.



Though his opponents attempt to steal the ball, no challenge is too great for Felipe Restrepo. With great strength and energy, he sprints at full speed towards the goal and outruns all of his rivals. His team can expect great things from Restrepo, and he can assure an easy triumph.



With high spirits, team members Evan Stevens, Felipe Restrepo, Ivan Rudas, Pablo Morales, Sergio Torres show their pride and appreciation for each other and the team as they congratulate each other of their success. Each of player's great efforts have brought the Wildcats a step closer to victory.



With determination in his eyes, Cameron Nelson steals the ball and manages to dodge the opponents from the other team who attempt to stop this fierce Wildcat. Lucky for Cameron, he is not the type to give up easily and will fight for what his team rightly deserves.



Aldo Moreno kicks the ball out of reach from his opponent and prepares for his next move. Not even the greatest players on the opposite team can stop this determined West Ranch athlete from scoring the goal and winning the challenging game for his teammates.



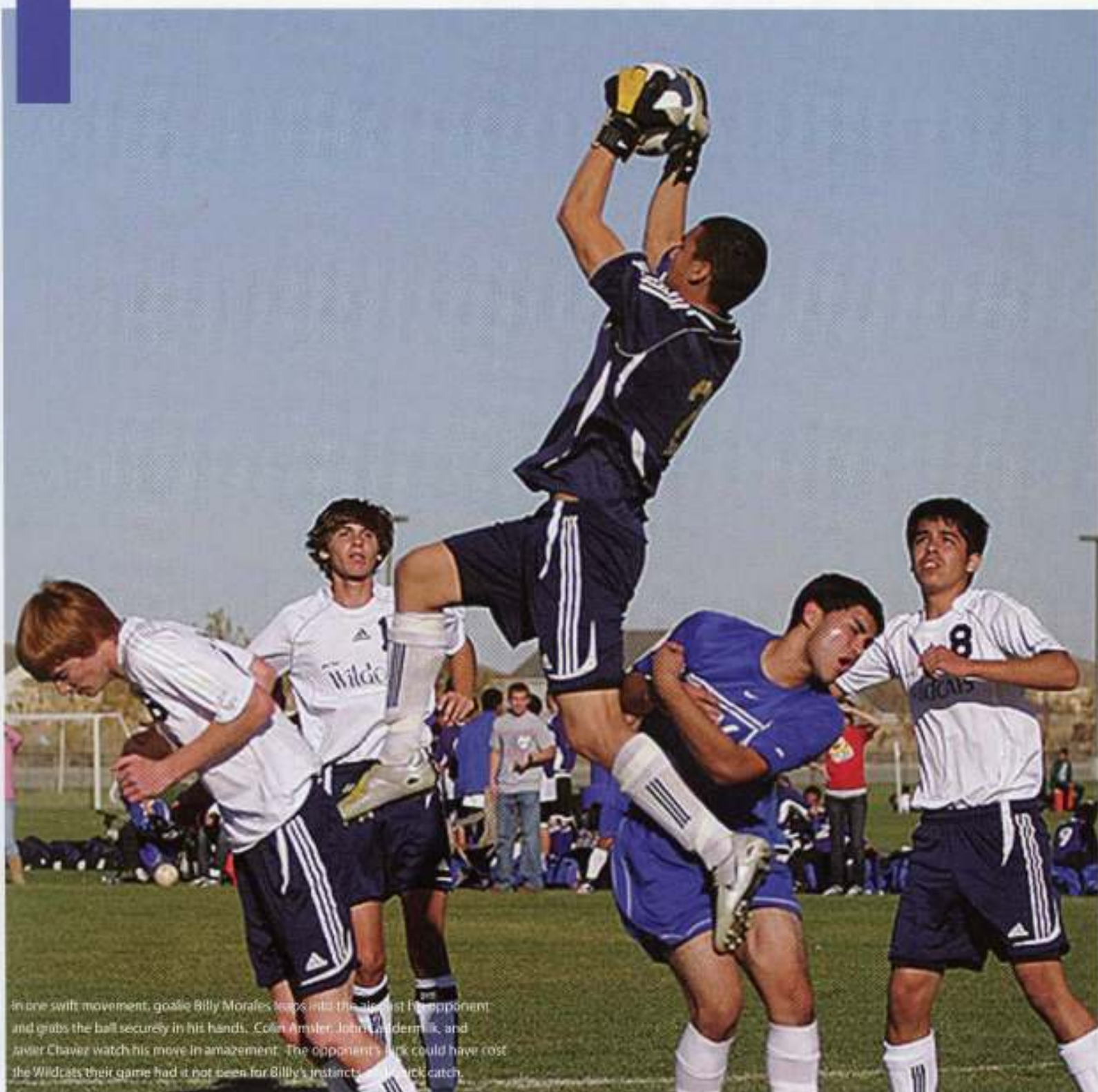
With all his energy, Evan Stevens wrestles with his rival for the ball as Steven Delgado stands at his side for backup. It takes great skill to accomplish such a difficult task such as this one, but Evan Stevens faces the challenge with determination and focus.

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owerful Kicks

Boys Varsity Soccer

by Sarah Andrews



In one swift movement, goalie Billy Morales leaps into the air to catch the ball and grabs the ball securely in his hands. Colin Amster, John Landerholm, and Javier Chavez watch his move in amazement. The opponent's kick could have cost the Wildcats their game had it not been for Billy's instincts and quick catch.



Jenelle Lindvall steps into the field to catch a popfly. During practice, catching and throwing repeatedly helps enhance players' skill and stamina.

Softball Today

by Josh Holmes

Up to bat. The sun is shining down. The pitcher begins to wind up, keeping her arms at her sides. She steadily lifts her back heel, while skillfully balancing power on her front leg. She begins to rock her arms in a backward direction, shifting her weight on her back leg. Her arms thrust forward, protecting the ball in the homely cradle of the glove. Rotating her hands up to the sky, she rotates her hands in a perfect circle, and as the glove arm points toward the catcher's glove, she releases the ball at her hip, with a strong wrist snap. The hitter raises her bat and hits a homerun. These actions are required for a successful game and practice session for softball. To accomplish the greatest, our girls learn elements of the game that deem themselves successful.

What is this game that our girls excel and spend time doing well? It is called Softball. "Softball to me is an escape from the daily stresses, a sport that allows me to be competitive and build better teamwork with the girls," stated Sohali Sutaria. Softball is a sport which requires severe determination and perseverance to excel and do greatly. It's a sport which requires the ability to multi-task and work together as a team. Our Girls here at West Ranch High School have shown us that they have more than just determination and perseverance; they have a strong sense of team work and understanding that playing softball is more than excelling individually. Rather, it is doing well as a team and working together to win each game. Sophomore Kelly Herron declares "without teamwork, we would not be able to make one single play. Our team is like a family; we give some and

"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a civilization work."

- Vincent Lombardi



During sixth period practice, Varsity softball player Bree De La Torre runs to second base after a fellow teammate hits the ball in left center field. This stamina building exercise helps our girls on the field, especially when running bases.



Practicing with her pitching, a softball player practices outside the dug out with her pitching coach. Like all sports activities, warming up and practicing is extremely important when playing softball.



On third base, Michaela Hernandez, waits for her fellow teammate to step up to bat. Concentration and intuition are important qualities which are needed on the field.

Softball Tomorrow...

we take some." Teamwork is an important skill needed to work successfully in any group; at school, at practice, in games, in life. Softball also helps enhance and create stronger bonds in areas which are helpful to the game, such as evasiveness, speed, and determination, but there is more to the sport other than practice and games. Carly Burmeister says, "I have learned to stay determined and that if you work hard enough you'll find a way to win the end. I used this when I was doing my college applications." Skills learned in playing softball, as with any sport, are beneficial to everyday activities.

Girl's softball had a heavy schedule this spring season with practices almost every day, weekends, and games almost every week. These games took place in La Crescenta, Lancaster and against our rivals at Golden Valley High School. Softball will hopefully dominate the fields this year. Our girls wouldn't have been able to pull off their hectic schedules without encouragement from their coach and loving parents. This five-year young sports program has gone to new heights and distances these past years and has continued to excel greatly. For such a young softball team they have accomplished so much and have created



Up to bat, Bryanna De La Torre concentrates on the ball as it flies towards. Mill-seconds later, DeLaTorre sliced the ball through center field.

...Softball Forever

such skillful softball players and individuals. Lydia Castillo hopefully states that "this year our softball team is going to come out on top."

Varsity Girls

Many of the girls on this team have been together all four years and have worked extremely hard to do well in games and practices every week. Many of the girls on softball plan on continuing

softball after high school. Many of the girls on Varsity have been together for all four years, and they have grown to be a family, let alone a hardworking team. "I love my softball team; I consider it more of a family than a team," said Alyssa Hernandez.

Junior Varsity Girls

Our Junior Varsity girls are in transition of no longer being the frosh team yet not having



Shayna Medoff pitches a fastball during practice. Softball pitching takes an immense amount of skill and effort to perfect.



To ensure that the girls fully comprehend the effects of their actions, Frosh girls must run laps if they overthrow the ball.



On third base, Bree Lendman throws the ball to pitcher Shayna Medoff. Aim and precision are qualities which our softball girls learn to perfect.



the experience for Varsity. Here our girls work their hardest to achieve greatness.

Frosh Girls

Most girls on Frosh softball are either freshmen or sophomores and have worked in their small time on the West Ranch High School softball team, extremely hard and have showed their school spirit, pride and determination for their school and their team. "I feel the short time that I have

been on the team, that I have excelled well and have been a great representative on the team," said Jessenia Tovar.

Regardless of what team our West Ranch Softball girls are on, they have all worked together to become the representatives of our entire school. Practicing almost every day, on the field and off, our girls are developing into the students and model citizens that we call our fellow Wildcats.

Season Memories: What is your favorite softball memory?



"One of our last games, last year against Saugus. It was a night game at Hart Park; the field that we all had played at when we were little. The feeling of playing on the same field that I had played on when I was seven was amazing. That was our best game last season and a game that I will never forget."

- Carly Burmeister



"My favorite memory would have to be when I had first found out that I made the softball team here at West Ranch and that all of my friends had also made the team with me. I felt as if I was becoming a part of a new family here at West Ranch, a softball family."

- Lydia Castillo



"My favorite softball moment would have to be my sophomore year when we had our first varsity softball team at West Ranch. We had beat Hart 4 to 2. That was a great moment, the team meshed well and we all played together as one. That was by far my favorite memory."

- Alyssa Hernandez



"My favorite softball memory was when I hit my first homerun against Northpark High School. I had no idea that I had gone over the fence until I reached third base. It was a really great feeling!"

- Brittaney Sarmiento



"My favorite memory so far was our first game. We were playing in Alemany on a Saturday morning. Everyone was nervous for our first game and some of the girls had never even experienced real playing time. Since it was a scrimmage, our coach just told us to have fun, but that didn't keep the nerves away! Alemany doesn't have a Frosh team, so we were up against their JV girls. Even though we lost, our first game really helped us learn how to play."

- Kelly Heron



Michaela Hernandez, Outfield Center, throws the ball back to home base in a race against the runner. Our girls practice these drills almost every day.



Lydia Castillo and fellow teammate Olivia Laney practice throwing the ball near the field. As the saying goes: "practice makes perfect," and our girls practice to ensure they do well.



Coach Rick Baran-Cole gives some words of advice to our fellow Junior Varsity Girls Softball team.



Above: Gathering around for a huddle, the West Ranch High School Freshmen team exchange further encouragement while awaiting for the continuation of the game. Shown here, the coach gives instructions to the pitcher, catcher, outfield players, first baseman, second baseman, and third baseman and reminds them that having fun and enjoying the game is more important than fearing who wins.

Below: At the West Ranch home field, a freshmen player slides into base while the catcher readies anxiously to take him out. The player ultimately slides into the base with no troubles. This slide further shows the improvement and accomplishments the West Ranch Freshmen team achieved and the potential they developed throughout the season.



Catcher Patrick Kelly (pictured) and his fellow 14 players head back to the dug out after the game while some team members continue to show great sportsmanship by shaking hands and thanking their opponents for the challenging game.



During the scrimmage game played prior to the beginning of the season, Aaron Smirnoff slams the baseball with a great deal of strength before taking action on his intention to make it to first base without getting tagged by the opposing team.



During the scrimmage playoff, sophomore Joe Barbosa confidently and rapidly sprints to first base, after hitting the ball past the opposing team. His speed and diligence reflects the encouragement he receives from his fellow teammates.



In a game against Santa Barbara at their school, freshman Brent Blumenthal slams the ball towards the opposing team, encouraging his sprint hastily to first base avoiding being tagged by the first baseman.



A Game for the Ages

JV/Frosh Baseball

by Nadia Ali

The aptitude to bat, catch, and throw an impressive curve ball and to play an awesome game of baseball are greatly honored skills, requiring tremendous talent and years of practice. The Freshmen and Junior Varsity teams having had a busy season with new, gifted players who have grown up with the love of baseball. While they practiced almost everyday after school, the Freshmen and Junior Varsity teams also worked to develop their friendships along with their athletic skills. Joseph Cloney, the only freshmen on the JV team, known as JC by his fellow teammates, fell in love with the game at an early age: "I was six years old and my brother and sister showed me some games and I started to like the sport." Most players on these two teams enjoyed Little League as a young children and always hoped to play on their high school team. That ambition would soon turn into the desire to want to play during their college years, and for some, the major and minor leagues. "I hope to continue baseball into college to enter the Majors," Cloney adds. For Brandon Heath, freshman pitcher and first-baseman, the decision to play major league is not as firm: "I am planning to continue baseball into college, preferably USC. I am currently deciding whether I want to pursue baseball for my career." Despite the hard work and potential career in baseball, Heath is taking the time to simply enjoy his experience, especially while working with the Burill brothers as coaches. Both Coach Brady and Coach Casey Burill are extremely experienced in the sport and have valued baseball all their lives. Coach Casey Burill was even drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates, but he chose to attend USC instead. During pre-season, Coach Casey Burill saw the upcoming season as being fantastic: "I like the pitching that we have on both levels. I think there is some good hitting. This year we have a little speed too so I think we have a bright future." Although winning isn't always the case, through the hard work and devoted attention both the Freshman and Junior Varsity put into baseball, a fun season is ALWAYS the result!



In the midst of the scrimmage game, sophomore Ryan Riordan, after landing on base, rests after his rapid triumph making it past the opposing red team from first base to second base. Then, he checks to see when the batter would slam the ball so he could go to third base.



Sophomore Matt Blake, with great ambition, fiercely throws against the opposing team's batter in attempt to make sure that they do not make any hits off his incredibly skilled pitch. Not only is the strength in his arms admirable, but it is a crucial contribution to the West Ranch Junior Varsity team.



During a game of the West Ranch Freshmen Ranchers vs. Chatsworth, the pitcher exchanges glances at a rancher leading off first base, either ready to steal a base or wait for the pitch that would ultimately give him a chance to sprint with great endeavor to the second base without being tagged by the opposing team.



Sophomore player Ryan Keller reaches back with the baseball in hand in order to give it more momentum to fly by the batter. His pitching skill helps him to get more strikes against the opposing teams.



With intensity, Junior player Nico Rusconi skillfully slides past a Lancer on his way to second base. With an abundant amount of determination and willpower, he does not give up on himself and his ability to "make it home." As the dust settles, the anticipating crowd burst into cheers when they see that our Wildcat player was successful in his endeavor to slide into second base.

“...we are an intimidating force...”



Outfielder Spencer Ortega does not let his opponent distract him from his duty to himself and to his team to keep focused on the game at hand. He keeps his eyes on what's going on in order to concentrate on the play happening in front of him. He makes sure that his foot is planted firmly on the base in case the baseball gets into the hands of the opposing team. This keeps him safe at all times, and allows him to be even more focused on the game.

How To: Get That Home Run.

by Jessica Lederer and Naomi Kim

Step One

Step up to the plate.

Step Two

Batter Up!

Step Three

Sprint to first.

Step Four

Slide into second.

Step Five

Skip to third.

Step Six

Glide into home.

Step Seven

Enjoy the moment.

Step Eight

Do it again.

With thrilling home games and fierce away games, our Varsity boys had a very exhilarating season. Not only playing games in Southern California, they traveled as far as Nevada to show off their skills. Although it was fun to play games elsewhere, Senior outfielder Spencer Ortega says, "Home games are way more intense because you feel that you have to defend your territory and always want to work harder to show that we are an intimidating force on the field." With confidence in themselves and their teammates, these Cats kept the crowd going at home games, and gave it their all no matter the outcome. Practicing three to four hours each and every day paid off in all the innings they played throughout the season. Sophomore catcher Aaron Smirnov explained, "My favorite part is being able to be one part of the success of our [team]." From the beginning of the season up until the very end, these Varsity Wildcats worked together, played their hearts out, and represented West Ranch as a team with a lot of passion towards their games.



Senior player Casey Watkins prepares himself for an incoming opponent at bat. He keeps his eye on the batter expecting anything to happen. He must be ready at all times in case the ball flies his way. This keeps him on guard and allows for his quick reflexes to come in handy. With a sturdy stance and a lot of focus, he keeps his head in the game and he gives his all to help his teammates to get a hold of another win. Casey Watkins knows how to pay attention to his tasks and help his team to victory.



Senior player Mitchell Thompson watches the pitcher and batter cautiously with intentions to steal a base. He takes a few steps back, in order to lessen the distance between him and the next base, still making sure to stay focused on the game. With fans, coaches, and teammates watching him, Mitchell Thompson knows he needs to make his way to the next base in order to be step closer to home base, and what could be a very rewarding victory.



The boys take to the water! A well-formed dive is essential to get a head start on the rest of their competition. Once they jump off the platform and hit the water, their time starts. Their recorded time determines whether or not swimmers win the meet. They must be totally focused on whatever kind of race and stroke they are swimming.

The swimmers take their mark at the diving platform, get ready to jump in the water, and then SPLASH, the race starts. Though the race has started, the nerves are a different issue for our West Ranch swimmers. As Dylana Brame remembers, "We get so nervous before getting on the platform. Once we are on it, our adrenaline starts pumping; but once we are in the water, all the nerves go away." Their times determine who wins the meet, the faster the time the better. There are many different events that the swimmers participate in during a meet consisting of the freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly. In these categories, there are many different distances, including the 50 yard, 100 yard, 200 yard, and the 500 yard. Some swimmers will even break time records during the meets. While working as a team, they start to develop close bonds with one another. When asked how the team was preparing, sophomore Erika Ordog explains, "We are training unbelievably hard and pushing ourselves in every practice so that we can beat our times in the next meet." In addition, their schedules get busier and more hectic when swim meets almost everyday and everybody must show up at all the practices in order to even be eligible to swim in the meets. The results of the hard work is evident. "Existing swimmers are stepping up," shares Coach Worby, "and new swimmers are bringing a lot of talent to the team." The swimmers have been working especially hard throughout the course of the season to be victorious.

Swim

Head On!

by Chelsea Curran



Freshman Amanda Modlin takes her mark at the platform, determined to beat her previous time. These time trials determine whether or not the swimmers are on JV or Varsity for the swim season.



The swim team girls take their mark at the starting platform. They must stand a certain way while on the platform in order to not be disqualified. Some of the requirements is to have their feet at the edge of their platform and their hands must be the first thing to touch the water.



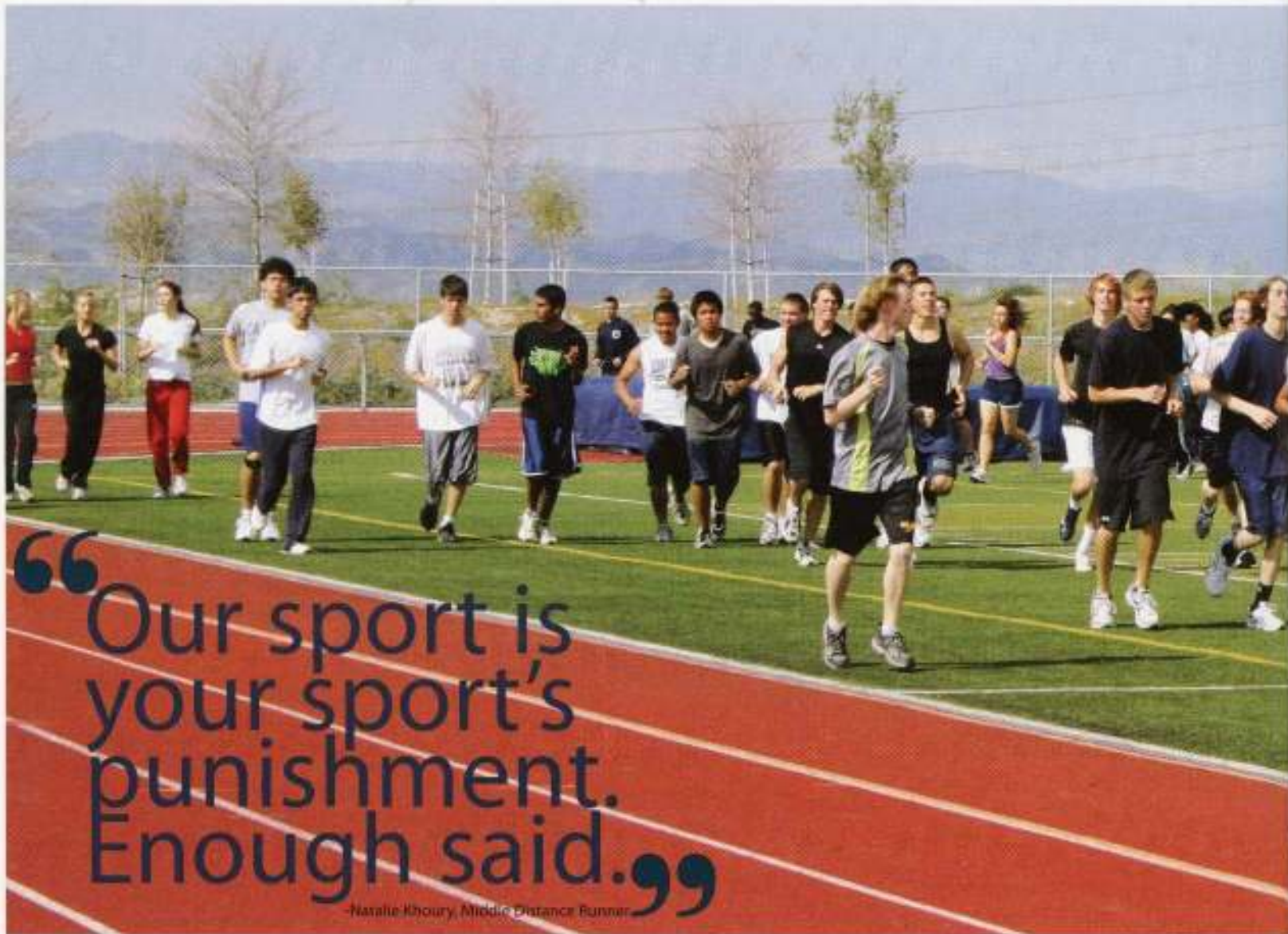
Senior Carlos Berman prepares to begin the backstroke. The anxiety can build up, but each swimmer is given the opportunity to calm their nerves as they wait for the race to start.



While demonstrating the backstroke, Senior Shelby Vogl concentrates swimming the length of the pool in the least time possible.



Junior Ryan Slight shows off the breast stroke. In this stroke, you move your arms out in front of you, then down to your sides.



Senior long distance runner Jack Carey takes off his warm up shoes to change into his long distance running shoes with spikes on the bottom in order to further and maximize traction on the red running track.



Junior Jay Clark, high jumper, spends time during track practice perfecting his high jump. He is using the practice bar that has pieces of cushion wrapped around a rope to ensure that there are no injuries during practice.



Senior pole vaulter Vickie Barr practices her pole vaulting skills. Vickie uses a long, flexible pole made out of either fiberglass or carbon fiber to help her leap over the bar. She is working to be the best pole vaulter this season.



Running, Jumping, Throwing, and Hitting. Track and Field is comprised of many different events, but as a team, students come together to support and push one another to their maximum potential. Having separate events within one team gives each team member their own chance to shine and learn about themselves. As Izzy Howell, Jumper, acknowledges, "Because it's an individual sport, it teaches me responsibility and self discipline."

The track and field team members spend endless hours practicing. They have after-school practices and even wake up at 8 a.m. each Saturday morning to perfect and better their skills on the track and on the field. Distance runner Jack Carey spends much time preparing for competitions. He said, "I drink between 3-5 gallons of water, eat tons of carbohydrates, stretch a lot, and listen to music to pump myself up."

The team is extremely competitive overall and loves the thrill of beating the opposing team. "Track brings out my competitive side," admits middle distance runner Carter Welker, "and reminds me that I have to be competitive every single day." The entire team is extremely motivated and believes track and field is the toughest of all sports. Middle distance runner Natalie Khoury joined track and field to be a part of a team, and that team sticks together. "Our sport is your sport's punishment. Enough said," she adds. While other teams run for conditioning, the track and field team runs for their sport. Track and Field is extremely successful due to their drive, ambition, and dedication to the non-stop sport.

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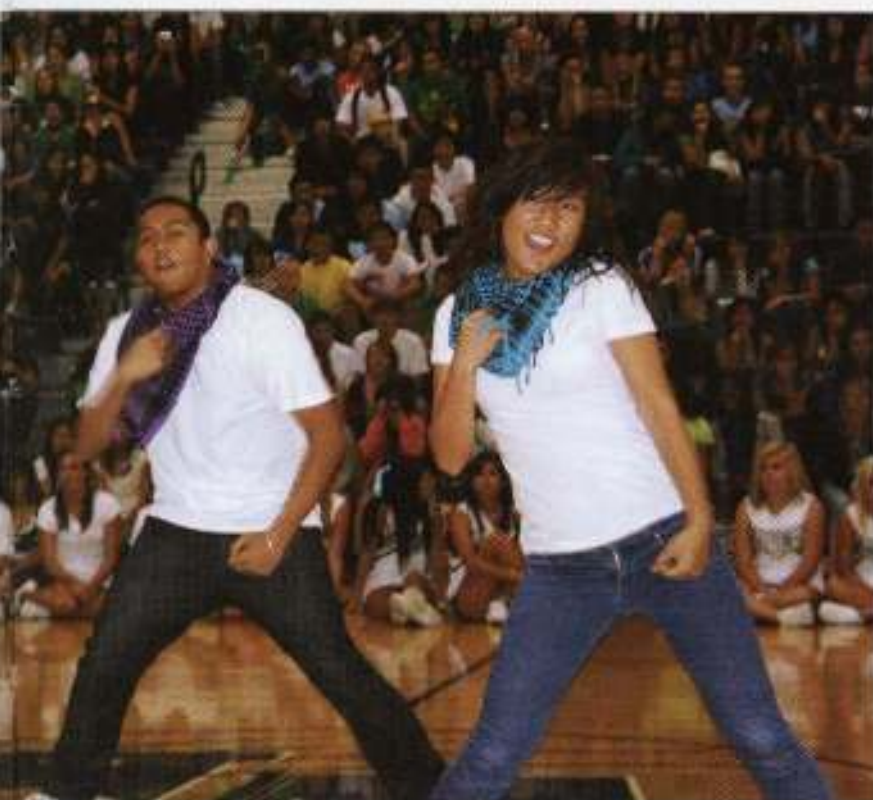
by Taylor Moustris and Jessica Lederer

Track and Field 193

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clubs and organizations

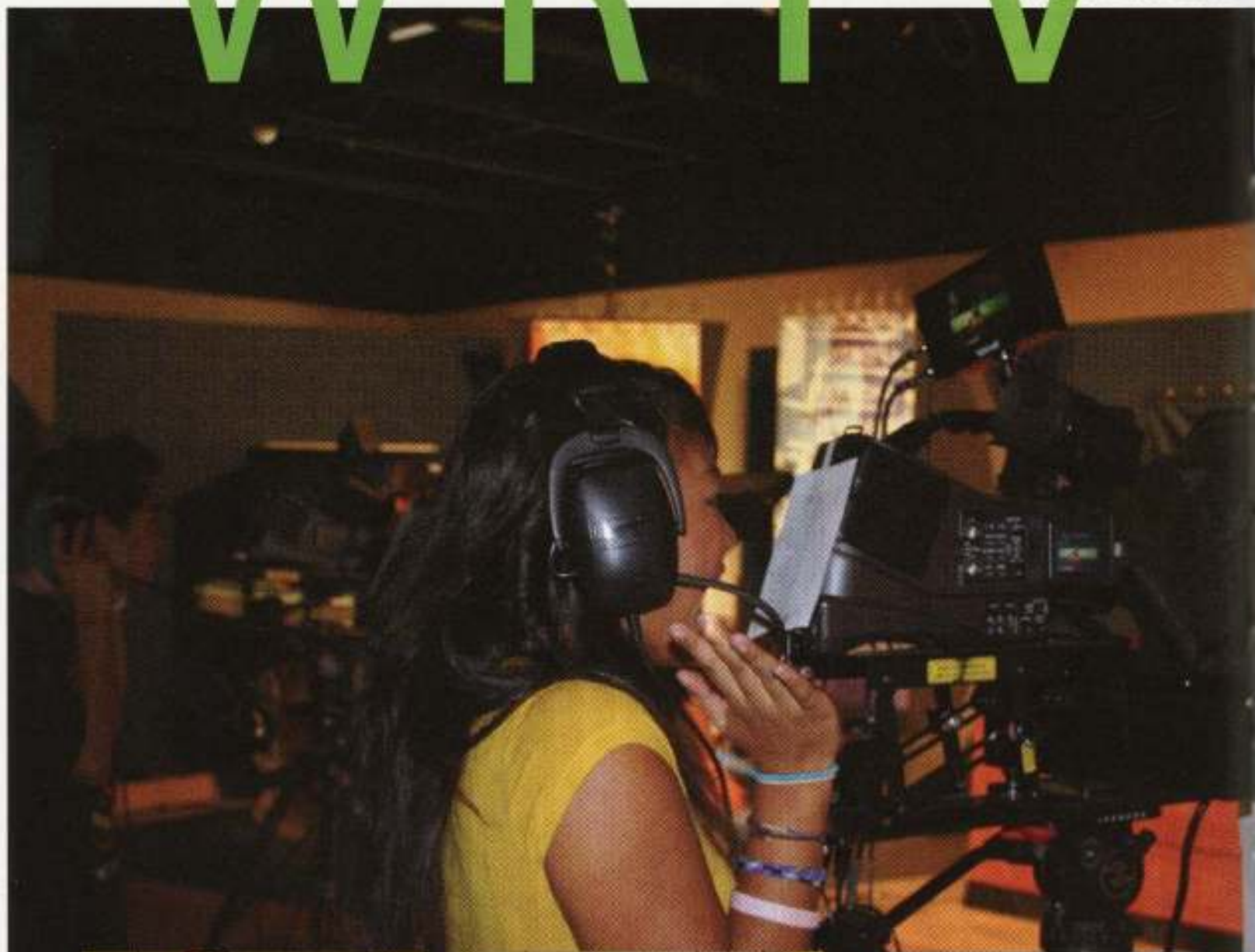


With a student body consisting of nearly 2600 students, many clubs and organizations have formed here at West Ranch that harness a multitude of different students who share a common interest. They may seem like extra-curricular activities that students who have free time can participate in, yet these clubs and organizations mean so much more to students and they take a lot of time and effort to run. These clubs and organizations were created to invent an environment where students can come together and discuss similar interests they have with one another. These interests range from raising awareness on certain issues such as cancer to community service and hobby clubs to spirit organizations. A majority of the students at West Ranch participate in one, two, or even more than three of these clubs. These organizations meet during various days of the week at lunch for meetings and also may participate in district or statewide events. Instead of acting as separate clubs that meet during lunch, some organizations are now classes offered here at West Ranch, like cheerleading and band which helps students earn high school credit while doing something that they enjoy. This takes up a big chunk of our daily routine at West Ranch, either by scrambling at the end of the semester to finish our volunteer hours, practicing after school on the cheer routine or scrambling to make the newspaper deadline. No matter what triggers our devotion to whatever club or organization we join, these clubs and organizations do not only involve us but encompass the community in which we live.



W R T V

by LU Bauer and Marissa Fein



Steven Hochman and Jake Wanjon work in the control room, where the crew produces graphics, run segments, and control all of the other aspects during the live show.

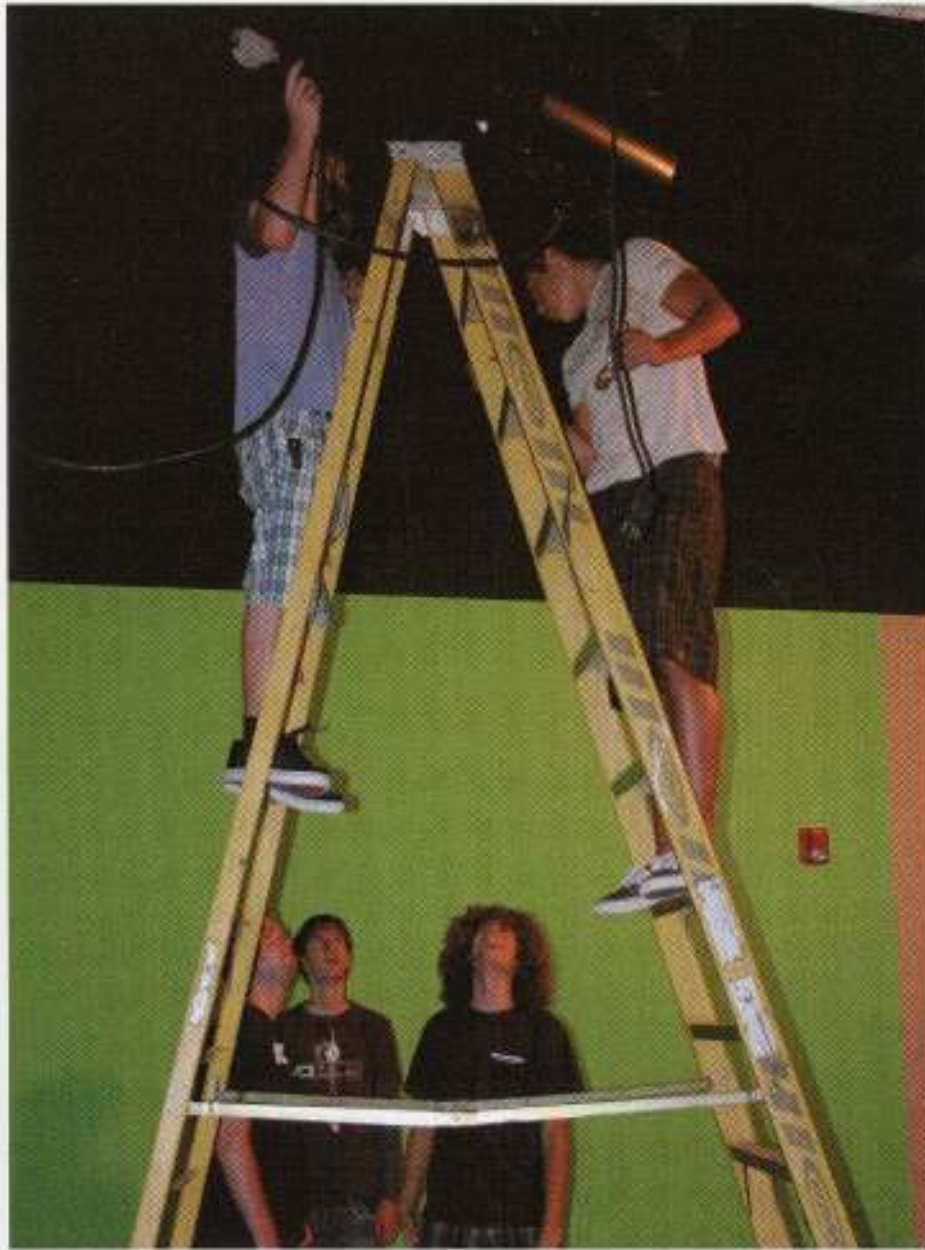


Nancy Estrada and Janet Boschie review the day's script. The script for each show has to be written the night before so it can be revised and edited before the show.



Kristen Loudon and Jake Wanjon make final adjustments to the placement of the camera before the sports lineup for the day is announced.

Cal Vogelsang, Jordan David, and Jake Becker watch as other West Ranch TV members adjust the studio lights. The West Ranch TV crew is responsible for controlling all aspects of the production of the show, from filming and editing segments, to always keeping the studio prepared for the show.



Tani Slauson practices the Sports List script before she announces the sports lineup for the day. The Sports List keeps everyone informed on sports tryouts and the times/locations of the day's matchups.



Below: Principal Vincent observes the hurried preparations for the day's show. Everyone, even our principal, values the dedication each West Ranch TV member puts forth in creating our news show. It is fascinating to see how exactly the show is run and by what means it is produced.



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"Hey Wildcats, I'm Fernando Schiantarelli."

"And I'm Tani Slauson."

"And West Ranch TV starts now!"

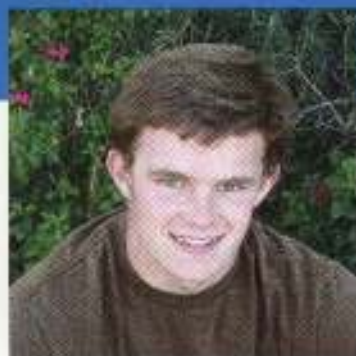
Everyday, during the first fifteen minutes of either fourth or fifth period, the hosts of WRTV provide all of the necessary information that is needed to keep the school and student body functioning; however, what we see on screen is only the "tip" of the proverbial iceberg, as the final product represents the time and efforts by the crew of WRTV, who generally most spend time throughout third period, brunch, and after school - making graphics, writing scripts, and producing segments. "We usually get here earlier than everybody else," explains senior Rachel Jacobs. "We have to start the show right away, write the scripts the night before, go to class, and then be ready to go live at 10:30. There is always a ton of commotion, and by the time we're done, it feels like mission accomplished." It is controlled chaos in the studio during the few moments before they broadcast to every classroom on campus. Amylla Sullano describes these few moments before going on air as an "adrenaline rush to try and finish everything." The crew in the control room work furiously making last minute adjustments to the daily bulletin, in preparation for the day's show. Yet, these aren't the only responsibilities of the West Ranch TV crew. Producer Hannah Button is also concerned with keeping West Ranch TV new and exciting: "We try to do something entertaining and different everyday to get the students all the information they need to know." After their daily marathon, the crew make the final preparations, the hosts take their places on set, and everyone waits for the signal to begin. Of course, the next day, they do it all over again.

ending a Hand

Community Clubs

by Lauren Welch

Here at West Ranch, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extra curricular activities, and community clubs are a great way for people to give back. Clubs like the California Scholarship Foundation (CSF), National Honor Society (NHS), and the Key Club motivate their members to do extra service hours in the community, and being part of the group opens you up to new scholarship opportunities and looks good a college application. Other groups, like the Green Club, dedicate their time to helping the environment and do their part to keep our valley clean. "Being in a community club is fun, you feel like you're getting so much accomplished and it's good to know that you're helping your community," says NHS sophomore Brooke VanGrinsven, and with the development of new clubs this year, such as Make-a-Wish, which helps raise money for terminally ill children, it's clear that the drive for students to do their part is growing. Tim Holmes, ASB commissioner of community services, puts a special emphasis on how "giving to others" impacts him personally as well: "I enjoy reaching out to my community; it makes me feel like a better person to know I'm doing something productive in my spare time. To me, it's important to just help out." The wildcats proved they can do their part with students putting in regular hours at food pantries, hospitals, homeless shelters, elementary schools, and countless other local organizations and events. Even our own school is getting some help from the Green Club with the recycle bins it distributed around campus. In a world where few people take the time out to help their local community, the West Ranch Wildcats can be proud of the great work ethic shown by community clubs.



Morgan Lauff: "It's cool to know what you do is benefitting other people, like making them laugh, or feel good about themselves."



Paige Koppenhaver: "I joined NHS because it will look good on a college applications and it will get to help people who need it."



Erika Ordog: "CSF will help me get scholarships, and it's nice to be a part of a charitable organization."





Brooke VanGrinsven sets an example by picking up bottles on campus and putting them in the Green Club recycle bins. West Ranch wants its students to know how every little thing you do counts.

Ms. Gabel smiles with a box for Wildcats Against Cancer, a club at the school that raises money to help fund cancer research.



Sohali Sutaria (Key Club), Isabella Casiro (NHS), and Leo Hidalgo (Make a Wish), lend a hand in Santa Clarita by picking up trash at Central Park. Izzy says, "I love helping out whenever I can. I believe that by doing your part, it helps anyone become a better person."



Mrs. Zeringue speaks to a full classroom of students about the National Honor Society foundation. Most students there are interested in how the club is beneficial to their high school experience, as well as the activities they will be participating in throughout the year.

Bianca Alvarez runs proudly while waving the West Ranch High School banner. She successfully pumps up the crowd before our football team faces our rival school, Golden Valley High School. The other JV cheerleaders continue to cheer to the crowd of eager Wildcats.



During half time, Courtney Brentner, Miranda Heberer, and the other JV cheerleaders encourage the crowds. They are promoting school spirit by waving signs while the others stand ready to cheer.



Varsity cheerleaders Alexandra Hall, Terri Rubio, Alyssa Kipper, Sarah Kohler, and Kelsey Kado stand at the top of their formation at West Ranch's first football game of the year.

Flying High

Cheerleading

by Christine Amador

Through falls, fumbles, and injuries, the West Ranch cheerleaders always manage to persevere and keep their spirits high. At any football game, crowds of students and parents roar with enthusiasm with adrenaline pumping through their bodies. No matter how grave the situation seems, the cheerleaders always take the field to keep the energy high and give the team support. Although the cheerleaders make their performances look easy, they dedicate hard work and time which pays off in their performances that never disappoint the crowds or the players. "These girls work very hard," Coach Lauren Caldaranello notes on their work ethic. "As long as they put their hearts and their voices into their cheers, [their] performances will be spectacular." One element that makes the cheerleading routines so spirited is the amount of work that goes into every practice. What seems so simple in execution is actually more complex in preparation. As Junior Cassie Berman explained, "we run a mile before every practice, stretch and then jump into warming up our stunts." One might come to the conclusion that they would end their practice, but as Berman added, "then it's just constant running [through] a routine over and over again for a couple of hours straight." Their commitment to improving their talents is evident at football games as the cheerleaders generate excitement in the crowds. "[It's] really fun and [exciting] to have all eyes on you and its great to get everyone pumped up and [spirited]," shared Sophomore Megan Corletto. Ultimately, the greatest result of their efforts is best captured by the close connections developed throughout the season. "[It] is like having a family," comments Junior Sarah Kohler, "[with] people that you're close with and people you can count on."



Freshman cheerleaders Jordyn Lemke, Sabrina Stokes, Madison Hathaway, Chandler Stabler, Alyssa Smith, Marlee Newlin, Brianna Julia, Allie Moustis, and Alyssa Liddle encourage the crowd with their cheers and energetically shake their pom-poms.



Alyssa Kipper and the rest of the varsity cheerleaders prepare to do a stunt to pump up the crowd's enthusiasm.



Sophomore Megan Corletto pulls a "scorpion" while the West Ranch football players take the field.



Flyers Rita Rubio and Kortney Chouinard pose at the height of their formation during the half time of the game.

A 4 year uni V ersity I s where I'm D etermined to be

by Chelsea Curran

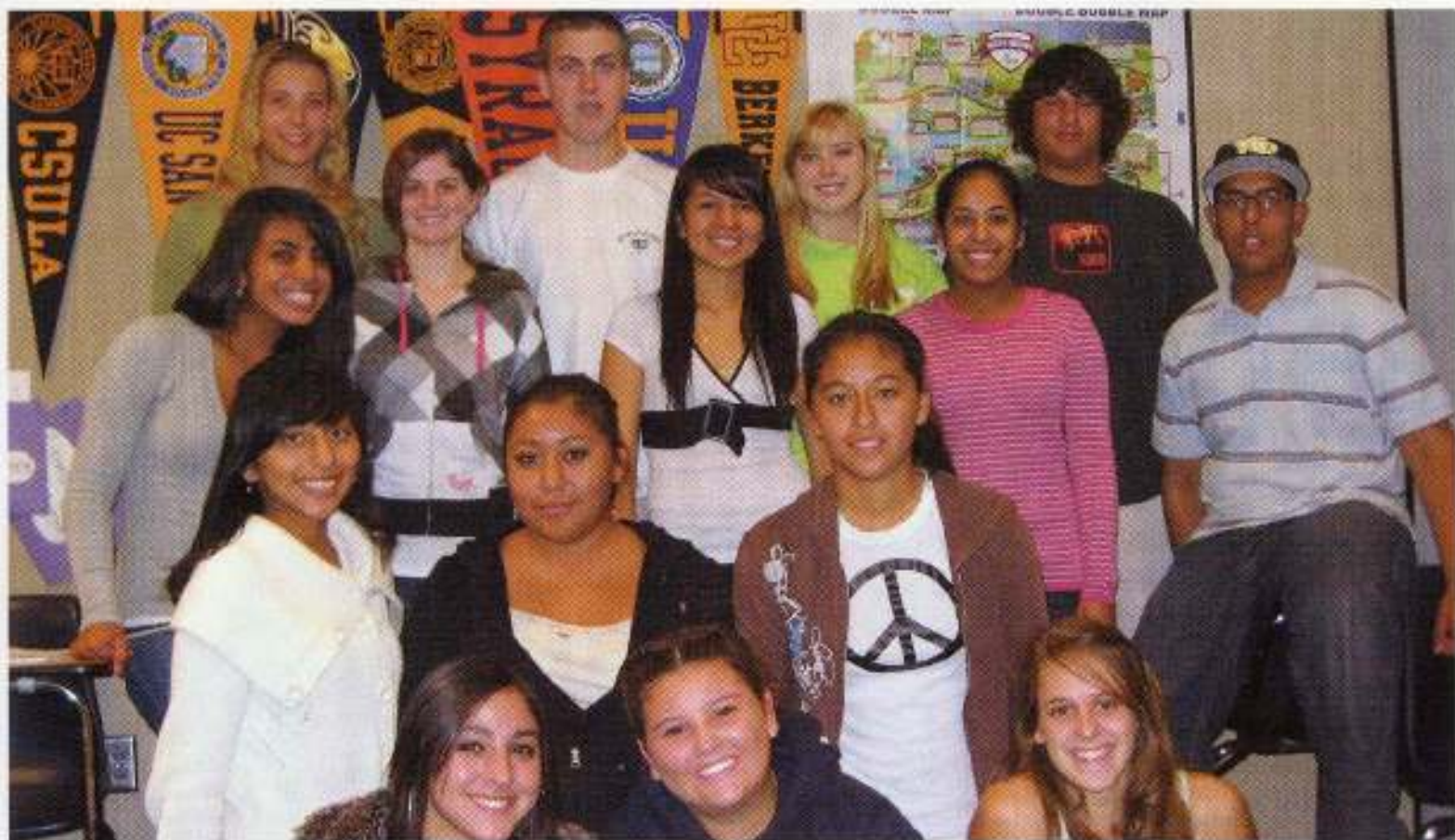
What is AVID? AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. The main objective of AVID is to provide students with the necessary tools to attend a four-year university. These tools range from developing good study skills to making the correct choices throughout their school careers. "[AVID also gives us a chance to do homework and get help when you need it," Michael Sanders commented. AVID teaches students many useful techniques, including how to take structured Cornell notes that are necessary in many classes. C-notes allows students to enhance their learning experience, and they demand that students engage in their notes actively in order to do better on classwork and tests. In addition, tutorials during AVID are a great way for students to get extra help. Students break into groups in order to solve problems that they are having. After the tutorials, AVID students must write a summary, which allows them to look back on what they had just learned and revisit the information again. Along with tutorials and notes, every Friday, AVID students have notebook checks to ensure proper organization. Most AVID students have to keep one binder for all the subjects that they have. Tutors come from different colleges and grade the binders. However, Fridays are not just work; they are referred to as "Fun Fridays" by the students in AVID. Other Friday activities include Socratic seminars, a student favorite, and teambuilding activities. During the Socratic discussions, AVID students sit around in a circle as a class and begin to discuss a variety of high-interest topics. "We get to express our opinions about certain topics," says Sophomore Kristonee Wade. Students say that AVID has helped them greatly and keeps them organized. "My AVID teachers motivate me and help me through my struggles in and out of the classroom," states Ali Castro. This year, there is something new to AVID. West Ranch AVID will be celebrating their first seniors to graduate and go off to college.



Top Right: Juniors Michael Sanders and Jessica Whitener compare notes while studying in AVID. Note taking is very important tool that helps students do well in every class. It is mandatory for AVID students to take Cornell notes in all of their classes, even if they are not required by the teacher. Students are allowed to review their notes for a certain amount of time every class period in AVID.

Middle Right: Zach Farmer, Angelica Aguilar, and Christian Sullano are all actively engaged in their AVID tutorial, always willing to help others when it is necessary. All students in AVID are given a chance to ask questions during these tutorial sessions. Tutorial is a time during class in which students can get help in whatever other classes they are struggling.

Bottom Right: Janelle Futch posts a question during tutorial in hopes of getting help from her fellow classmates. While being helped by fellow students at the white board, all students must take notes and give feedback, thereby allowing students to learn new information, even if they aren't in the same class as the person at the board.



Above: Jonathan Beatty, Jazmin Chavez, Maria Diaz, Rocio Gonzalez, Anastasha Klemens, Jessica Lederer, Lauren Lundy, Jennifer Ortega, Jaspreet Pandher, Manpreet Pandher, Alexandra Ritz, Rita Rubio, Jordan Stones, Madison Stones and Natalie Tuttle all pose together as the first Senior class to graduate in AVID. Missing: Alejandro Castro and Erin Weatherbee.



Left: Junior and Senior students sit together in a circle during this Socratic Seminar and discuss the text that they have just read. Socratic Seminars allow students to voice their opinion on the text.

Below Left: During Fun Fridays, David Misrahi, Elisse Castro, Megan Corletto, Sam Rassoool, Jasmin Umana Lopez, and Kelsey Crone use teamwork in a game called "Stepping Stones". Stepping Stones is a game in which students are given a limited number of square rug pieces that they must all be on before they are allowed to leave the permitted area.

Below Right: AVID teacher Mr. Haring sits whimsically in Ms. Frame's room and watches the seniors and junior students participate in a socratic seminar.





by Ashley Stegeman

Core Values Build Success

Respect, Teamwork, Communication, and Trust: these are the values shown by members of ASB, the leadership of the Associated Student Body. Throughout the year, ASB members strive to incorporate these values during all events. "As a member of ASB," observes Michael Palma Commissioner of Intramurals, "you have to respect everyone and the decisions they make, or there will be chaos and nothing will ever get done." In order to have a strong team, there must be respect among team members. According to sophomore president, Kelly Herron, "ASB members demonstrate the value of teamwork through working in collaborative efforts to accomplish their projects." Teamwork is very important in ASB. Without everyone's cooperation, ASB would not be as productive or as organized as is necessary. One only needs to speak with Lauren Jones, Commissioner of Activities, to understand how communication provides that essential element to both respect and teamwork in the group: "Communication in ASB is demonstrated by making sure that everyone is clear on the topic or action at hand. If there is a problem, it is addressed right then and there so everyone understands the final goal." Communication is a necessity so that everyone is clear on the topic and can come together respectfully as a team without confusion and stress. There could be great communication between members of a group, but if there is no trust, then communication will be lost. Robert Viramontes, a member of ASB, declared that, "While working with others in ASB, you must trust each other and rely on each other to do things in order to get things done." Trust is an important value because without it effective communication, respect, and teamwork would not be possible. Throughout the year ASB students incorporate these four values into everything they strive to accomplish. When doing so, the group efforts make for a successful year, a fact that is not unnoticed by advisor, Mr. Todd Arrowsmith. "This year's ASB is one of the hardest working group of students I have been around," he explains. "They truly care about putting on great activities."



A group of ASB freshmen show their class pride as they decorate their side of the gym with the color they have been assigned; orange. They may be underclassmen, but their enthusiasm is just as widespread as the other classes.



While preparing for one of the rallies, Danny Negrete makes sure that the balloon arch is sturdy enough to be put into place. This is just one of the many decorations ASB sets up for the students. The bright colors always represent the theme and encourage school spirit.



Samantha Doucette and Katie Maxon begin their morning by restocking the student store. This prepares the ASB members who will work during the brunch and lunch shifts. They have the job of refilling chips, beverages and other nutritional snacks. Refilling beforehand avoids chaos during brunch and lunch because this way ASB members do not have to worry about refilling their stock while trying to serve anxious students.



Lydia Castillo, Amanda Giedlin, and other members create posters that will be used in an ASB event later in the day.

During a meeting, ASB members pay close attention to executive members, Juniors Danny Negrete and Matt Muir, as well as sophomore Dillan Teague. The meetings give members time to plan activities and collaborate on projects. Not only is ASB building teamwork, but leadership as well.



During brunch, senior Rebecca Seguancia serves the student population in the student store. ASB members often selflessly give up their own break in an effort to help others. Their generosity is not unrewarded as they leave with experience counting money and dealing with customers, similar to a paying job.

Before the Winter Formal Rally, seniors Julia Sung, Prabh Kehal and others patiently hang up posters and secure them so that they will stay up. Often students take the hard work that goes into creating rallies for granted. Considering the time it takes to create posters, prepare balloons, and produce other decorations, rally preparation takes hours.



Below: The over dramatic scriptwriter, Dennis (Dustin Powers) rants about his masterpiece script and the importance of his work to Jack (Mackenzie Svastics).



Below: Aiming to impress his star-struck fan, Abigail Shipley (Marina Moore), Walter Steed (Justin Barnes) boasts about his career and previous role. "I'm sorry boy, but your cow's dead" -Walter Steed



Below: Obnoxious eleven-year-old Philip Shipley (Shane Desfor) is yanked off stage by Blanche Kennedy (Hannah Langly) who is obviously not amused by his antics. Philip continues to get under the skin of his fellow studio members through out the end of the show with his kazoo.



The Show Must Go On!

by Chelsea Van Duyn

Under the direction of Mr. Christopher Cook and his assistant director Lauren Lundy, the West Ranch Theater cast and crew transformed their theater arts classroom of 601 into a classy set stage with a full house, despite the lack of an ever delayed theater. Even with the absence of their constantly under-construction theater, the cast and crew created the setting for a play performed with true talent and heart. *Loving Lives* is a comedic play about the shenanigans of a failing radio soap opera and the people who participate in its final episode. It's the winter of 1948 and snow is falling inside and out of the run-down radio studio. The busy bee Mac Hooper (John Steele) welcomes his new assistant Abigail (Marina Moore), who is star stuck by the pompous lead actor of the radio show, Walter Steed (Justin Barnes). Meanwhile, three dancers arrive at the studio in hopes of a job on the show, but when Mac turns them away, Bibsy (Olivia Marik-Reis), an over-ambitious dancer, refuses to leave without work. All the while, Jack (Mackenzie Svastics) the sound man is at a loss with his girl Rosie (Genna Fuoco) who demands him to confess his love for her. When Jack falters from saying the "L word" Rosie flaunts her love interest Walter in front of Jack as they rehearse. Eventually the swooning Abigail realizes the infamous Walter Steed is not really the romantic she listened to on the radio, but an egotistical jerk. As the show literally falls apart, Jack announces his love for Rosie, Abigail lets the listeners know who the real Walter Steed is and Bibsy continues to pester Mac until he eventually acknowledges her. By the end of the play all seems to mend itself, except of course the deteriorating studio and its newly canceled show, *Loving Lives*.

Loving Lives



Drama and chaos provokes the cast as they pull together Loving Lives! Left to right: Genna Fusco, Olivia Matik-Reit, Madison Freebairn, Kerrie Pellon, Marini Moore and John Steele.



Announcer John Cleary (Dalton Long) prepares his vocals and rehearses his lines for the radio show.

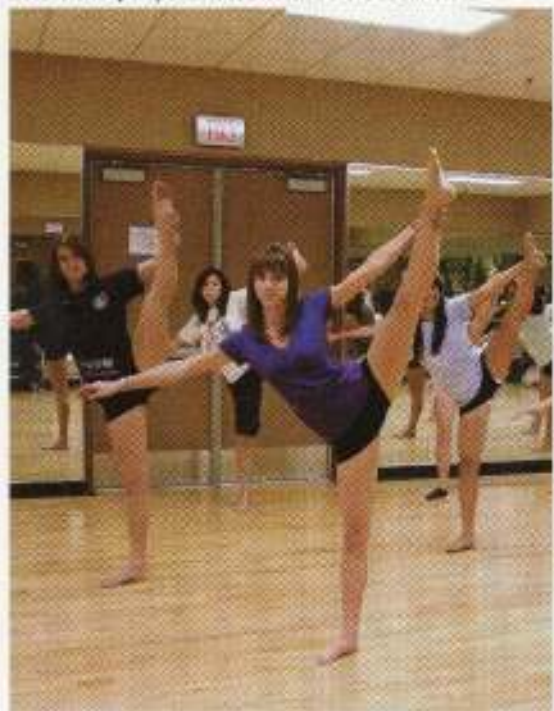


Charming the bubbly dancers Donna and Trixie (Kerrie Pellon and Madison Freebairn), Walter Steed (Justin Barnes) glows in his lovely company.



Philip (Shane Desfor) continues to pester Mac (John Steele) with his wise-crack jokes.

Below: Amanda Bloch, Jenny Pezda, Arielle Ticknor, and Julianna Lo work on their flexibility during warm-up. The girls note it is very important to stretch before routines.



Above: The dance team celebrates winning the blue ribbon at dance camp over the summer. The dedicated girls spent a portion of their vacation preparing for the competition at UCLA, and their hard work paid off.



Above: The whole team does "turns in second" or "pumps" during their Homecoming routine.
Right: The team poses for a quick picture after performing at one of the football games. The team is all smiles as the pumped up crowd cheers them on.



o the Pointe

Dance Team

by Cory Batza

Dancing "en pointe" requires strength and skill in a female ballet dancer's training and repertoire as she pushes herself to the tip of her toes, an act of exuberance that reflects the spirit of the dancer herself. So it is fitting for the West Ranch Dance Team, though ballet is not their usual style, to hone their craft through the commitment, strength, and skills required for to excel in dance. As well as putting in time to practice for rallies and other school spirit events, the team has to prepare for competitions that occur in the spring. They practice every morning, seventh period, and even, at times, on the weekends. Though we generally only see them showcase their skills at various school events, the reality is that the girls on the team do much more than we would have thought. Throughout the year, the year, the team enters a variety of dance categories—including Small Lyrical, and Medium Jazz, Character, and Hip Hop. Performing in front of school peers during the rallies is just another part of their practice for the competitions that follow. Team Captains Amanda Bloch and Dillon Jones are also dancing in the Officers category, and solos are being performed by Amanda Bloch and Izabella Ellis. Senior Arielle Ticknor feels that the focal point of this competition season is the performance quality: "In preparation for competitions, we really tried to focus on performance. No matter how precise our dance is, it always comes down to how we perform and how we express ourselves." The team hopes to qualify for USA Nationals this year, and according to Amanda Bloch, "show them how it's done!" Whether they place high or not, dance team loves performing and working as a team.



Julianna Lo, Amanda Bloch, Izabella Ellis, Dillon Jones, and Jenny Pezda do a middle leap across the floor.



The team prepares to do their routine at the Homecoming rally.



At an after school practice, the dance team runs through their Medium Jazz dance for competition.



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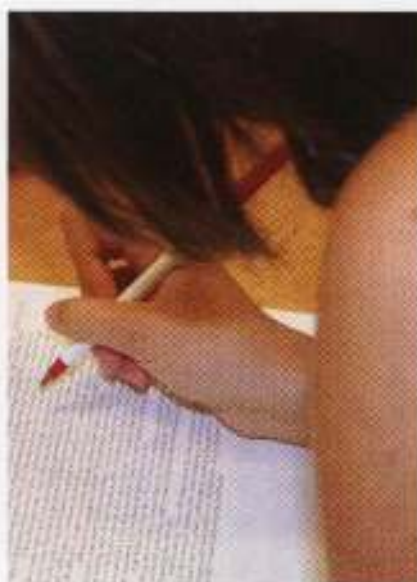
by Liz Bauer and Marissa Fein

"Drip, drip, drip...." The aroma of freshly-brewed coffee permeates the air as groggy journalism students trickle into room 211. With a yawn of exhaustion, they place themselves in front of their computers and get to work. Amidst the seemingly calm atmosphere is the ominous feeling of panic that approaches when attempting to meet deadlines. "Deadlines are the most stressful time for me," admits news editor, Junior Judy Romea. "Even after I've left the classroom, I'm still constantly thinking of every little thing that has to be done." The newspaper covers all of the important and exciting events happening at West Ranch. For the first issue of the year, journalism students are trying to not only readjust to school life, but also they are trying to gather interviews, write copy, and take pictures. However, one's duties tend to reflect the level of stress on a day-by-day basis, as junior Emily Erickson explains that "deadlines are only stressful if you are an editor. Last year all I had to do was write my article and hand it to my editor. Now I have to make layouts, edit copy, and make the deadlines, so I have to stick to them." Regardless of their position on the staff, as the deadline approaches, every member of the staff finds him or herself in a battle against time to quickly finish writing in order to have the paper ready to go when required. In fact, the activity and stress level increases as drafts of features are printed out and marked in red pen by the section editors. After having the articles corrected, staff hurry to make the final adjustments to layouts and articles. Once everything seems to be perfect, Mr. Burns gives the final okay. The monthly marathon has come to an end. The pages are submitted for publishing and all of the students breathe a sigh of relief. Journalism students can once again sit back, breathe easy, and eat the delectable chocolate cake that Mr. Burns provides for every end-of-deadline celebration.

News editor Judy Romea discusses potential advertisers for the upcoming issue of the Paw Print with advisor Mr. Burns. Editors work closely with Mr. Burns to ensure that the newspaper is the highest quality possible.



Sports editor Nate Bradbury puts the finishing touches on his feature which highlights the kickoff of the football season.



Junior Emily Erickson corrects an article that is ready for submission. Editors are responsible for writing not only their own features, but also additionally editing the copy of others in their section.



Rachel Hawatmeh and Emily Erickson put the finishing touches on the Stay Cool spread, which will be featured in the premiere issue of the Paw Print.

Editor Judy Romea calls a meeting with the staff who is working furiously to meet their deadlines. Editors periodically arrange to meet with the rest of the staff to ensure that everyone is on track and producing the best work possible. Staff member Ana Lucia Fuentes explains, "Staying organized is very important in journalism because meeting all the deadlines can get tough." Each staff member's contributions are essential and valued.



Staff members listen intently to the editor's instructions. As the deadline approaches, these frequent staff meetings become increasingly important. Whether it is to brainstorm ideas or make sure that everyone's work is getting done, the meetings help the editors to keep in touch with the staff. New staff member Bryan Fradin knows that "meeting demands can be challenging" but he has found that "managing time into sections is very useful."



Emily Erickson and Isabelle Howell discuss the articles that they are editing. As the deadline approaches, staff members rush to finish their copy and be the first to have it corrected by the copy editors. Isabelle Howell feels that "collectively as a staff, [they] have stepped it up a notch this year."



The Women's Choir performs at the Winter Concert held at the Fairview High School.

Right: During six period class, Mixed Chorus boys - Riley Donihue, Chad Barndt, Wesley Fecske, Alfredo Vasquez, and Nathan Holdridge prepare for the spring concert, learning new songs so they can amaze their peers how well they perform.

Lower Right: The duet sisters, Elizabeth Bravo and Amanda Bravo from Women's Chamber finally perform on stage and sing "Angel of Music" from the *Phantom of the Opera*.

Lower Left: Concert Choir sophomore Anthony Foley sings a duet with his best friend, Adi Morag to "What is this Feeling?" from *Wicked*. Although Morag is not part of Choir, she insisted on singing besides Foley with the approval of Miss Peters. Their heartfelt performance of "What is this Feeling?" intrigues the audience, who applaud an outstanding performance.



Hitting the High Note

Choir

by Alex Magsarill



Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do. This harmonic scale is familiar to every singer, but there is more to music than just the scale. Through hard work, dedication, and passion of the melody, choir students strive to perfect every scale, resulting in a beautiful-sounding tempo. However achieving that perfection of sound, requires the efforts of each individual choir member so that the group as a whole can sound beautiful. "Choir is only as strong as [their] weakest singer" according to Miss Peters. "Each [student] should be focused and practiced... [each one] must think of every song as [their] favorite song," says Maddie Samuel, sophomore choir student. To achieve this task, every student must practice for about five to seven hours per week in school and in addition to that, they also practice at home individually to perfect the songs. These talented students are taught to follow the beat and sing their heart out, to express emotion and enthusiasm, and often that comes through an inspiring artist. "Ingrid Michaelson inspires me because she puts a lot of emotion into her songs," says Anthony Foley, a sophomore student in the Concert Choir. Because of the varieties of songs, performed each year, anything from classical rock to retro songs, choir members have no problem finding something that motivates them. "There is this one song we sang at our winter concert and I really liked it. It's called "On My Own" from *Les Miserables*. It's slow, but very meaningful and strong," says Amy Falahat, a freshmen student in Women's Choir. Students have many opportunities to sing duets or solos throughout the year and they perform not only at Rancho Pico, but also in West Ranch classrooms.

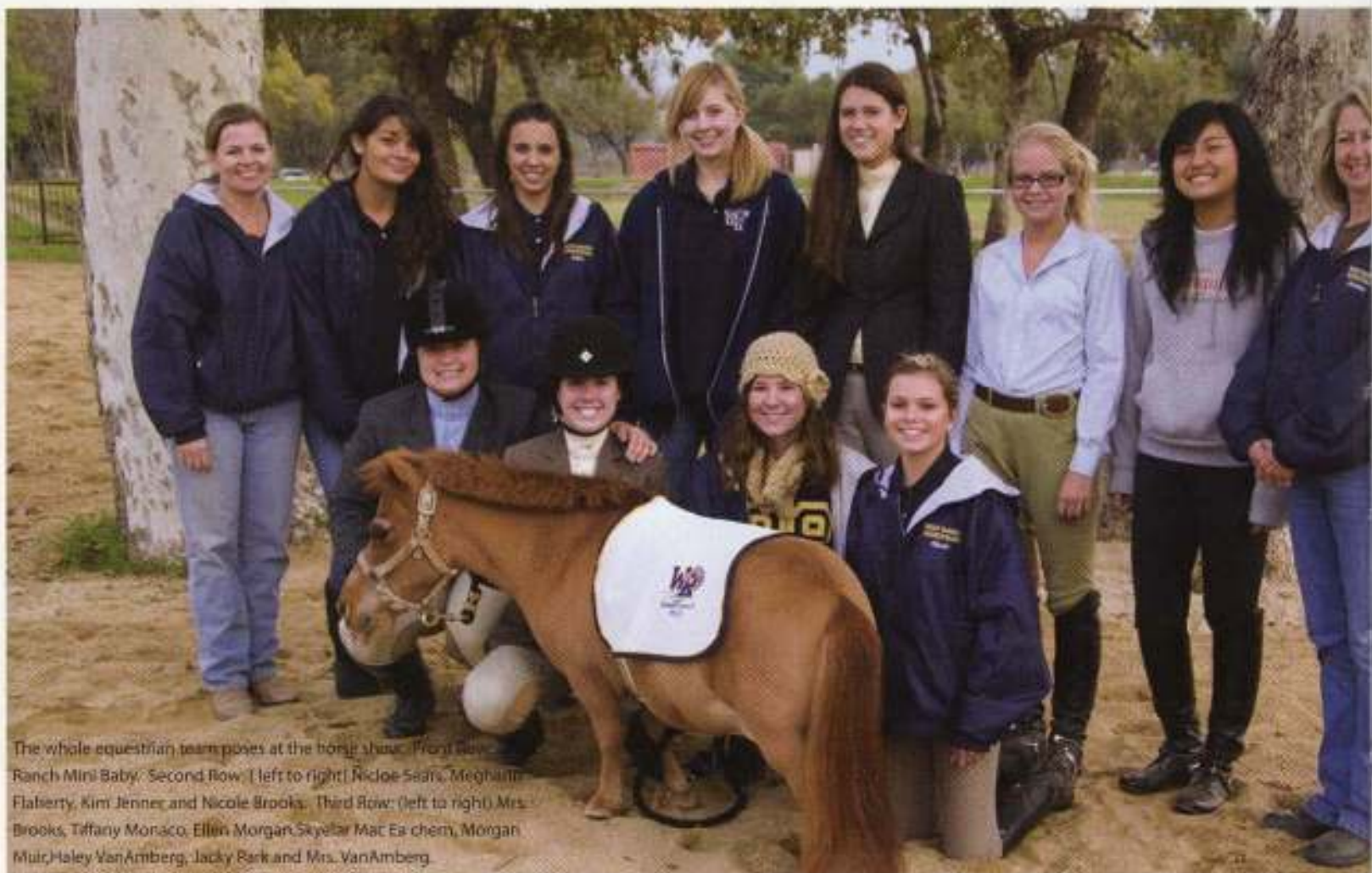


Top Left: Watching over the audience, the Mixed Chorus stands and waits patiently for Miss Peters to signal them on their first song. Sustaining their place on stage, they hope that their hard work and diligence results in family and friends looking forward to hearing them burst into song.

Middle Left: The Women's Chamber girls-Isabelle Green, Kelly Spurling, Emily Studden, Jacqueline Kang, Alexis Hill-Green, Destiny Hwang, and Candace Lee -read their music sheets, stand up on stage, and began practicing scales.



Bottom Left: Arriving at the spotlight, Marina Moore and John Steele danced and sung the concert night away. Their performance was a perfect example of how much choir had improved and practiced for the show.



The whole equestrian team poses at the horse show. Front Row: Ranch Mini Baby. Second Row: (left to right) Nicole Sears, Meghann Flaherty, Kim Jenner and Nicole Brooks. Third Row: (left to right) Mrs. Brooks, Tiffany Monaco, Ellen Morgan, Skylar MacEachern, Morgan Muir, Haley VanAmberg, Jacky Park and Mrs. VanAmberg.

The Interscholastic Equestrian League horse shows are some of the hardest shows. To excel in the stressful competitive environment, all riders must be at the top of their game. Haley VanAmberg and her horse, Sonny Equinox, show that they can complete well in the difficult JV division.



In the sport of Jumpers, the riders have to be courageous and have their eye on the prize. Nicole Brooks shows no fear when she is showing her horse, All That Jazz, in the IEL Jumper class.

Horseback riding is a complex sport that requires riders and horses to work together in harmony. Kim Jenner does an excellent job working with her horse, One Heart, in getting over the obstacle with elegance.



Horsing Around Equestrian Club

by Meghann Flaherty

Some would say that the sport of horseback riding is an easy one, that the horse does all the work; however, what they don't realize is how much work and dedication the rider also has to put into the sport. There is no better example of that devotion than the West Ranch Equestrian Team. The team puts in countless hours of practice every week in preparation for the IEL (Interscholastic Equestrian League) horseshows. The IEL horseshows are held four times a year at the Hanson Dam Equestrian Center and are "some of the toughest shows all year," states senior Nicole Sears. There is no lie in what she says. There are over sixty schools that compete in the IEL shows, and some of the best riders in Southern California compete. As if the harsh competition was not difficult enough, the riders must memorize three sets of complicated courses, and they also have to remember to put their heels down, look up, put the right amount of pressure on the horse's mouth, count the strides between the jumps, and get the right take off distance to the jump, while looking like they are not doing anything. Next time you want to say that horse riding is simple, go talk to one of the members of the West Ranch Equestrian Team and they will tell you otherwise.



In the jumper class, it is all about breathing the clock. Here Elliot Morgan on Curly D jumps against time.



In the world of horse showing, looks count. The horse must be groomed were their coat is nice and glossy and the rider must have all the up-to-date show clothes. Their tack must be polished so it shines. Meghann Flaherty is wearing the latest in horse show attire, with the the Charles Owen helmet and the Tailored Sportsmans riding pants. While her horse, The Illusionist, is wearing the Pessoa brand bridal and reins.



Horse riding is all about looking graceful while trying to stay on the horse. Nicole Sears shows a good combination of grace and determination while jumping her horse, Golden Dreams.

Oh, for the Love of Hip-Hop

by Jennifer Moon and Esther Cho

Count it... 5, 6, 7, 8. We hear the footsteps of eleven members of the West Ranch Hip-hop team hit every beat in unison. An amazing performance can only be achieved through hard-work, commitment, and passion. People may underestimate hip-hop compared to other dances, such as jazz or ballet, but hip-hop is more than simply a type of dance. According to Sabrina Quizon, "Hip-hop is something you feel. It is every emotion all at once. It is an escape." Hip-hop is more than just about knowing the choreography; it is about adding your own style and personality to make those move your own. Dancers are able to express themselves and their emotions through hip-hop. Their intricate dance moves and smooth choreography displayed on the dance floor encourage students to not be afraid to express themselves. Hip-hop not only influences students but also motivates students to do the things they love. According to member Jessica Yoon, "My motivation is my love for dancing and desire to express my creativity." Though interpretations of hip-hop dancing vary, one thing is certain. Hip-hop is here stay.



Melchor Magpantay, Leanne Park, and Sharon Lee ready their start position as they wait for the music to start off their performance.



At the sports rally, the Hip-Hop Team expresses their confidence in their choreography by performing their dance moves perfectly.



Jeremiah Abejaron and Jessica Yoon perform with great enthusiasm as the crowd cheers them on.

Ali El-Arabi and one of the supervisors of the Robotics club work together on checking the robot for the final time before entering the competition. Precision and excellence is a standard at these competitions.



At their competition, the Robotics Team work and strategize together on successfully presenting their masterpiece. Everyone must collaborate to ensure that the competition goes well and that their performance is top notch.



Marcus Kwak gathers all the materials needed for the competition and gets ready to outshine all the districts that are participating. All members must put in their best effort to ensure that their work is impeccable and properly functioning.



Bam! Bam! Sheek! Sheek! The sound of West Ranch Robotics team working on transforming regular wood and putting together resources echoes throughout the neighborhood. With their knowledge on engineering, usage of power tools, and great teamwork, the students are able to collaborate with other high schools in our district to create a masterpiece that will take them to the next level at competitions. As part of the First Robotics Competition, the team works hard in creating a robot according to the tasks given and sets of rules. After six weeks, the team meets up with other schools and their robots in order to show others what each school's robots are able to do. The judges choose the winners according to their robot's performance and capabilities in completing a given mission. Despite the outcomes at these competitions, the members show great sportsmanship and pride in what they have achieved in coming this far. According to a team member, Barr Benyamin, "What counts is that we try our hardest." The hard work and commitment shown by the West Ranch Robotics team in creating a single robot is incredible. Such determination and passion is what leads them to crafting one masterpiece after another.



Autobots Assemble!

Robotics

by Jennifer Moon and Esther Cho

Creating Yours, Making Ours: Yearbook Memories

by Lauren Holzer

At the beginning of each school year, a Yearbook team assembles and sets their sights on one common goal: to capture the year's memories in a unique fashion to the best of our ability. It takes nearly eight months to choose a theme, design a cover, create layouts, and produce each individual page complete with copy and pictures. Throughout the year, unbreakable bonds form between the team members, and while capturing the memories of our schoolmates, we create our own. We have tried to incorporate more team building activities by celebrating each other's birthdays and by bringing in special desserts, hosting monthly "lock-ins" and making a tradition of a year-end Disneyland trip to celebrate the finished product. Senior Meghann Flaherty noted, "Our yearbook birthday celebrations are really great because of the food. My favorite so far has been the brownies." Sophomore Nadia Ali really enjoyed the lock-ins because "it was really a great way to get to know the staff better. We watched movies, played games and of course ate pizza." With the atmosphere yearbook provides, it's hard not to make friends and have a good time. The positive attitude and easy collaboration hopefully reflects in the pages we have worked so hard to create.



Editors-in-Chief Lauren Holzer and K. Leigh Furzer listen closely to past yearbook advisor and Herff Jones representative Mr. Paul Enders to get tips for this year's edition of *The Pride*.



The "Senior Staff" - Naomi Kim, Jessica Lederer, Taylor Moustiris, Riddhi Shah - write notes and fill envelopes to alert the seniors who won in the "Senior Bests" categories.



For each deadline, Yearbook hosts a "lock-in" at the school where they order pizza, watch movies and finish any leftover work. Senior Estheher Yi proudly wears her "prize" from winning the night's competition.



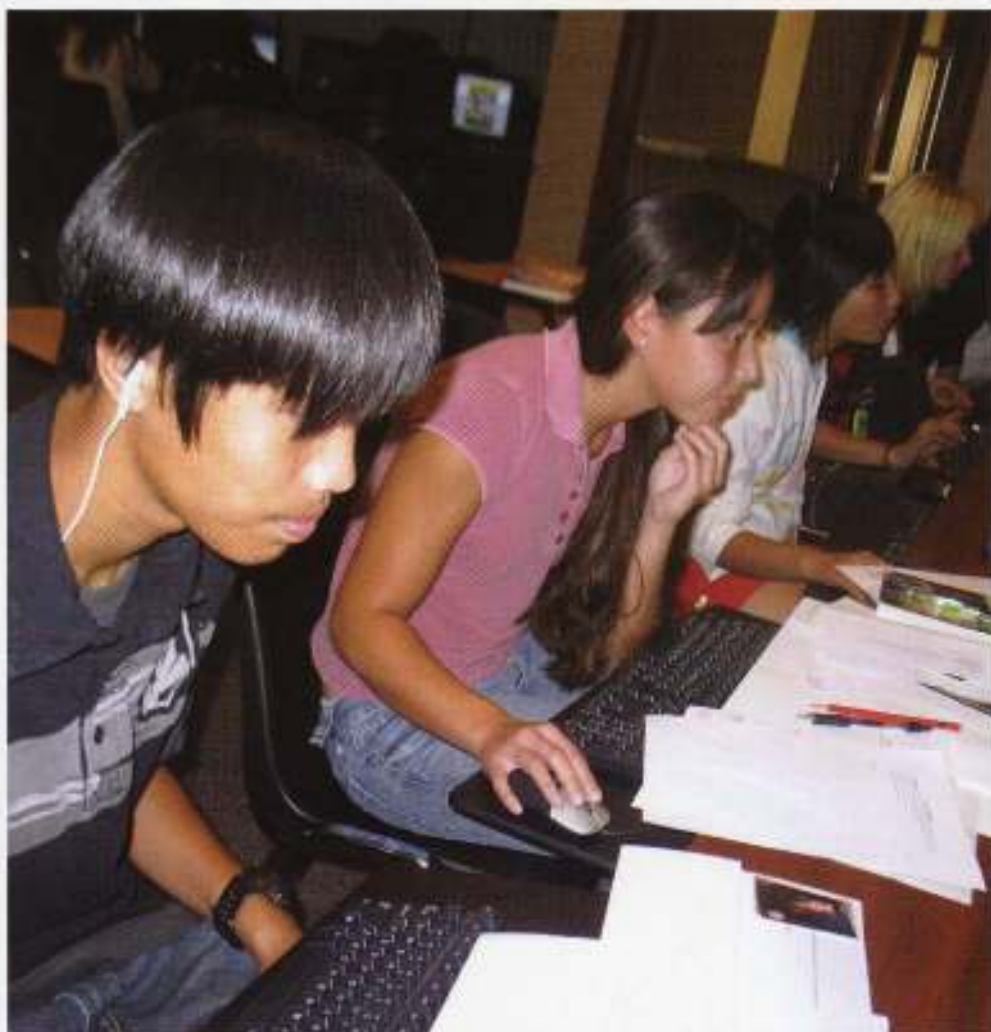


Above: (Left to Right) Cory Batza, Lauren Welch, Tim Holmes, Chelsea Curran and Jennifer Moon help each other learn the "ins and outs" of cameras and recorders, some of the main tools used in yearbook.

Below: Juniors Liz Baur and Marissa Fein give a presentation to share their newly created layout to the rest of the staff.



(Left to Right) Diana Park, Josh Holmes, NaRa Lee, Mike Kwon and Andrew Gutsch look through the recently received proofs from the Yearbook plant. They look through the completed pages in an effort to find and then fix any errors.



Above: Alex Magasari, Samantha Suyemoto, Esther Cho and Chelsea Van Duyen diligently work on their upcoming assignments. Sophomore Alex Magasari says: "I love yearbook because I enjoy creating layouts, being creative, and working with the computer."

During a practice fire drill, Micheal Sitrer helps Elana Lozano struggle to control the pressure of the hose. With intensity in their eyes, the pressure almost seemed to be too much. However, with teamwork and cooperation, they worked together to put out that "fire."



Chef Luis trains Robert Murray on a special cooking technique that will enable him to improve his cooking skills. Using a blender, they mix together the ingredients to create a new and delicious entrée.



While each stirring noodles and sauce into her individual part, Monique Trujillo and Shannon Kane encourage each other to combine the sauce with the noodles to make the most scrumptious pasta dish.

Thinking Ahead

by Riddhi "Rafiki" Shah and Jessica Lederer

Are you still debating on what to be in the future? Well, the students in ROP, Regional Occupational Program, have already decided on their future work field. ROP is an additional class offered off-campus to the participating Hart District schools. There are over 40 classes accessible to students ranging from health, law, entertainment, forensics, photography and even fashion design. Students from various high schools are allowed to participate in any of these courses to learn about their dream field of work. Some classes are requirements for students to take in order to get their license for that specific field, such as cosmetology, dental, culinary, and nursing, thus helping students take one more step closer to achieving their goals in their profession. ROP classes also offer school credit to its students. In the end, ROP experience helps provide insight into many different professions, permitting students to gain knowledge about a chosen field that they are the most comfortable in and feel they can develop successfully and happily into a career.



Posing for the camera, the law enforcement class shows off their pride. Though students come from schools across the district, they still come together as one to "protect and serve" their community.



Micheal Sifter and Bobby Ordon take a break from their Fire Fighting training.



James Gladden happily holds his law enforcement award as the Most Dedicated Student Officer, reflecting his commitment and enthusiasm towards Law Enforcement.



Taking a break from their chef training, Rachel Hawatmeh and her friend pose for the camera. Being in the same class together, these girls help encourage each other to try new recipes.

True Colors

Colorguard

by Lauren Welch

There are many wonderful extracurricular activities at West Ranch High School, but one of the highest ranking prospects here is the award-winning colorguard. On December 6, they took home an amazing score of 92.2 from the SCSBOA championships, and since then they have continued to astound their audiences with their wonderful performance, "The Bermuda Triangle". Their amazing performances couldn't have been accomplished without an immense amount of effort and practice. They worked for 10 hours a week, perfecting their routine, practicing their techniques, and making sure that they were performing to the best of their ability. "This year the competitions were more difficult, but we really stepped it up," said senior director Amy Haendle. "The best thing about this year is getting to know all the great people involved." This spring season, the girls are preparing for the winter guard show with the song, "Citizen of the Planet" by Alanis Morissette. The competition will be harder and the expectation will be greater as the colorguard prepares their performance for the second semester of this year. With the marvelous showcase they put on in the fall, there is no doubt that they will surprise the audience with another wonderful show. "We've had to work really hard, but I know that this semester will be spectacular," said sophomore Kelsey Pritsker, when asked about how she feels about the spring performance. Their work in the fall was great preparation, and they continue through the spring to make their next show better than the rest. Some people may see colorguard as just another dance team, but the truth is that the amazing effort that these girls put in to every rehearsal and performance outshines every competitor. All in all, the competition is tough, the practice strenuous, and the expectations high, but West Ranch Colorguard has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, that they know how to defeat and overcome the competition!



Upper Right: The spotlight shines on Kelsey Crone at West Ranch's Homecoming game against Notre Dame. Their performances at competitions throughout the year proved to many across California what a wonderful show our girls can put on and made West Ranch proud by bringing home numerous awards for their showmanship and delivery.

Center Right: Sarah Strode, Abby Chin, and colorguard captain, Amy Haendle, show off the beautiful colors in their costumes while dancing at a football game. Amy said that she used to watch her sister perform when she was younger, and she knew as early as third grade that colorguard is what she wanted to do. The girls put on a great show, incorporating their theme, 'Bermuda Triangle'.

Lower Right: Bright colors, unique compositions, and innovative ideas gave the fall season's performances an interesting new vibe. The flags fly high as the colorguard team dances on the field, amazing the audience and showing off the potential that won them their first place spot at championships for a second year in a row.



The crowd cheers loudly as colorguard dances across the field, with flags high and smiles wide, showing off their school spirit. The girls put months of effort and practice into their routines to make them the award-winning performers they have become.



Left: Orange flags brighten up the field as the West Ranch Colorguard performs with our outstanding drum line. The band and colorguard stepped it up this season with more difficult pieces and more difficult competitions, proving that they were good enough to step it up more than anyone else.

Below Left: The girls spread out into their other positions as the colorguard and band prepare to perform for their family and peers at a football game at Valencia. Our West Ranch girls have shown a great of talent and skill as they toss and catch swords, rifles, and flags across the field while still staying in synch.

Below Right: The sun sets on the horizon, symbolizing the end of the day, while signifying the beginning of the first Varsity football game of the season. The dancers line up to enter the field and bring their performance to the next level. This season, our West Ranch Colorguard have outdone themselves with their effort, time, and dedication.



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trings. Winds.

Beats. Play.

by Diana Park and Naomi Kim

West Ranch's musical geniuses have made it known throughout the school, their families, friends, and the community that they have something to play. West Ranch Orchestra, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Percussion all involve different instruments, strict instruction, true dedication, and a lot of effort. Orchestra has special rehearsals to prepare for big performances. While orchestra is amazing, West Ranch's Concert Band is known for their vigorous performances of excellence and beauty. Wind Ensemble & Percussion on the other hand are two very crucial parts of the musical representation and life at our school because they act as a strong foundation. Wind ensemble works on their instrumental techniques to achieve flawlessness. Another addition to the music-making-magic is percussion. Although some would think it's just drumming and not exciting, Corrie Jacobs says, "Percussion is the most exciting kind of music. I love being able to play a variety of instruments..." With its strong beats, percussion is vital because it provides the tempo & excitement to the music that our students work so hard to achieve. "[Everyone should expect] only the best performances from percussion," exclaims Andrew Allard. All 4 musical groups practice during non-school hours – whether it's on a weekend, late at night, or a school evening to perfect their pieces and to prepare for their upcoming performances. Their efforts, lead by Mr. Marshall, are obviously shown because students' spirits are always uplifted.



Above: Our fellow wildcat musicians listen carefully as Mr. Marshall advises on how to be closer on note as they practice for upcoming performances. This class is very determined and put a lot of effort into their music and work; just like every other musical group/organization here at West Ranch High School.



Above: One of several horn family members plays his french horn hoping for excellence during the period 4 Concert Band class. Within concert band, the horn instruments consist of both the horn and the french horn. Just like every other member within concert band, this musician practices as much as possible within class time and at home.



Above: The talented cellists play their part in unison, while others listen and watch on. Each group within the orchestra class has their own parts within every piece of music. As they take turns playing their part whether it is individual instruments or a combination of two or more instrument groups, the other instrumental families who are not playing at that time should not be distracting and should always be respectful within all moments of playing songs. This is a positive rule that every member in orchestra, concert band, wind ensemble, and percussion have proudly lived up to. Therefore, the music that is played sounds even better every single time. Thanks to Mr. Marshall, every student can shine with their own talent with their instrument.

The violins and violas play their part of a beautiful song while Mr. Marshall conducts during a period orchestra class.



Below: A line of violinists play to perfection. They move their feet to keep in sync with the tempo of their song to play together in unison note by note. A major part of orchestra are the violins. With that in mind, these musical wildcats concentrate to make sure they work together to make the right sound.



Above: In concert band, a tuba player uses his "wind power" to play this powerful instrument. Although many people believe that the tuba is a very difficult instrument to play because of its sound, different fingering-note-playing techniques, and of course obviously its size, this wildcat student manages to play it very well.

Below: A student in Mr. Marshall's concert band class plays his clarinet with a soothing sound for the piece. When it is time for the clarinet part to sound off in a specific part of a song, the clarinet players are always ready to play beautifully. The clarinets give a unique and noticeable difference to the musical sound.



Below: Playing the Tuba can be hard work, but Matt Atkin plays with all his might during the State Championships, stating he loves representing his school.



Below: Mr. Robert (Bob) Babko directs his Jazz Band at a performance at the Valencia Town Center Mall. This is just one of numerous performances for the West Ranch Jazz band throughout the year. It is when the musical students get their opportunity to show what they have practiced for, reflecting their dedication, effort, and passion. Our wildcats obviously do the job well.



Below: Marching Band is shown here during their performance of Bermuda Triangle with neighboring Color Guard throwing their flags. While this performance seems very difficult, our musically talented wildcats demonstrate their excellence during an amazing show on the field.



Marching Band and Jazz Band are two ensembles here at West Ranch which help flood symphonies of pride and spirit through our ears. The jubilant notes help lift the spirit we attain for our school. This occurs at our school games, rallies, when we are at the mall, and even during our lunch time. Junior Kelsey Leggat admits how the feeling of playing in front of a crowd "[is] incredible! Seeing all the people cheer for us is invigorating." The students who make up these ensembles practice long hours during both school hours and outside. Marching Band practices countless hours during the evening, while Jazz Band practices bright and early during the first period class. The outstanding reputation and performances prove that all of their hard practice always pays off. Marching Band proudly made it to State Championships and won for the second year in a row with their adaptation of the interesting Bermuda Triangle. "It makes me feel very accomplished and grateful that we could be a part of something so great like Championships and make best friends throughout it [all]," states Adon Biggs who remarks on the exciting event and the credulous relationships which he formed. Jazz Band works incredibly hard by practicing non-stop for their special achievement and representation for West Ranch High School. Senior Victor Frausto agrees "that the hard work that [he] does practicing pays off during events such as the mall, where it truly matters." Whether it is Marching Band or Jazz Band, both musical groups have done a great job showing effort, dedication, and talent.

Triumph

by Josh Holmes



Jazz Band played at West Ranch's winter concert during the holidays. The jubilant songs which they played earned high praise from the audience, which gave them a standing ovation.



Marching Band's main theme this year was titled "Bermuda Triangle," an interesting play on the fabled myth. They triumphed again for the second year in a row and won State Championships. Almost every week-day during the fall semester they practice almost every evening.



At the West Ranch's Winter Concert, Jonathon Frey plays both the guitar and the electric guitar along with the entire Jazz Band ensemble to an array of holiday, festive music. They have worked and practiced extremely hard for a moment just like this.

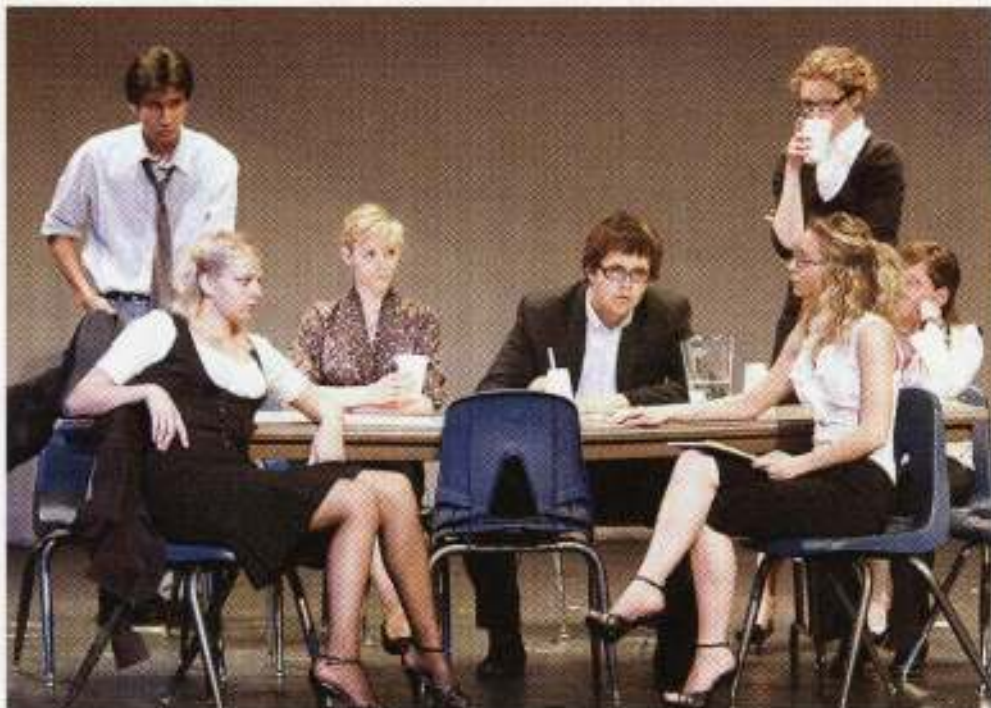


Corey Jacobs on drumline prepares to begin their performance in front of an excited audience at State Championships. Drumline is the beat of their performance, which acts as the beat for the entire song.

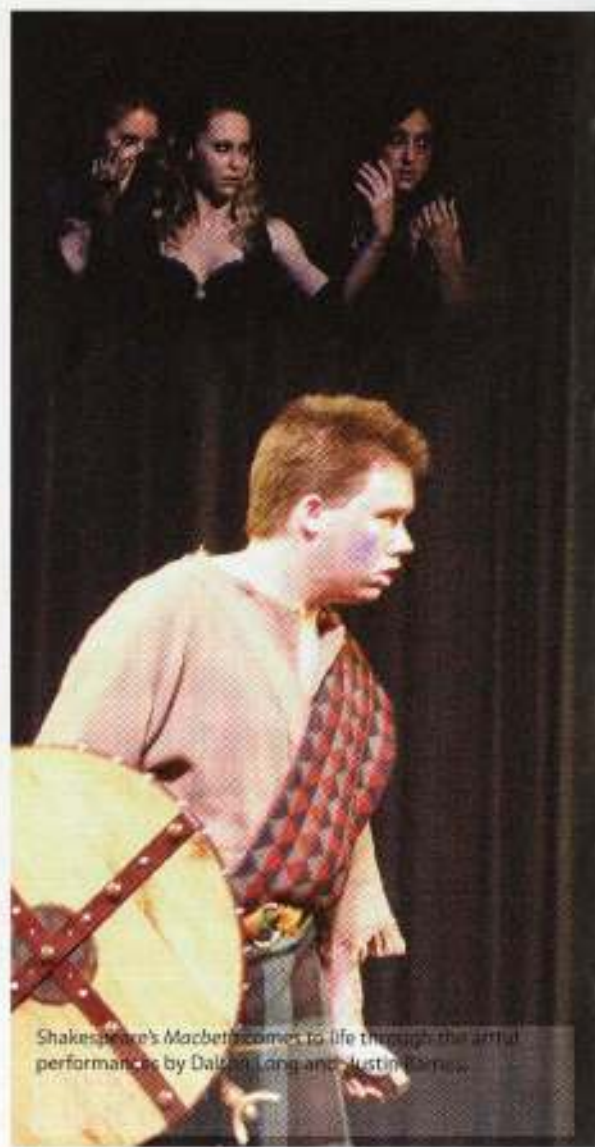
Johnny (Mackenzie Svastics) taunts his wife Wilma (Kerrie Pellon) about her manliness during a bickering fight in a scene from the play *Lovers and Other Strangers*.



A scene from West Ranch Drama's upcoming production *Twelve Angry Jurors*, where twelve very different people are forced together to prove a young man's innocence. (Left to right: Robert Wageman, Chelsea Van Duyn, Madison Freebairn, Dustin Powers, Olivia Marik-Reis, Hannah Langeley.)



Far Above: Claudio (Justin Barnes) begs his sister Isabella (Olivia Marik-Reis) to save his life in a scene from *Measure to Measure*. Above: In a scene from *Henry IV*, old Falstaff (Dalton Long) and his friend Gadshill (Shane Desfor) tell Prince Hal (John Steele) and the tavern guests (Genna Fuoco, Kellie Brown, Nicole Lauderdale, Mackenzie Svastics, and Chelsea Van Duyn) of being attacked.

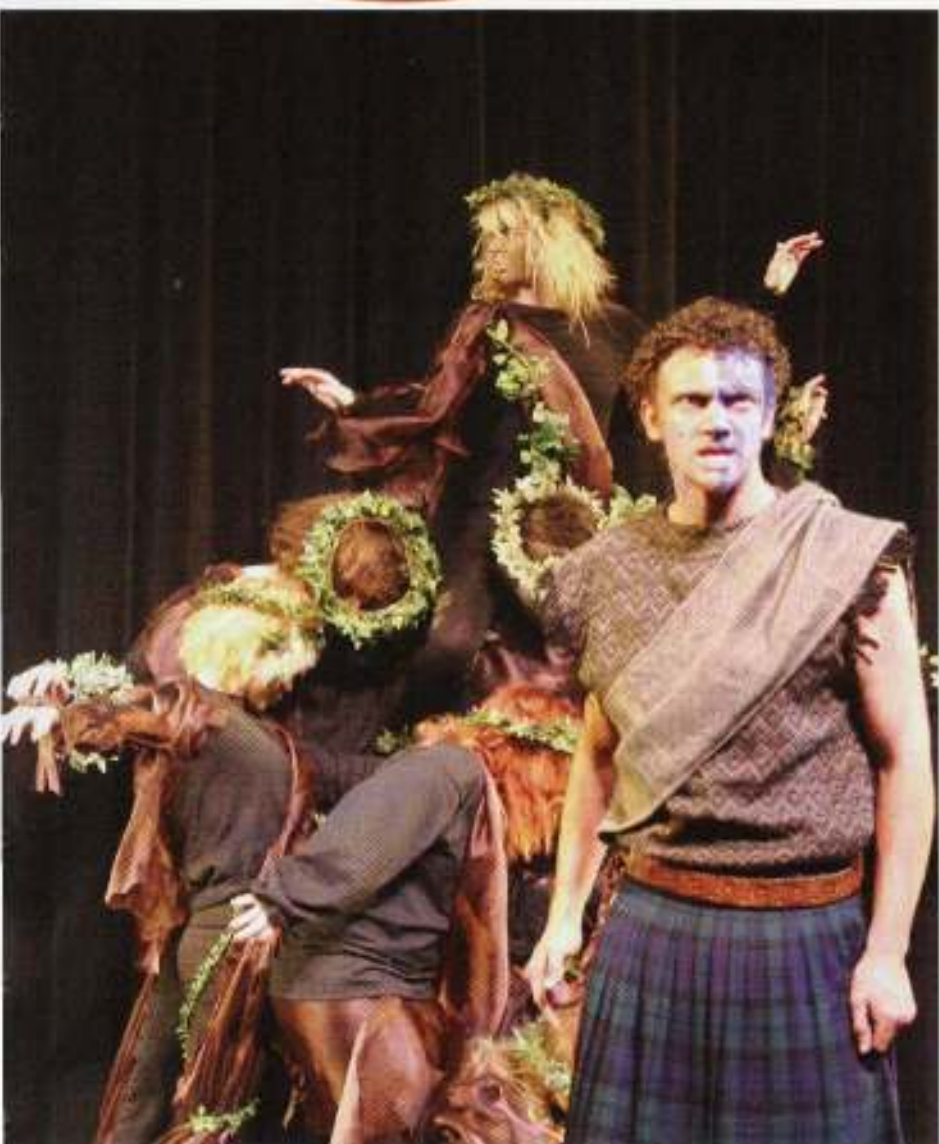


Shakespeare's *Macbeth* comes to life through the artful performance by Dalton Long and Justin Barnes.

Our Play is Preferred!

by Chelsea Van Duyn

"Our play is preferred!" announced the West Ranch Drama Team as they took home first place for outstanding scene at the 34th Annual Henry Kemp-Blair Shakespeare Festival at Chapman University. In a short two weeks, thirteen students plus one director, Mr. Christopher Cook, put together a scene from *Macbeth* and turned it into a masterpiece. The idea all started with senior Alyssa Fry, who wanted to create a scene with a belly dancing routine. Eventually the scene evolved into a stunning performance with contributions and ideas from every student. As the winner was announced, the "Chapman 13" leaped from their seats with joy, and tears filled one student's eyes as she held the award that started with one little idea. Two more awards were given to actor Justin Barnes for his performance in *Macbeth* and for his monologue from Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure*. Only a week after Chapman, Drama students performed at the 2009 Hart District Theatre Festival competing with all five schools in the Hart District. With scenes from *Macbeth* (1st place), *Henry IV* (1st place), *Twelve Angry Jurors* (3rd place), *Measure for Measure* (1st place) and *Lovers and Other Strangers* (2nd place), West Ranch stole the show with six different awards.



"O, then I see Queen Mab hath been with you . . . she gallops night by night through lovers' brains, and then they dream of love!"
-Mackenzie Svastics performs his monologue from *Romeo and Juliet*.



"I am overjoyed and speechless that my dream had become a vivid reality, and thanks to Mr. Cook for allowing my imagination to run wild for this scene."
-Alyssa Fry (and Lauren Lundy) on winning first place for a scene from *Macbeth*.



"Thou speak'st aright: I am that merry wanderer of the night. I jest to Oberon and make him smile."
-Dustin Powers performs his monologue from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



Revealing teamwork and Optimal Citizenship

by Chelsea Curran

"Developing citizens of character, dedicated to serving their nation and community" is the mission statement of AFJROTC. The members of this elite organization work hard to live up to this standard and their dedication reflects their efforts. Here at West Ranch High School, the loyal members of this organization feel they personify this goal. Students wear their uniforms once a week to school as a sign of respect. The students are very dedicated and spend countless afternoons perfecting their routines. They compete in competitions, such as Rifle, Drill, Sword, and Color Guard, and they must constantly work stay physically fit. In fact, every Friday, cadets complete their physical training, working on cardiovascular health and other muscular activities which are military based. Estefan Retiz, a cadet, has the highest rank here at West Ranch. Estefan is the sword king commander, and he is in charge of coming up with their routines for competition. On top of that, he also has the responsibility of assisting twenty lower ranked cadets. According to I Leah Goldstein, "ROTC helps not only when you are in school, but in the future also." In addition, ROTC gives its participants an advantage when applying for college, and in some cases, aides in the financial aspect by offering multiple scholarships. ROTC is not only an extracurricular activity, but also the program gives each student the opportunity to receive credits in P.E., Sciences, and Electives. ROTC not only benefits the students academically, but also it drives them to excel in all areas.

These dedicated ROTC members break a sweat running up and down the bleachers in the blazing sun. Though worn out, they find the strength to continue because they know they have made a commitment to themselves as well as the organization.



As they practice at Valencia High School, these ROTC participants sure know how to stay in line. Working together is an asset for this students.



Devon Pierce struts his stuff as they warm up for a day's workout. Though practice is often rigorous, the end result is always worth it.



Heaven Mac Kinlay makes her voice heard during ROTC exercises. Leadership is another important skill ROTC enforces.

A Closer Look

Mike Robinson

One of our very own wildcats has enlisted in the Army. Mike Robinson enlisted in February of 2008. He was not sure if he wanted to join the army until he was actually in the army's basic training camp. He met someone in his platoon who had lost his family during the infamous September 11th attack. "When he told me that, [seeing] the look on his face and the sadness, [made me realize that] I didn't want anyone to ever go through that again," said Mike Robinson. ROTC has helped him by preparing him for the rigorous training that he would have to endure the US Army. In his freshman year of high school, he wanted to join ROTC because he was always that kid who had a "billion" GI-JOE action figures, and he thought it would be a logical step for him



to take. As a senior, he has now completed three years of ROTC and has been promoted to Cadet Master Sergeant. When asked if he learned anything that would help him later on in life, he replied, "Definitely the discipline and [probably the] sense of community service." Mike Robinson is an excellent role model and a positive influence for every student.



While doing jumping jacks outside their ROTC classrooms on the Valencia High School campus, ROTC students keep their lines straight and stay focused, despite the exhausting heat and the harsh sun. No doubt they understand the meaning of hard work and dedication.

A Ten Part Sport

Academic Decathlon

by Taylor Moustris

Art, Economics, Essay, Interview, Language and Literature, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Science, and Speech. Competing with schools from around the county, our first-ever Academic Decathlon team set amazing records as it went head-to-head, intellect-to-intellect earn First Place in Los Angeles County Division III, First place in the division Super-Quiz, and the LA County Academic Decathlon Rookie School of the Year award. Though students joined the team for various reasons - to build a resume for college applications, to gain greater knowledge, or to better relationships with fellow classmates, one thing is for sure. The class has worked tirelessly, meeting daily during first period, in order to be the best at the competitions they attend. Senior William Kidd stated, "Tons of studying and memorization is required to be successful on this team" while senior Ron Ocampo explained, "I spend eight hours a week, including class time, studying and learning about the ten different categories to be the best I can be." In order to be a part of the Academic Decathlon team, a great amount of work is expected of each individual; it is time consuming and mentally challenging. However, each teammate adds spice and relaxation to make the class enjoyable and fulfilling.



William Kidd is competing for the title as champion in his best three sections, which are Literature, Social Science, and Mathematics. He received a ribbon for his efforts.

Kris Miles, Andrew McGrory, and Spencer Sauners debate with each other over what topic to choose for a category of the competition, in order to win this challenge.

Mina Matsumoto takes on another student to prove that she is the most knowledgeable student out of the two. She shows that our Academic Decathlon program is the best at this particular scrimmage.

Reason. Passion. Debate!

Speech and Debate

by Elliott Park

After winning the 1st prize for Speech and Debate, Taleen Bachai, Kelsey Muir, and Chantal Khalilieh enjoy their triumph by drinking soda and hanging out. Their shirts display the Debate team motto: "Reason. Passioin. Debate!"

President, Chris Johnson, and a USC college student look over a score sheet. The USC student must make sure all scores are correct before approving it.

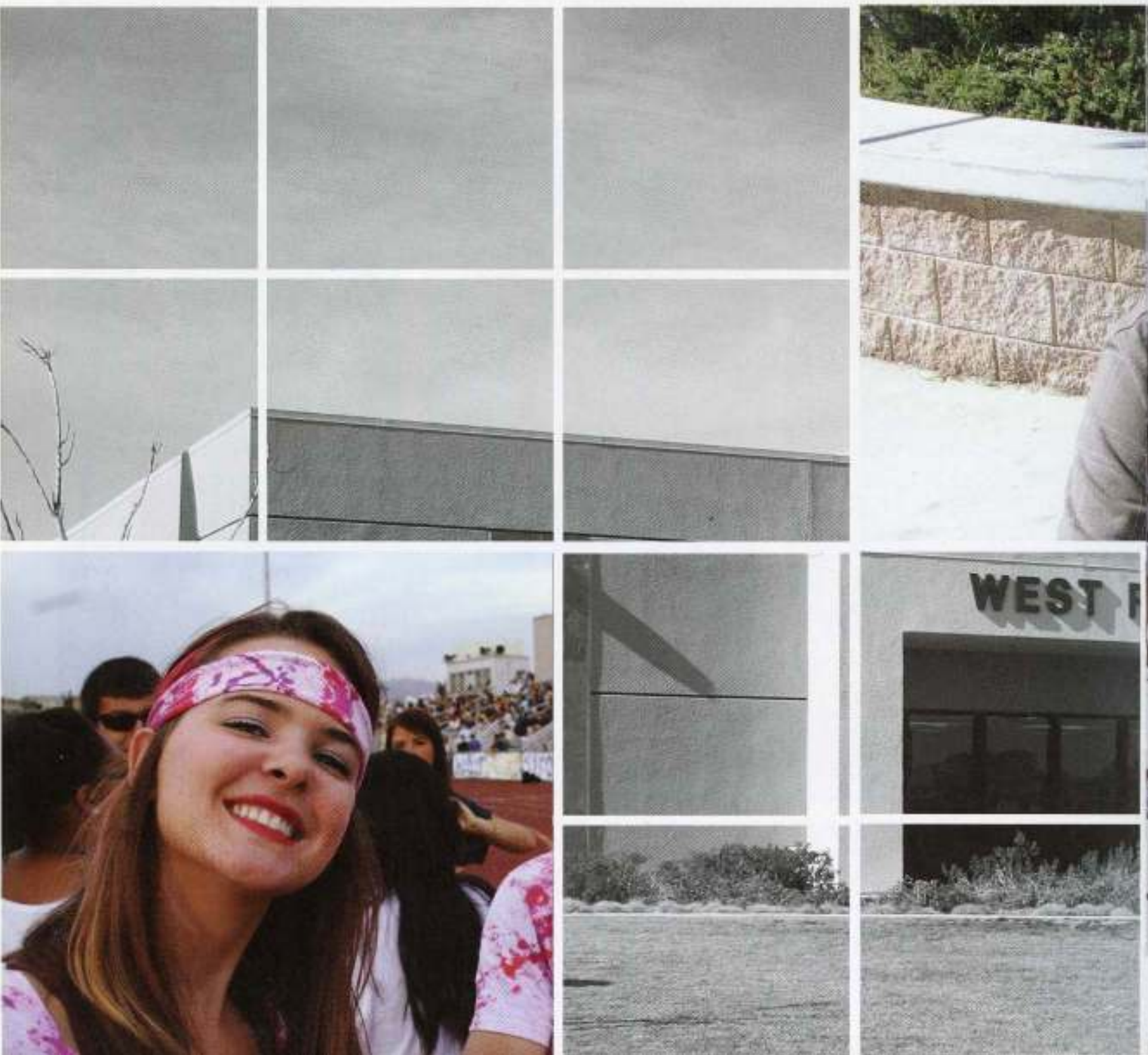
After the competition, the club celebrates their victory outside by relaxing and talking with one another. All their practice and hard work paid off.



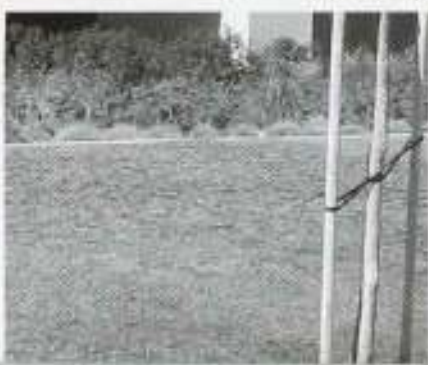
Ding! The Speech and Debate competition has started. The question is asked, time ticks by, and sweat begins to form on the palms of your hands as you hope for the correct answer to pop into your head. Your opponent has begun debating. What do you say with less than a few seconds to form a detailed and explanatory answer?! This is the experience of being in speech and debate. Speech and Debate is one of many clubs at West Ranch High School. The Speech and Debate team has won many competitions, proving the intelligence and quality of our students. Chris Johnson, president of Speech and Debate, comments that "Speech and Debate has had a big impact to my life towards talking to people and looking at things differently." Many people joined the club to improve their communication skills and be able to publically speak with ease. "Speech and Debate is all about being persuasive," says Taleen Bachai. Not only does Speech and Debate improve your critical thinking, and public speaking, but it also is addicting and extremely fun. Overall, Speech and Debate is not only a club; it's a lifestyle!



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This past year has been one filled with joyous memories and esteemed accomplishments. Though we often work as a group to have the best time possible and reach our goals, our individual deeds are always worthy of notice and attention. The pages of this edition of *The Pride* are splattered with the words and photographs of our diverse student body and staff, and it is this section that will that will help you locate yourself. We hope the memories kept in this book will live on forever.



To Nicole,

*I hope you never lose your sense of wonder.
 Get your fill to eat, but always keep that hunger.
 May you never take one single breath for granted.*

*May love never leave you empty handed.
 I hope you still feel strong when you stand beside the ocean.*

*Whenever one door closes I hope one door opens.
 Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance.
 And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.....*

I hope you dance, ride, sing, enjoy in all that you do.

*You will always be part of greatness
 if you set your standards high.*

Image it and you will acheive it,

And always remember....

You are my baby girl.

Love, Mom and Renee





Chris,

You brought love and music into our hearts and we thank you for that.

You sang "I believe I Can Fly" when you were six years old, and back then you were not quite ready to fly. Now, that you are a senior, you have our blessings and our trust that God will guide you and your music in the years to come. Just FLY!

Lovingly,
Dad, Mom, and brother Nathan

Amy Bushe



Amy-

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

-Thoreau

We are so blessed, and we love you so much! Godspeed! Love- Mom, Dad, and Weston

Megan Smith



Congratulations
Megan!
CLASS OF 2009

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. YOU HAVE MADE AN AMAZING JOURNEY FROM THE FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN TO YOUR LAST DAY OF HIGH SCHOOL, AND YOUR LIFE IS JUST BEGINNING. PURSUE YOUR DREAMS TO THE FULLEST AND DO NOT SETTLE FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN THE BEST.

We love you ...
Mom, Dad,
and Melissa



Andrew Halpin



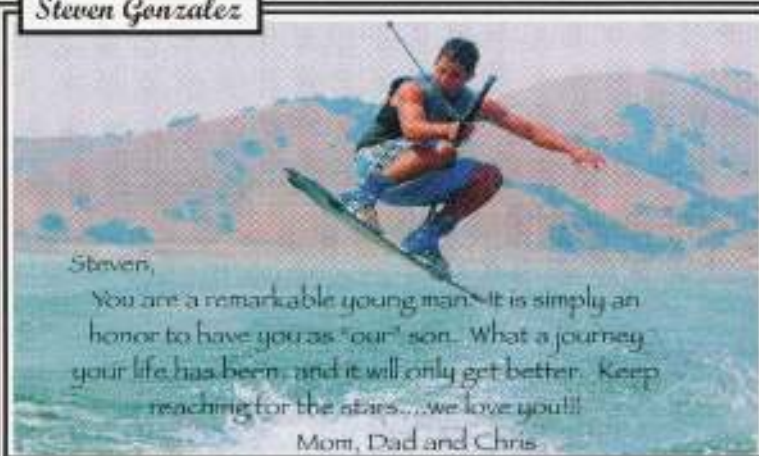
Andy,
You have defeated many obstacles on your journey through life. Congratulations on your accomplishments, you make us proud, today and always.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Breanna Heimann



"To be able to look back upon one's life in satisfaction is to live twice."
Congrats, Breanna! We're so proud!
Love, Mom, Dad, & Amber

Steven Gonzalez



Steven,
You are a remarkable young man. It is simply an honor to have you as "our" son. What a journey your life has been, and it will only get better. Keep reaching for the stars...we love you!!!
Mom, Dad and Chris

Christian Zurbuchen and Alex Good

Find a job you love, do it well,
and you'll never work a day in your life.

Say what you believe no matter how unpopular, do what you say,
and you'll always make me proud.

With love,
Grandma Cane

Mallory Potts

Mallory,
It is with pleasure and pride that we have watched you blossom into the Flower that you are! Congratulations on your many achievements! Now it is time to go out and live your dreams!



Much Love,
Mom, Dad & Ben



Alyssa Fry

Alyssa,
A young woman, our daughter,
our joy and always in our heart,
you've reached the end,
only to find a new start,
the world may see the young woman,
with your charm and your smile,
but behind the woman,
we will always see our beautiful child.

Congratulations! we are so very very proud of you and your accomplishments, we know you'll be successful in the career path that you've chosen so knock 'em dead at MJD. We love you very much,
Mom & Dad



Monique Trujillo



My Precious Monique,

I am so proud of you. You have become a beautiful young woman, strong and ready to face the world. May all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Geoffrey Ernst



Congratulations Geoffrey! You did it! We are so proud of you in every way. As you step into the next phase of your life, always remember that we love you deeply, and that we are your biggest fans. We know that because of your fine character, you will have many successes in your life. Think often of Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and hope."

Enjoy this time! You deserve it!
Love always, Mom, Dad and Megan

Lauren Shepard

Continuous effort-not strength or intelligence-is the key to unlocking our potential.

-Winston Churchill



Lauren (aka LoLo),

We are so very proud of your years in High School. It has been a blessing watching you grow into a young woman you have become. Continue your journey through life with a knowing that you can do and accomplish whatever your heart desires.

Love you, Dad & Mom.



Mikaela Manion

We are so proud of you!
You're an amazing, remarkable,
young lady, who has shown great dedication-
not only academically but in all areas of your
life. Your determination and strength will
lead you to great success.

Love,
Dad, Mom and Christian

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"Every second brings a fresh beginning, every hour holds a new promise, every night our dreams can bring hope, and every day is what you choose to make it."
- Jessica Heringer

Karina Fricke

*Congratulations on all your accomplishments
Karina!!!*



*Keep smiling & pursuing
Your goals and dreams!
We love you,
Dad, Mom, Mikala, Jake*



Taylor Moustris



Taylor,
Since the day you were born, you have created a very special place in our hearts. With your fun sense of humor, sharp wit and intelligence you always make the day brighter. We are so very proud of all your hard work and accomplishments. You are on the way to achieving all of your dreams, and we know you will do whatever it takes to make the life that you want. Even though you are becoming an independent woman, you will always be our baby, and we will be behind you in whatever you do. Make sure to stop and enjoy yourself along the way.

We love you more than anything,
Mommy, Daddy, Allie, Mia and Max

"Living is like tearing through a museum. Not until later do you really start absorbing what you saw, thinking about it, looking it up in a book, and remembering—because you can't take it in all at once."
Audrey Hepburn

Alina Holquin

Cheesepas! Believe in the beauty of your dreams and what the future has to offer you. You have a powerful mind and you can do anything your heart desires! We are so very proud of you and the beautiful young lady that you have become!

Congratulations Grad of 2009! Love, Mom and Dad!



Collin Wheeler



Collin, we are so proud of all your achievements.

We Love you Very Much!
Mom, Dad, Rachel and Evan

Andrew Yamane



Congratulations Bayba! We want to tell you how much we love you and how very proud we all are of you!! Keep up the good work and know that in time it will all pay off! No matter where life takes you, we will always be here for you.

*Love,
Mom, Day, Kayla, Tita, Polo, Josh,
Lorena, Marissa, & Mary Ann*

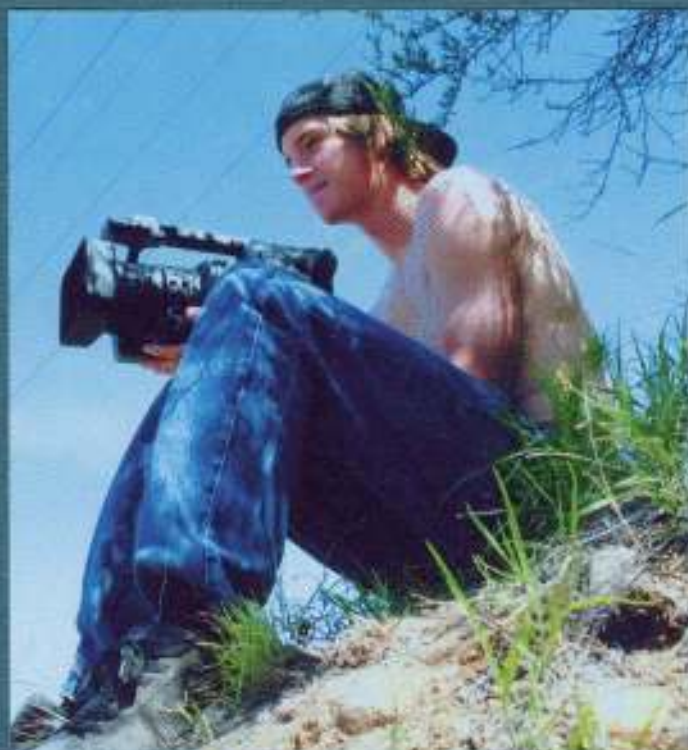
Kyle

We have always been so very proud of you.

*You are admired for your many talents,
your wonderful sense of humor and your warm heart..
Your hard work and dedication shows in everything you do.
You are such a good person, friend and the best big brother!*

*Stay true to yourself and you can do anything!
Congratulations Kyle! We love you very much!!*

Mom, Dad, and Erik



"Cherish yesterday. Live Today. Dream Tomorrow."



Kelsey-
You have accomplished so much over the past 4 years. We are so proud of you. May all your hopes and dreams come true. We love you very much. Congratulations.
Love,
Mommy, Daddy, and Corey





Congratulations Michael!

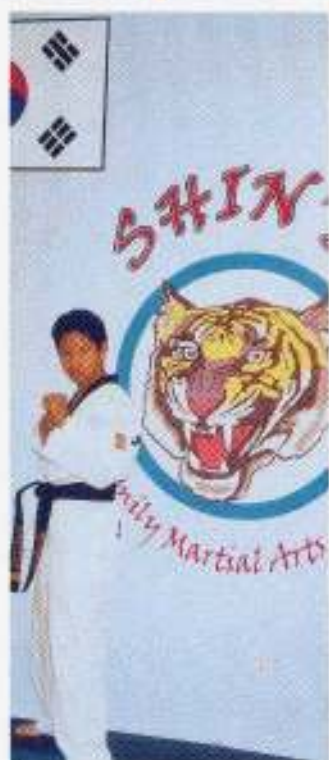


~Eagle Scout~~Tae Kwon Do -2nd degree Black Belt~~
~~X-Treme Travel Basketball~~Honor Society~~
~~ West Ranch Cross Country~~West Ranch Swimming~~
~~National Youth Leadership Forum~~

Thanks for the awesome memories... Looking forward to your
future endeavors!

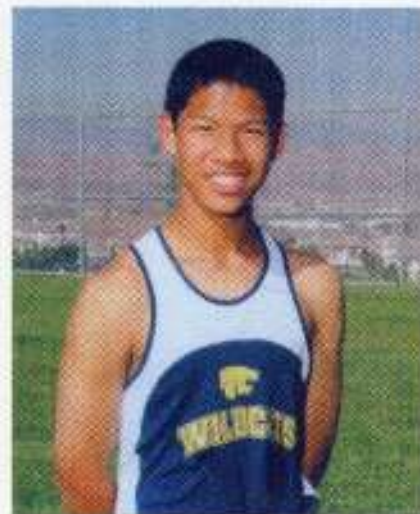
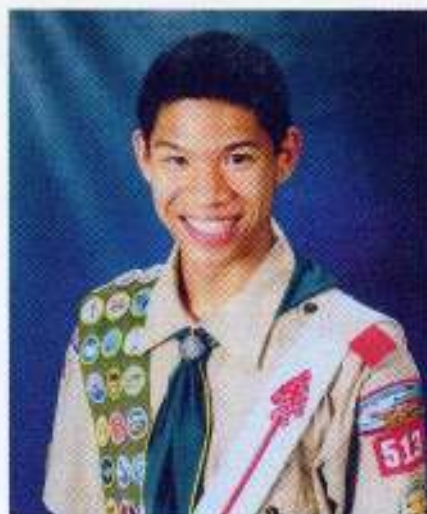
Love Always,

Mom, Dad, Michele, Melissa & Cinnamon



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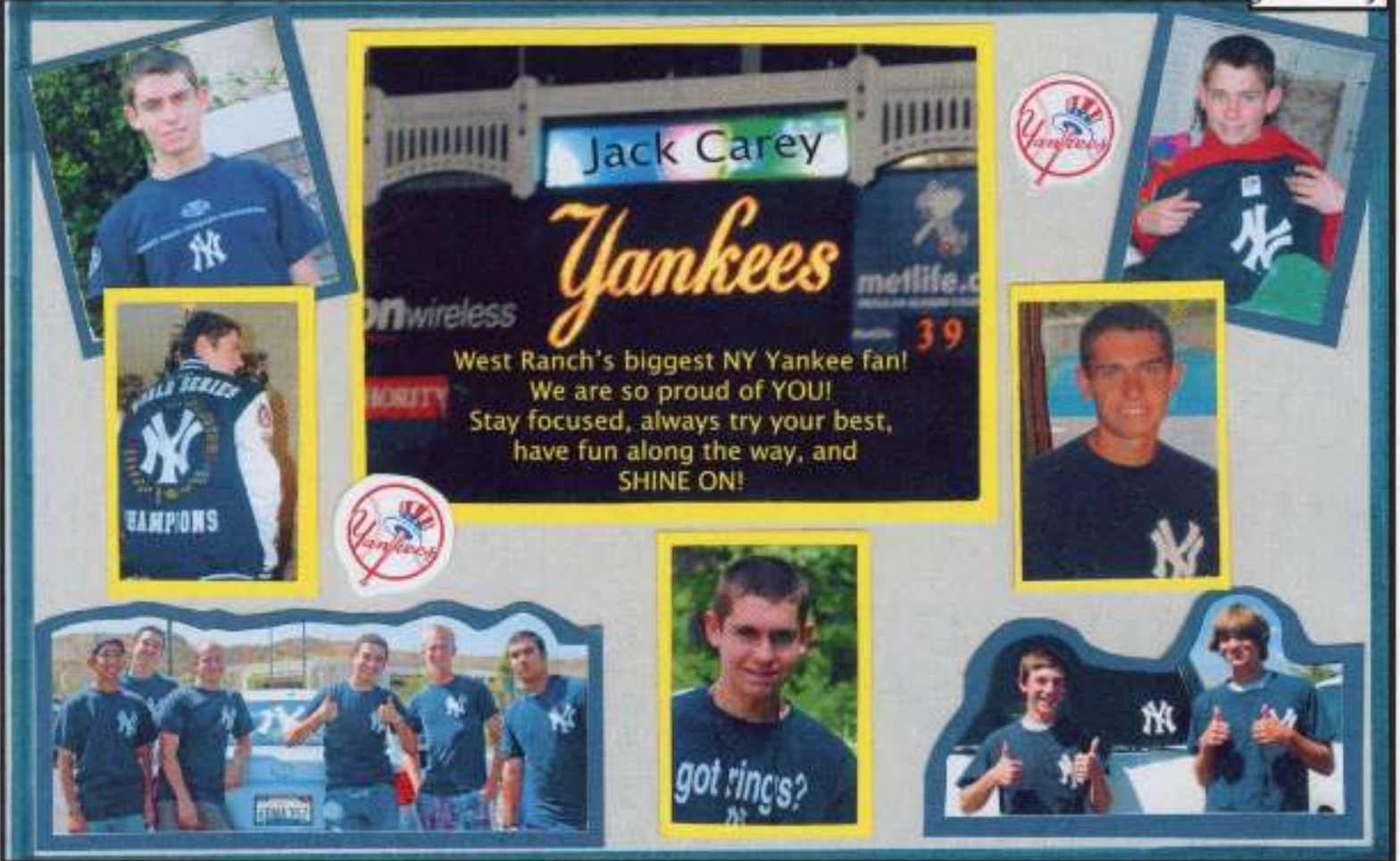




Kevin,

Congratulations! We are very proud of you and your accomplishments. You are very talented, and we are sure you will use these talents to go far in life. The lord will lead you in the right direction.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Dakota Smith



Congratulations!

All our love,
Molly, Sasha, Adie & Mom

*My Kori,
my daughter.*

"I have taught you,
the best I can,

I have helped you get up,
after the falls.

And, I have cherished your smile,
after you have learned."

1-4-3,
Your Papa



Kori Juan



You go Beau! We are so
proud of you. The sky is
the limit!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Zack, Mall,
Brittney, Mark &
Alyssa

Beau Martin

Emily Heckelman

Darling Emily, Our One And Only



*We hope life treats you kind. We hope you have all you ever dreamed of. We
wish you joy and happiness. But above all this, we wish you love. Always and
forever, we love you.*

-Mom and Dad.

Shelby Gonzalez



Shelbz,

HALLELUJAH!! We are so very happy for you and only wish you the best. The next chapter in your life is just the beginning. We love you more than you will know.

Congratulations Love Mom, Dad and Brittney

Congratulations ADON, Class of 2009



Adon, We Are So Proud Of All Your High School Accomplishments! Remember, God Has Called You To Your Generation To Make A Difference. So Use Your Gifts And Callings To Set The World On Fire With The Gospel Of Jesus Christ!



Our Prayer For You Is That The Angels Of The Lord Encamp Around About You, The Spirit Of The Lord Rests Mightily Upon You, The Blood Of Jesus And God's Anointing Covers You.

We Love You

Mom, Dad, Auntie Cam, Uncle Larry, Grammy, Cha Cha, & Pastor Bam

1st Steps 2 His Calling



Adon Biggs

Spencer Cawley

Congratulations Spencer!

We are very proud of the fine young man you have become. Your character and personality will help you accomplish anything you set out to do. Reach for the stars!

We Love you,
Mom, Dad, Christine & Scott,
Brittany & Caroline



Marissa Kerum



*Marissa,
You are unique & special in many ways.
We love you always!!!!
May God bring blessings for you in
your life!
Love Mom & Dad*

Jacqueline Shapiro



**Jackie,
You have become a beautiful
young woman and we are very
proud of you!**

**Congratulations!!
Love, Mom, Dad, & Steven**

Shannon Ludwig



Shannon,
READY, SET, GO!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Joe

Joshua Bernstein

Josh,
We are so proud of you! You are definitely your own person, not one to follow the crowd. That, along with a kind and generous heart, makes you a very special person and easy to love. You've had some obstacles along the way, yet look how well you have done! We pray that God will bless you and lead you in all that you do.



All our love,
Mom & Glen



Kelsey Muir

Kelsey Muir . . . the most beautiful girl we know,
inside and out.
We are so excited for you. Congratulations on
your graduation!

Love M, D, D, D, A, M, J, & J



Patrick Fuentes

To our dear Pat,

Congratulations on graduating from West Ranch School!!!

We are so proud of what you have become... a young man who knows what he wants and how to achieve that. You are a great son and a brother and you have brought so much joy and laughter into our home. Thanks for all the wonderful memories that you have given us through football, tennis, basketball, and baseball... and listening to you play the violin during orchestra concerts. We wish you continued success in your collegiate pursuits. Remember to live life with passion, compassion, and purpose. We will always be proud of you and grateful that God shared you with us.

With all our love,
Dad, Mom, Kat, Papang, Mamang, Snowy, and Coco



Eva Gallner

Eva-

The entire world awaits you making your presence known. Enjoy life and your future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Samantha, Kyle and Jack



Christian Zurbuchen

CLASS 2009

Christian,
You have grown into a wonderful young man. I will always be looking over you keeping you safe and quieting your soul when times are hard... just as I did when you were a baby. As I told your mother, I only ask that you always "Be good!"
Love from heaven...
Grandpa Cane
2-14-43 to 9-12-08



Well... you did it!
I am so proud of you! My dream for you is that you find happiness in whatever you do. Always keep your head up, do the right thing and remember you are only limited by your



Congratulations Son!
Love, Mom, Dad, Camryn, and Tanner

Parker Brooks



Love many,
Trust few,
Always paddle
Your own canoe
~Mom

Keep
thinking BIG!
~Dad

Congratulations
& Good Luck!
~Nicole

We love you!



Colin Amster

CONGRATS COLIN!



We're your biggest fans!
Always believe in your dreams and
work hard to achieve them!
We are so proud of you now and always!
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Caroline, and Claire
P.S. Watch out for those big havez!

Harrison Donihue

Dear Harrison,

You've really made a lot of good choices over the years, and you've grown up to be an outstanding young man with a great sense of integrity and a real passion for life. We're so proud of you. You're a real winner. We know you're going to do some extraordinary and exciting things with your life! Thank you for being such a great son, Harrison! Congratulations on your graduation!

We love you very much!

Love always from Dad, Mom, Riker, and Liza



Hannah Ortega



"IT STARTED A FEW YEARS
AGO WHEN THIS BOOK
STARTED THIS CHAPTER
HAS ENDED, AND SO BEGINS
A BRAND NEW ONE...."

**CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH !
GO FORTH AND ROCK THE WORLD !**



We're Proud of You! and We Love You!
From your biggest fans.....Bob (Dad), Joji (Mom) and Kirby (Sister)

Barr Benjamin



Dear Barr,

You made it! We are so proud of you. We wish you good luck in life and in your future endeavors, and remember to never give up on your hopes and dreams. May God watch over you.

Love,

Ima, Aba, & Omer

Sophie Burns



Sophie,

*No One Thrills Us Like You Do,
You're Our Dream Come True.*

Our Love Always... Mom and Dad

Parker Keller



Parker,

Congratulations! We're so proud of you! You're a wonderful son and an amazing person. We love you so much!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Ryan

Jenna Kunkle

Jenna,

When you were a year old your first words were "I can do it". Now that you are graduating, it is clear to us that you have "done it". We are so very proud of you and your accomplishments. We know that you can reach for any goal that you desire in your life. Our hope for you is that you will continue to use your talents and loving ways throughout life. We love you so much and will always be here for you! God Bless you. You are an amazing daughter and sister.

Love, Dad, Mom, Jeremy, and Jaclyn



Will Tate



Will

Determination and drive

The Will to win, not just compete

Perseverance and hope

The Will to turn yesterday's defeat into tomorrow's victory

Commitment and faith

The Will to believe through the good and the bad

Leadership and Sacrifice

The Will to place others first so success can last

6Tates forever

Sam Parker

Sam Parker

'09 So Fine!

Congratulations Sweetie.
This is just the beginning,
Live your life to the fullest!
Love,
Mom and Dad



CAMILLE

Dear Camille,
Being your Grandmother/Nana is a great honor and a title I will always be proud of. You are a very sweet, genuine person, hard working and fun loving. Gaga and I are very proud of you and even prouder to be your Grandparents.
Love Nana & Gaga

Congratulations Camille! Words alone cannot begin to express how proud we are of what a Amazing Young Lady you have become. You are beautiful inside and out. You are a kind, caring, loving person, always putting others before yourself. Continue to be true to yourself! Remember 'I Hope You Dance'
We Love You,
Mom & Dad

2009

Camille,
I am so proud of the strong, confident, beautiful individual you have become! I know you will continue to do amazing things, stay driven and don't let anyone get in the way of something you want. I Love You so much and I am so happy to call you my little sister?
Love forever!
Nicole



Class 2009
Congratulations
Chelsea!



We are so proud of you!
I hope all your dreams come true...
Don't ever stop the future is in your hands &
Don't ever let go...
Be strong and you'll achieve anything you want.
Always believe in yourself.
We wish you happiness and success in life.
Love You Always Dad, Mom & Nico

Alyssa Ripper

Even when you were little you said you could fly! Now is your chance to reach for the stars. When you set your mind to it, you can do anything!! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, and Austin



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13

Carly Burmeister



When you have your children, there is so much you dream for them. Carly, you have surpassed our dreams and more. There are so many wonderful things ahead for you, and your dad and I feel blessed to be a part of that. Always remember, don't worry about the things you can't control and embrace what you love and go for it!

Our hearts are so full baby girl,

Mom & Dad

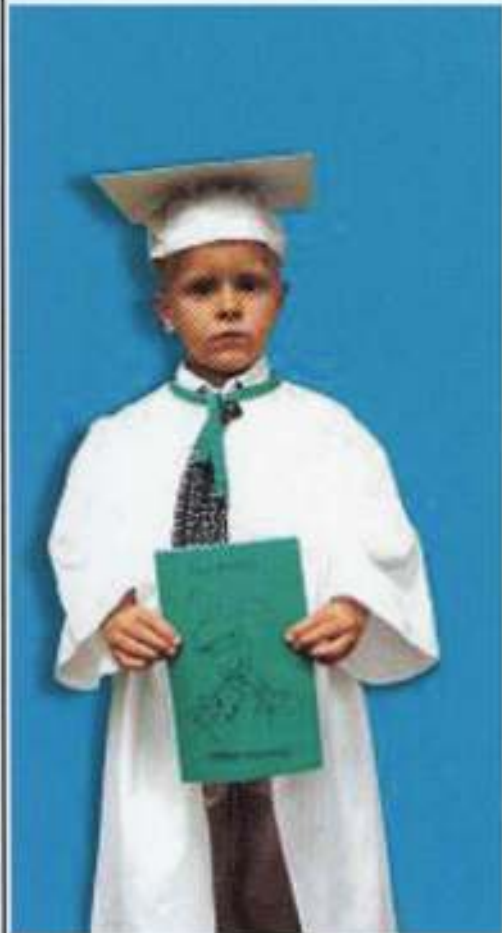
Love Shelby too!



From Pre-School to High School
And Beyond!

Carson, your Strength in Overcoming
Adversity, and Your
Compassion for Others
Has Always Made Us Proud!

Congratulations,
Love Mom & Dad



Parker Keller we are very proud of you!

Grandma & Grandpa Wagstrom

Your scholarship through 12 years of school!

Your participation in sports which we
enjoyed watching!

We know you will be a success in what ever
you do!

Congratulations on a job well done

Alyssa Gutierrez



*Congratulations! Alyssa,
Hope you have fun in college
love, your sister Shania.*

Alyssa,

It Feels like you were just born yesterday and look at you now, graduating from High School. I am so proud of you and I give thanks to God for giving me such a wonderful daughter. It is an Honor to be your mom.

I know the year to come will be very challenging for you, but the way you pursue your goals with excellence, persistence and dedication, you will accomplish all your dreams. Whether it is becoming an Engineer or a chef, whatever you decided to be, you know I will be with you all the way. My dreams for you might not always be the same dreams that you seek, but your happiness will always be my treasure. I prayed to God to guide you on your journey into college and beyond. Always remember... I love you and wish the best in the years to come

Love and Kisses,

Mom

My dearest Alyssa,

Congratulations! I commend you on a job well done gettin gthru high school. Please, always remember I will always love you and be here for you as your father, no matter the circumstances. I trust you will always make the right choices for yourself in this lifetime. I ask the Lord every day to bless you, give you guidance, and keep you safe each and every day. You are my first born and I am so proud and grateful that you are my daughter!

Love you always and forever, DAD

Felicitaciones Alyssa, que Dios te bendiga siempre. Piensa que este es el principio de tus metas, nunca decaigas, y adelante el triunfo es tuyo., aslo realidad, adelante, adelante Dios esta contigo.

Te quiere tu Abuela.

*Well, I guess your are a grown up now. It's college time, woo hoo! You have always known what you want and always strive to achieve it, so do not let anything of anyone push you away from your dreams. I am very proud of you. Study hardy, party not hardy. Stay sweet. Have fun in College!
Love,
Madrina.*

Grats!!! you are now off to see what the "real world is all about. You think four years in high school was hard work? Well...? Hard work is when you accomplish something and you feel good about it. Hard work is something you choose to do. Whether you become a lawyer, a doctor, or even a civil engineer, you'll have to sacrifice alot in order to achieve your goal. Once you achieve it, hard work is just secondary. But before you get there, you'll have to do one more thing. That's right, another four years in school. Not just any school... we are talking about college. Oh Yea Baby!!! No parents, no curfew, no one to tell you how to party!!! Woot!!! But, before you stay up all night, remember that you are there to better educate yourself. All study can't be learned if you can't relax and enjoy life. I trust you that you'll make the right decision. I am so proud to be part of your life. No matter what part of the world I'm at, you'll know that I would not forget about you. Once again... Congratz!!!

Allan Kim



TO OUR PRECIOUS TAYLOR,

We are so lucky to have an intelligent and sophisticated daughter. We are very proud of you and know you will have many adventures around the world.

Love, Mom, Daddy, and Ashley, the cat.



Our dearest Shelby,

Take a moment to remember how special you are and how lucky the world is to have you in it. We are so proud of you and believe in your unlimited future.

We love you lots, and lots, and lots!

Love Mom, Dad, Sydney, Amber, Sparky, and Autumn





Aubrey

*And Aubrey is her name
 A not so very ordinary girl or name
 We're so to blame
 For our love always in bloom
 She makes our hearts carry a misnomer tune
 Like a lovely melody that everyone can sing
 Words cannot describe it, oh, she just means everything,
 And Aubrey is her name
 She's a bright light and we want to show her the moon
 With every June
 The winds dance when she's around
 Her voice matters when she makes a sound
 Maybe time has fled and is traveling too fast
 Catching all her moments, loving the present and the past
 God we love the girl
 And we'd go a thousand times around the world just to be
 Closer than we'll ever be,
 And Aubrey is her name
 We're glad we know her and we've loved her just the same
 We love her name
 Wish that we could find a way
 To stop time and try to make her stay
 She'll go along to lead a life apart just like the rest
 And because the world's her stage, we'll do without the best,
 But how we'll miss the girl
 And we'll go a million times around the world just to say
 She has been ours for a day...*



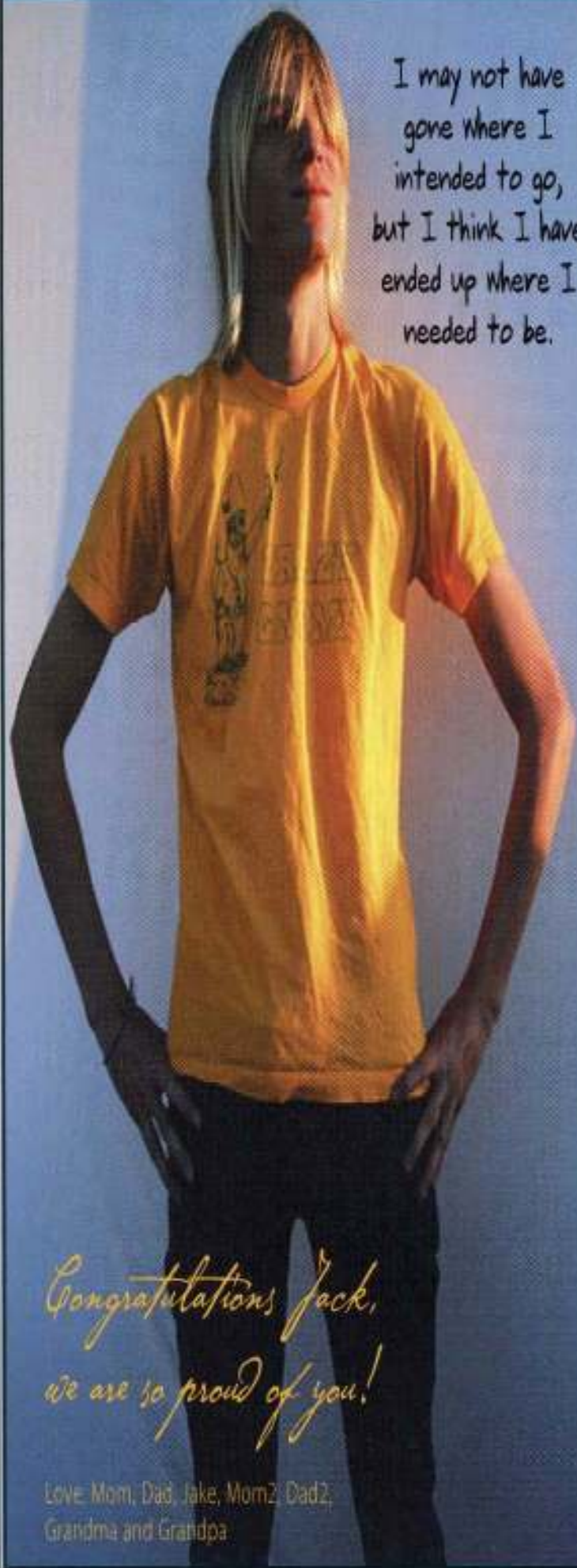
*Aubrey,
 We are so proud of everything you have done,
 and the person you have become.
 Stay unique, strong and above all else, stay true.*

*We will forever love you!
 Mom, Dad, Alessandra and your whole family.*

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Jack Turpin

I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be.



*Congratulations Jack,
we are so proud of you!*

Love Mom, Dad, Jake, Mom2, Dad2,
Grandma and Grandpa

Lucas Pisterman



Lucas,
Congrats! You did it!
We are very proud of you.
We love you and wish you much success and happiness.
Mom, Dad, Sasha & Abuela Susy

Eddie Spurling



Eddie,
The years have passed so quickly, maybe not for you but certainly for us. You have amazed us each step along the way, with all of your effort and accomplishments we could not be any prouder.
As you make your way through life remember, the difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.
Good luck and congratulations!!
Thanks for being such a great kid. Love Mom and Dad

Breanne Lendman

Breanne
2009



Congratulations!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad, Troy and Kelli

Laura Ruppert

Congratulations
Laura!

You will always
be our little
squeak!

We love you!

Mom, Dad,
Daniel,
Grandmom
and
Mom-Mom



Sarah Bothwell

"In a friend you find a second self."

-Isabelle Norton



Sarah-
Always hold on to your dreams and your great outlook
on life... we are so proud of you! You will always be our
little princess.

All our love,
Mom and Dad
Steve and Shane too!

Brianna,

You have worked so hard, and we are so proud of you. We know you will succeed in anything that you do because you always give everything you do 100%. Thank you for paving the way for your brother and for giving your parents all the wonderful memories.

May God always protect you and guide you.

All Our Love,

Mom, Dad, Alec, Romeo & Juliet



Michelle,
Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of you and all of your achievements. You have grown into a beautiful, good, and smart young lady. Always believe in your dreams, set goals, and work hard to achieve them. We all wish you the best for a wonderful future and good luck in college!

We all love you,
Dad, Mom, Monica, Malissa and baby Nelson



Congratulations Valeria!



And
There's
More to
Come...



Valeria,
You have grown up to be a great young lady
and we thank you for being a wonderful daughter. We
are sure you will fulfill all of your goals in life.

Que Dios Te Bendiga Hoy y Siempre
-Mom, Dad, and Larina

Valeria Martinez

Arielle Tichnor



Arielle,

We are so proud of you as two people could possibly be. Your future is so bright and your potential endless. How happy we will be to see you continue your journey through the world as you are today, full of hope and inspiration. Spreading happiness and laughter wherever you go. The world is yours - we can't wait to see you take it.

We love you. Mom and Dad

Ashley Stegeman



Ashley,
Congratulations! We are
so proud of you and wish
you a lifetime of success
and happiness! [smf.]
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kristin & Jack

Michael Sklar



Micheal Sklar,
Reach high, for stars lie hidden
in your soul. Dream deep, for
every dream precedes the goal.
Love,
Mom, Dad, David, and Rachel



Congratulations Lauren!

Life has tested you in ways many will never have to be. You have shown all of us that you can persevere through the toughest of times. You are an extraordinary young women, with the strength and courage that for some it takes a lifetime to achieve. We are extremely proud of all your accomplishments- you are our heroine! We love you very much, and may your future be filled with greatness!

Mom, Dad, Jessica, Nick and baby Mia.



CONGRATULATIONS ZACHARY!!!



*What ever he does - he
always puts a smile on
my face. Your Bro*



After four years of hard study, ROTC Drills and endless Rugby practices your graduating and on your way to you next big adventure. Along the way you have never ceased amazing us with your talent and drive to succeed at all things you do. You have also grown into an extraordinary young man who we are very proud of, with unlimited horizons and possibilities. The world is yours Zach go out and get it! Love....Your Mom and Dad

Well - Gosh all Friday, Zachary! It is your GRADUATION DAY! You have developed your own personality, you know how to love, laugh and show respect to others. These achievements alone are sometimes never reached by others. I am so proud of you! And I know whatever road you will take in the future, you will do well. I will always be in your corner, because you are my very special Grandson, and I am your very special Grandma and I love you.



Stephanie Uribe

Stephanita:
The future is yours, wrap your arms around it!
We are very proud of you!

Love Papi, Mami, Nata-wee, Andres, Matt &
Missy



Joshua Bernstein

- You Are The King -



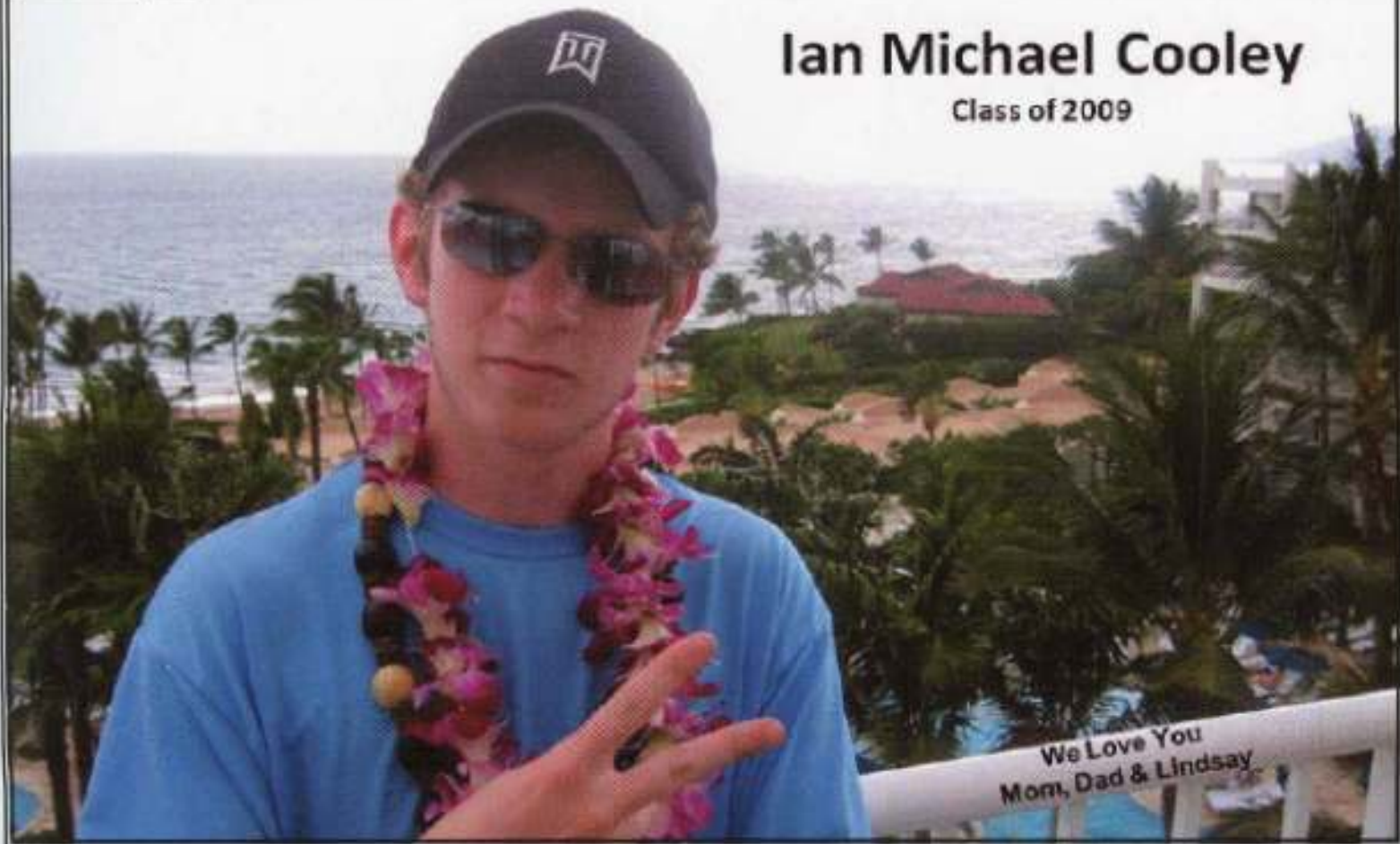
Josh,

We are so proud of your accomplishments. You have become
such a responsible, competent, reliable young adult. Keep
surprising us!

We Love You,

Dad, Marlene and Danny

Ian Cooley



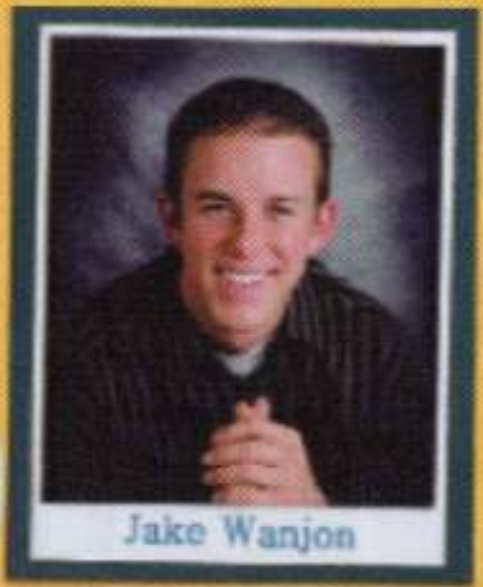
Ian Michael Cooley

Class of 2009

We Love You
Mom, Dad & Lindsay

2009 Class

You brighten our world with your smile!
Congratulations Jake we love you!



Alexia Reyes



Lexi,

Congratulations! You have grown into an amazing person inside and OUT! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We cannot believe how fast the time has flown by. Our baby has grown into a beautiful, loving, and intelligent woman. Wishing you all the best in the years to come!

We love you!

Mom, Dad, Grandma, Pa Pa, Andrea and Aiden

Zachary Christy



Zachary,
Congratulations! Today better than yesterday. Tomorrow better than today. We can't wait to see what's next!

We love you!

Dad, Mom, Allison and Nicholas

Amanda Baker

Amanda Michelle Baker

Just Imagine What You Can Do!
Your heart, laughter, beauty and talents are gifts from God. We are proud of you and we love you so much in the world!
CONGRATULATIONS!
Mom & Dad



Megan,

This is a bittersweet time for all of us. Soon, you will be moving on to college and the pursuit of your life dreams. You are an amazing young lady. Your spirit, energy, drive and humor has changed all of our lives.

It is now time to leave your footprints on the world. We are confident that no matter what you choose to do, your leadership skills, determination, and integrity, will greatly contribute towards your success, and the success of all those around you.

Although we are sad to see you leave we are delighted that you are about to embark on your new phase in life. It is obvious to all of us that you will clearly influence the hearts and minds of those you encounter.

We cannot express enough how proud we are of you, and how much we love you. Keep passionately pursuing your dreams and goals as you begin your new journey in life. We will always be here to support you.

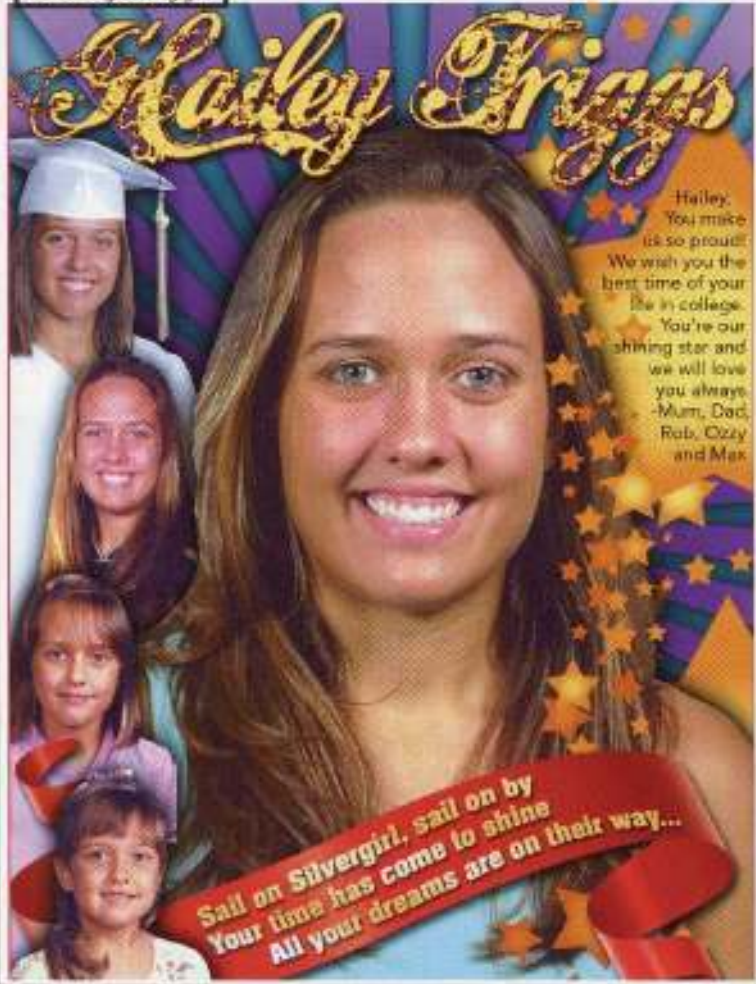
Love,

Mom, Chuck, and Janelle



Megan Futch

Hailey Triggs

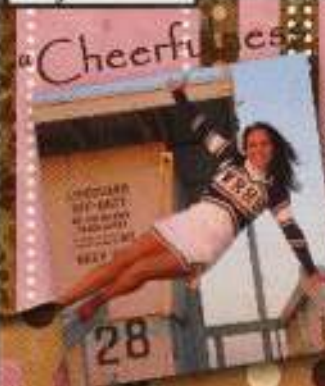


Hailey Triggs

Hailey,
You make us so proud!
We wish you the best time of your life in college.
You're our shining star and we will love you always.
-Mum, Dad, Rob, Ozzy and Max

**Sail on Silvergirl, sail on by
Your time has come to shine
All your dreams are on their way...**

Kayla Linane



"Cheerfulness is a gift we give to others and to ourselves"

Kayla,
We are so proud of who you have become. The joy you have given us goes beyond words. You are not only beautiful on the outside, but on the inside as well. We know you will be successful in whatever you choose because of "the way you do the things you do."
With admiration and love,
Mom, Pop & Jordan

Ryan Pond



Ryan.

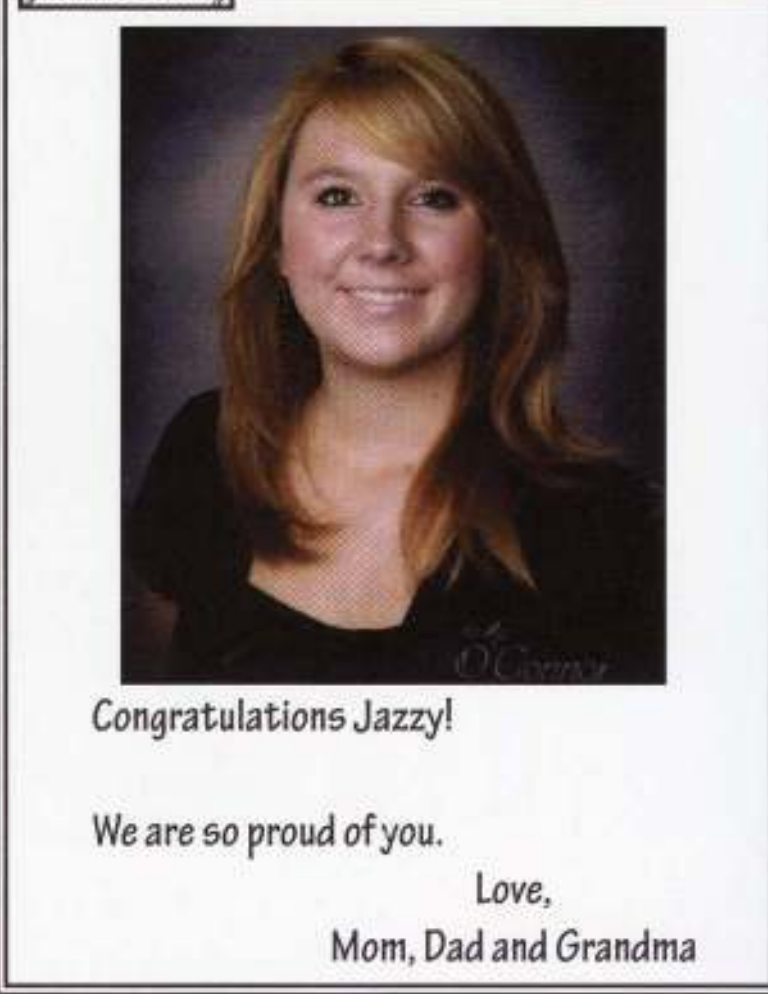
"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

-Mark Twain

Continue to make us proud.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Lauren

Jasmine Fentling



Congratulations Jazzy!

We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Grandma



Prabhdeep Singh Kehal-

You are the treasure of my life. I love you more than I love anything or anyone else on the planet. I'm not sure you realize that sometimes, I swell with pride, amazement, and admiration for you. I always say that I set the bar high for you, but seeing you surpass it, breaking it to bits in your wake has given me a lot more joy than jealousy. I'd call you my baby brother, but as we age and as you become a man, our difference of two years seems to get more insignificant.

You're my best friend, and I love you

Your Sister

Prabh-

You've given us nothing but happiness as you've grown to surpass all of our expectations. We still see that baby face behind the young man that you've become. You will always be our baby and you'll always make us proud.

*We love you
Mommy and Daddy*



Congratulations Jessyka!

On receiving your high school diploma, an important milestone on the road to success!

We are so proud of the bright, responsible, lovely girl you are.

We have no doubt you have an amazing future ahead of you.

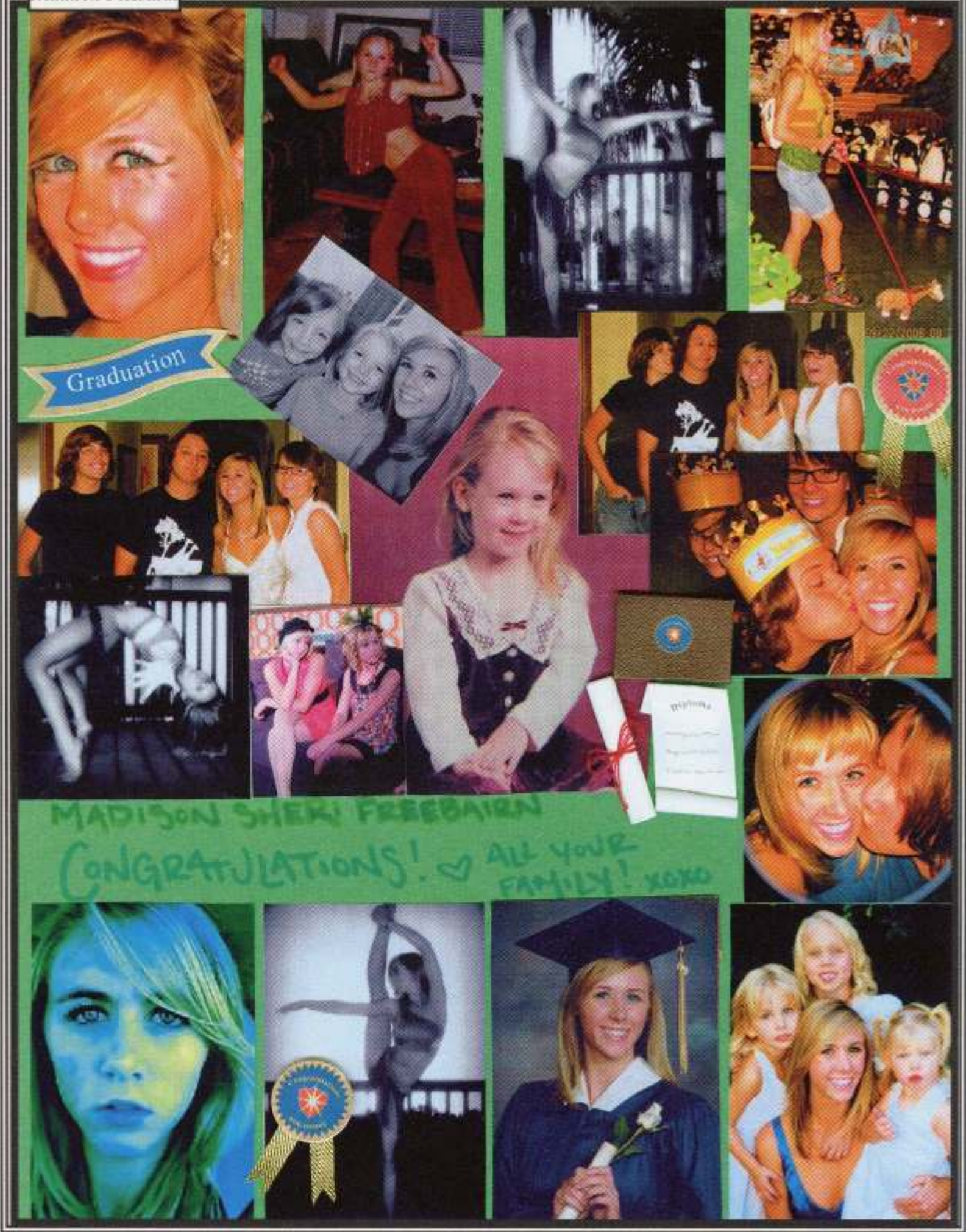
Embrace your talents Jess,

Life will be remarkable for you!

We Love you so much baby,

Mommy & Papa







Alexandra

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*May all your
dreams come
true.*

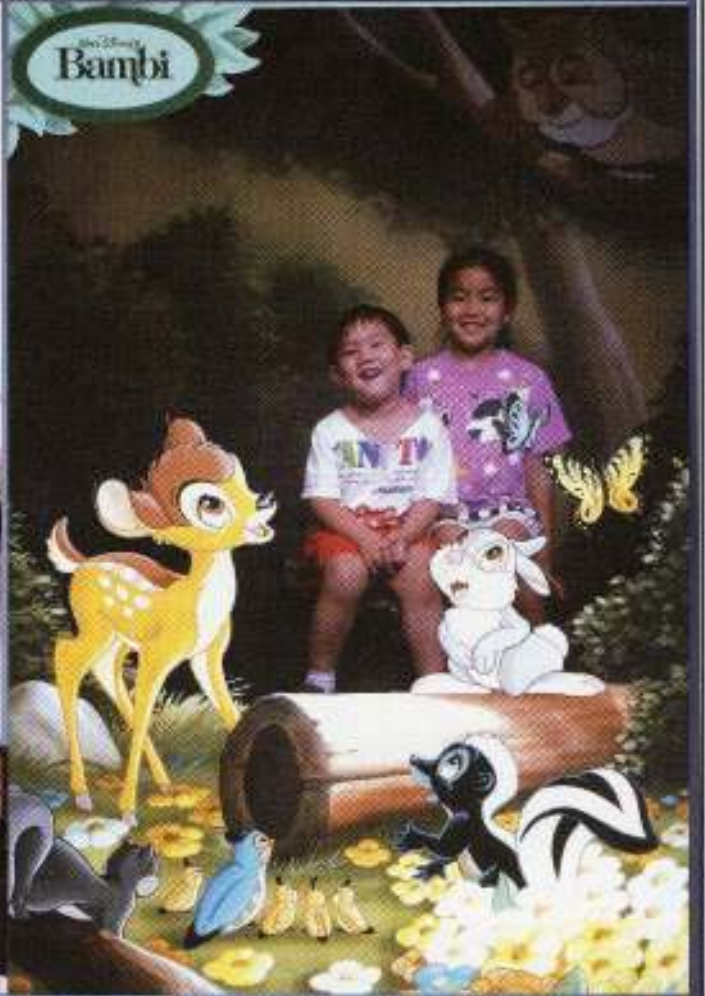
*Love,
Mom and Dad*



Justin,
We are so excited to watch your life unfold . We love the person
you are and can't wait to see the man you'll become!



Go out to the world and show them everything you've got



Dear Michael,

You have brought so much happiness in my life.....I thank God that I have you as a son. I also pray to God that you succeed in places where you enjoy and also that God leads you in the correct path. Remember that I, your mom, will always be there for you as with your family. I love you, my son.....my little baby!!



Love,
Mom



Nichole,

You and I connected from the time you were a little girl. I will forever remember your big smile with your dimples; always so sweet and wanting to spend time with me. We somehow navigated through all the challenging times as Aunt/Guardian and niece; I know you dad is always watching over you, Chris, Adrian and me with his love and spirit from God. I admire you will, your strength, determination, and faith and appreciate you hanging in there with me when I went through my difficult times; I'll never forget it. You were my little rock and light that kept me going. I'm so proud of you Nichole, you're a very special person to me and our family and I feel so grateful for you, for the experience to have you in my life and be your Aunt.

All my love to you,

Aunt Suzie and Simon Louie



Nichole you mean so much to me. I will forever be here for you sis. When you need advice, when you need support, or when you need me to threaten young men who get on your nerves, I'm here for you. Seriously, Danielle and I are so proud of your efforts. Love you more than you know,

Michael

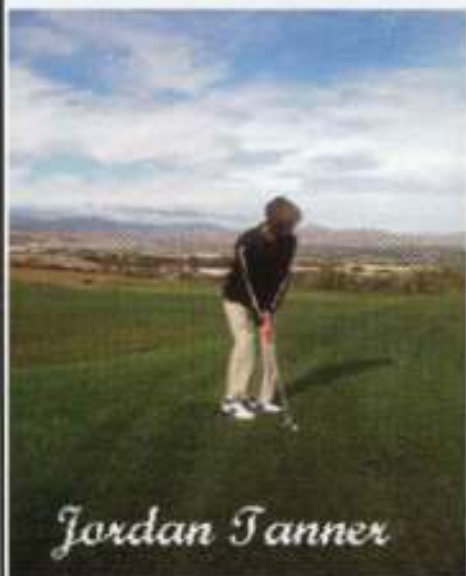




Jordan

Throughout the years you have always amazed us with the incredible person that you are and the exceptional qualities that you possess. You have such a remarkable determination to achieve, along with your endless dedication, dazzling intelligence, artistic talents, independent spirit, impressive athletic ability and playful sense of humor. We love you and we are so proud of you.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Jolene, and Jake



Jordan Tanner



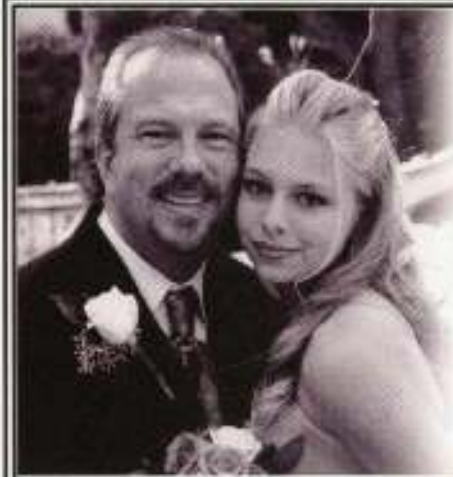
Christina Roscigno

Congratulations Christina!

We are so proud of you!
 You've worked hard to achieve your goals.
 You have grown from a baby in pink, to a pirate - long before Johnny Depp ever sailed the Caribbean, to a kid of many interests and colors, to a snazzy class act with your top hat on, a Disneyland enthusiast, and a beautiful young woman.
 We wish you truth and courage as you move forward in your life. We wish you strength, and joy, and so much more. Where we find a difficulty we may always expect that a discovery awaits us. C. S. Lewis
 Reflections on the Psalms: Go forth, conquer, and discover. We love you!
 Mom, Dad, Johnny, and Marie



Chelsea Van Duyn



Chelsea

Always remember you are "far more precious than jewels and [your] value is far above rubies or pearls." (Proverbs 31:10)
 May the many gifts and talents created in you be realized so that your dreams and your purpose become your reality.
 I'm proud of you and I love you... now and always
 - Dad

Jessica Lederer

**Congratulations,
 and keep
 smiling!**



**We love you,
 Mom, Dad, Josh,
 Jenna, and Yampa**



Krystal Gates



**Krystal,
 Be the change you want to see
 in the world.
 Love, Mom, Dad, Steph, &
 Katie.**

Jaymee Brandt



Congratulations Jaymael!
 Look at all you have done from gymnastics, ATC riding, wakeboarding, and cheer! You always tried your hardest and put your heart in it. Now you have many choices to make and we will always support you!
 Love,
 Dad, Mom, and Cassie



Jaymee,
 You did it! I'm so proud of you for passing your difficult classes like algebra essentials and your online bowling class! Even though we've only been friends for a year, it has definitely been one amazing and memorable year. We've become best friends and I know we have so many years ahead of us to become even closer! I love you and I know you will succeed in all of your dreams.
 "A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart, and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words."
 Love,
 Steph



Jaymee B, Beezy, Ranger Joe? Or Jack? I don't remember. I guess that's just how long it's been for us. YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND if you didn't know. We've been through everything together and we have so much more to look forward to. You know me more than anyone else, and you know exactly what I'm thinking just by looking at me. I'm never going to forget all the AMAZING times we've had together because you're always going to be by my side reminding me! I can't wait until we live together girlfriend. PARTY!! I LOVE YOU!
 Love,
 Kristen



Taleen Bechai



Congratulations Taleen...

You are a bright shining star. You always make a difference in everyone you touch because of your positive outlook, inner beauty, integrity, generosity, will and a heart of gold.

This is just the beginning of your journey, and "the best is yet to come."

We love you and are very proud of you.

Love, Hugs, and Kisses,
Mom, Dad, & Natalie

Mallory Potts, Lauren Shepard, Brittney Gunby, Madison Stones, Megan Risoler



THE FAB FIVE!

Mal, Gumby, Lo, Madi, and Megan
Friends through good times and more good times!

Alex Ritz



Congratulations and Thank You.

Congratulations on completing this chapter of your life with such grace, happiness and with that smile on your face.

Congratulations on persevering through all of the trials and tribulations of parental advice from those who are clueless, basketball practice, finals and exams, pop quizzes, friendships lost, friendships gained and all the other character tests that make up and mold your high school years.

And thank you for giving us far more than we have given you. The free and easy laughter that lightened any load, the willingness to argue with us even when you knew you were wrong just to keep us on our toes and make sure we had a reason for our insanity.



Thank you for turning out better than any parent has a right to hope for, we could not be more proud.

May your future years be filled with the challenges of "Atlantis" the adventures of "Harry Potter" and the love of "Twilight".

We love you...

Fernando Schiantarelli

Fernando Alejandro Schiantarelli



Life is a successive addition of accomplishments. Graduating from High School is one of the most important ones in our lives. But doing it with consistent dedication and respect for teachers and peers makes it even more significant. During all these years, you, Fernando, have shown us that particular commitment for improving in all matters and subjects, achieving, as direct consequence of that, all those great grades and all those great friends. In regards to basketball, you knew from day one that it was not about the sport only, but about conquering challenges in life that go beyond the court, the ball, physical contact and the rim. You knew that it was about conquering yourself. For all of that, we stand right beside you now and forever, proud of your efforts, your intelligence and sensitivity. We are sure that you will be able to apply all these qualities that you have mastered during your school years to the wider spectrum that is waiting for you ahead in the world. You have proven to us that you will become a positive influence to your family, your friends and the rest of mankind.



Thanks Fernando, in advance.

Love,

Fernando Sr., Amelia & Andrew Schiantarelli





Frankie,
Words cannot express how proud we are of you. With God by your side, always guiding and protecting you, we know you will always accomplish all of your dreams. Stay focused - remember the sky is the limit. Thank you for being such a good role model for Lauren & Matthew.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Lauren & Matthew

Frankie,
Te amamos y nos sentimos orgullosos de ser tus abuelos. Sigue tu estrella porque sabemos que la alcanzaras creemos en ti mi amor.

Con mucho amor,
Grandpa & Mommy Malena

Frankie,
Hey little buddy, you have been like a son to me, and I am very proud of the strong focused young man you have become. I see nothing but great things in your future.

Love,
Tio Geovani



My precious son,
Thank you for being my reason for living in the darkest times of our lives, for knowing how important your staying on the straight and narrow path has been for me.
Love you to the sky,
Mom

Mackenzie Soastics



Mackenzie...the world awaits!
We love you! Mom, Nanny,
Poppa, Dozer, & Brixton

C O N G R A T S

Danny Faraj



Danny,
Congratulations and good luck in
college!
We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Deena, and Darleen

Chanell Kurian



Congratulations Baby!

We are proud of you. We know you have a
bright future ahead of you. We love you.

Love,
Mom and Dad





Lookin' hot!

"We cross our bridges when we come to them, and burn them behind us with nothing to show for our progress except the memory of the smell of smoke and a presumption that once our eyes watered."

-Tom Stofard

The Baby, we love you so very much and are so proud of you!

Live the dreams you wish. Anything is possible!

Like the stars and the moon and the sky....

Love,

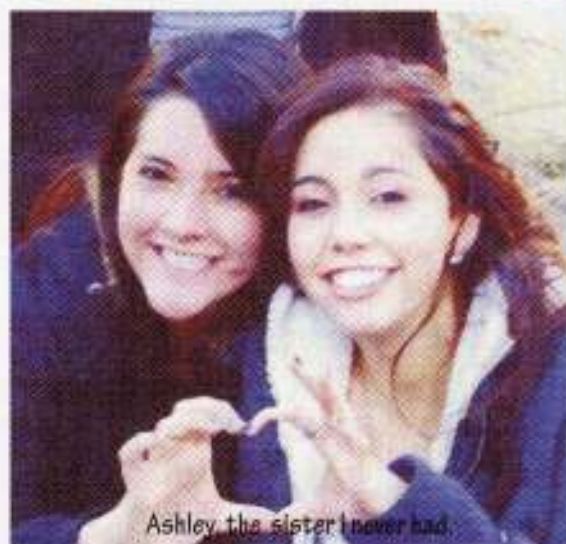
Mom, Dad, and Gamma



Ashley and Lin in our Crib after the earthquake



Mom and I in Italy



Ashley the sister I never had



Justin, my best friend!



Mom made my costume!



Daddy and me

Olivia Marik Reis



Darling Olivia,
You are a precious, shining gem. You have a brilliant mind and the kindest of hearts. The talent you have displayed as an actress and student throughout your high school years has been extraordinary. You hold your future in your hands. We know you will care for it well.

We love and adore you.

Congratulations.

Love, Mom, Dad and Tyler



Ronny Sunaa



Ronny,
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Keep up the good work. Best wishes for a bright future. Congratulations and Good luck in College. Love, Dad, Mom, George and Michael.

Haley Vanlumberg

Congratulations Haley!



We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished!

Continue to believe in yourself, and your dreams will come true.

We love you so much!

Mom, Dad, Kelly, Skyler, LeRoy, and Lacey

Leah Pearlman



Dear Leah Jean,

We are so very proud of you. Your accomplishments of stellar academics, work ethics, and college goals are honorable. Your solid values, caring personality, and perceptive nature distinguish you as one very fine young lady. You are a great role model and an inspiration to your family. Your potential has no boundaries.

We love you dearly!!

Love,
Mom, D, Chad and Faith



Danielle,

Words can't tell you much we love you and how proud we are of you. You are the most amazing young woman. With your focus, discipline, compassion, and kindness, there isn't anything you can't do.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Sisters Always- We Love You!
Jaclyn, Nicole, and Candace

Congratulations to my beautiful sister!



"Of two sisters, one is always the watcher, one the dancer." - Louise Glück,

Well, as my sister, best friend, and the little monkey on my back... I must say, I think we both dance (although maybe I am a little more clumsy) and both watch (and you a little more critical), but it works. And it is so amazing that we have that relationship that we can depend on each other for everything, through thick and thin. Know that will never change.

I love you so much and good luck. You are going to be fabulous!

Jessica



Kevin,
Your Perseverance always amazes us! If you continue with your current drive, the sky is the limit.

Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad, Connor and Summer



Congratulations

Lee Andrews

Love Mom & Dad





Dearest Jeff,

Where do we start? You're such a great son and brother. You've brought a smile to our faces since the day you were born. You've done so much for us to be proud, and you haven't even graduated yet. We love you Jeff, and we wish you the best of luck on your journey in life!

All our love,

Mom, Dad, Michael, & Christina





The Miley Brothers

Warren Miley & Jeffrey Miley

~From The minute you were born, you have been a joy to your family. Beautiful blonde-hair, blue-eye twin boys!

We are so proud of both of you! Life has definitely been a fun adventure! I cannot even imagine life without both of you.

We know that each of you will do great things in your life. Always know how much we love you both. Love, Mom, Harry, Ashley, Dad, and Aunt Candi Lou.
XOXO



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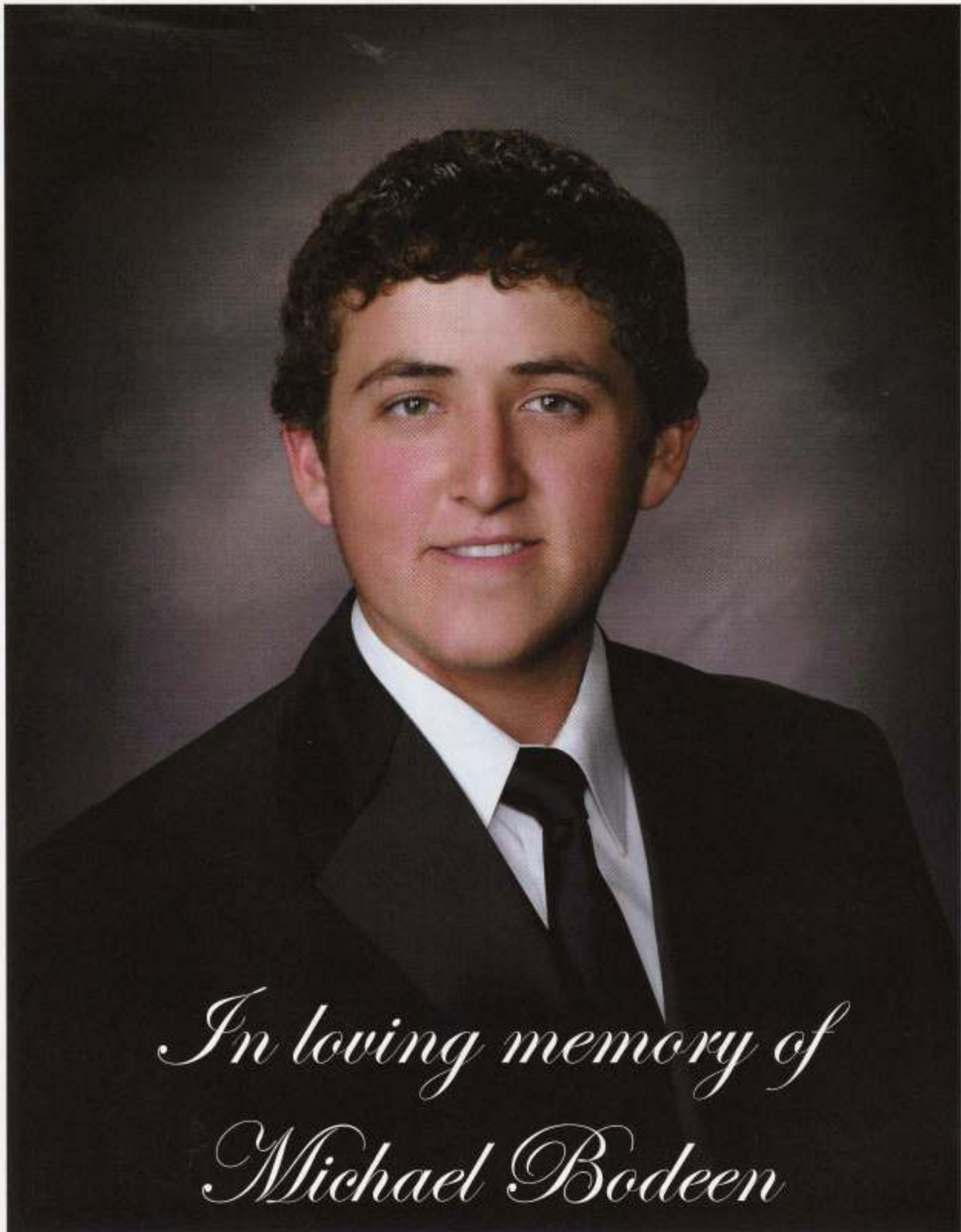
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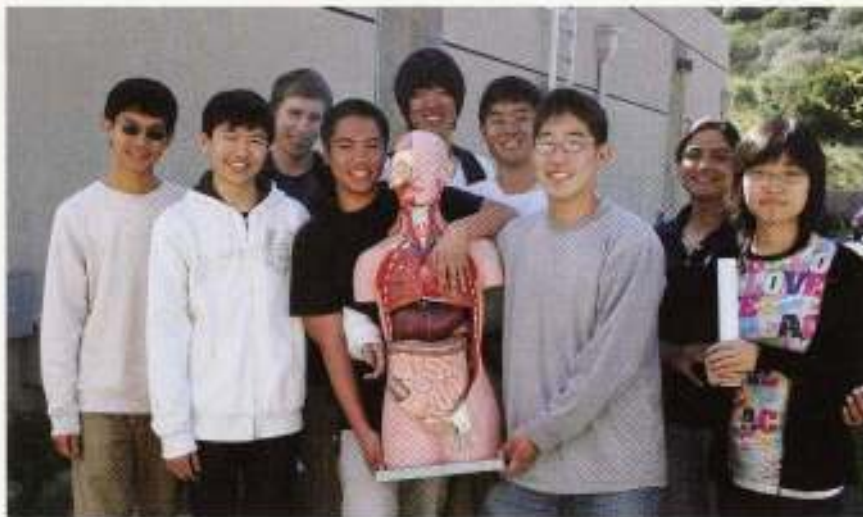
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To Our Wonderfully Talented Staff—

This past year has been a bit of rollercoaster ride. I think at one point we all questioned what even motivated us to join the staff. With stressful deadlines, coming to school after hours to finish, and at times, crazy editors, it would seem to be a less-than-ideal situation. But with the book finally finished, we can look back on the experiences and paint a completely different picture. We remember learning time management and responsibility, bonding with our staff over pizza and Pictionary, and encouraging leadership. We would like to give a special thanks to our leadership team, including Mike Kwon, Josh Holmes, Naomi Kim, and Diana Park - without whom this book could never have been completed. Also deserving of mention is Liz Bauer and Marissa Fein, our copy editors, whose criticism and comments offered a fresh outlook and improved the book—well, most of the time. Finally, we owe much gratitude to our advisor, Mr. Michael Smith. He has spent countless hours teaching us the fundamental principles of design as well as how to improve our copy. Not to mention, he has given up several Fridays in order to help us host our "Lock-Ins". We could not have hoped for a better advisor, and we are forever grateful. Volume V of *The Pride* is filled with the memories of the 2008-2009 student body, but it also reflects the unbelievable dedication, commitment, and most importantly, camaraderie of this year's staff.

2008-2009 Editors-in-Chief—

Lauren Holzer and K. Leigh Furzer

K. Leigh—

So many great memories are held in Room 409. It is where our friendship blossomed and grew. We joined the Yearbook staff together in freshman year as general staff, moved our way up to section leads by sophomore year, in junior year we became associate editors, and finally, our senior year we held the most coveted position: Editors-in-Chief. To work with someone as dedicated and talented as you has been a privilege, even if we did not always agree (New York!). Space Mountain at Disneyland will always hold a special place in my heart because of you (you know why) and there is no one I would have rather stayed up with until 5 in the morning in a college dorm room writing theme copy! Yearbook may be finished for us, but this is just the beginning of the long road ahead.

From One Amazing Editor-in-Chief to Another—

Lauren Holzer

LAUREN—

Yearbook, for me, is not defined by the 300+ pages of school activity bound by an expensive cover. Yearbook is the comforting feeling that I will always be able to find you on the computer beside me during fourth period. It is the thought that room 409 has housed us as we've become best friends and editors-in-chief. Yearbook would never have been the experience I know it to be, if you had not been there beside me through all extreme times. I do not know anyone else who I can have intense, heated discussions with while simultaneously making progress on the tasks at hand. The unforgettable moments of Disneyland (Happy Anniversary pins, Space Mountain, and Dumbo feathers) and New York's adventure (Ellis Island, Philly boys, late night dorm incidents, and five a.m. theme copy) will forever stay with me as we both progress through whatever life holds for each of us.

From one person who is always right to another who is always right—

K. Leigh Furzer

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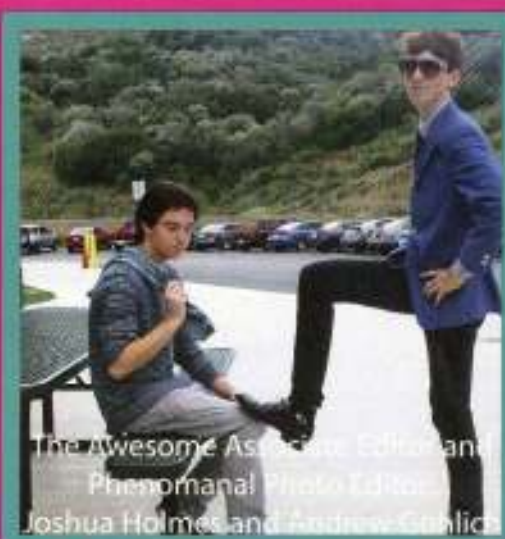
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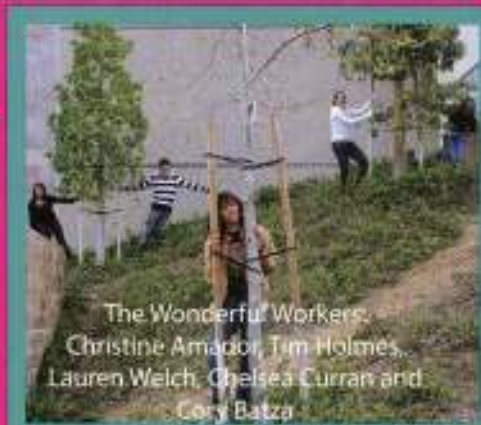
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This Journey Called Life!

Life is never as simple as it seems. It is a journey that takes us thousands of steps to an unknown future. Sure, for many us, we have plans, dreams, goals, and hopes for ourselves, our families, our community, and our world. Yet, for many others, the future may be less clear, less defined. However, as the ancient Greek hero Odysseus discovered along his journey toward his beloved home and family in Ithaca, life is not about the destination. Life is the journey itself.

Therefore, as members of our second graduating class prepare to embark on their journeys beyond high school, beyond their childhood, we celebrate the relationships that have been built, the rigor that has defined character, and the relevancy that shapes, drives and motivates us in the journey that everyone must take in life. No, life is never as simple as it seems, and it certainly is not always easy. Through the happiness and sorrow, joys and pain, we must seek out ways to endure and go on. We must remember to cherish what we have and to hold on to what we value. Sometimes we have to remember, though, that enjoying the simple things in life make life worth living, and the gratitude we can express and offer in life are clearly important measures of humanity.

Of course, in preparing our fifth annual edition of the school's yearbook, *The Pride*, we could not have done so without the variety of individuals on and off campus who took time to help us throughout the year. Many thanks to Mr. Vincent, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Love, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Little, Mrs. Erickson, Mr. Cisneros and our custodial staff, Mr. David Smith (and Robert Griffin) with Herff Jones, our publisher; Mr. Mike O'Connor and his staff (especially Dan and Miguel), all of our coaches, Ms. Garcia, Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Overdeest (as well as her WRTV students), and Mr. Burns (along with his journalism students). A special thanks to Mr. Arrowsmith (and the ASB photographers), coaches Burrill, Holen, and Hughes for much needed photos, Mrs. Pat Oakley for ROP pictures, and to all staff members for allowing us into classrooms / offices throughout the year. We especially appreciate Mr. McBride's efforts to help



One never knows where life will take him or her. In preparing for their work this year, yearbook leadership studied for a week at Columbia University in New York City. Students managed to find time for sight-seeing and attending *Legally Blonde* on Broadway as a part of their workshop experiences. **Upper right:** Josh Holmes, Diana Park, Naomi Kim, and Mike Kwon attend an award ceremony recognizing student efforts throughout the week. **Upper left:** K. Leigh Furzer and Lauren Holzer work on a project in their leadership class at Columbia. **Lower:** With his jump instructor strapped to his back, Mr. Smith takes a leap, a 2100 foot leap, while skydiving last summer. "I never thought I'd throw myself out of a plane," he admits. "We never know what life presents."

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Finally, on a personal note, I would be remiss to not thank the talented and creative students who worked so many extra hours to make the yearbook the best it could be. In particular, I must say a word of gratitude to several of the graduating leadership team. To my editors-in-chief, Lauren Holzer and K. Leigh Furzer, thanks for your spirit and vision in building a stronger community within our staff. To my associate editors - Josh Holmes, Naomi Kim, and Diana Park, thanks for your dedication and commitment to making the book better each year. Finally, much thanks to Mike Kwon for his responsibility and leadership in managing our business affairs and overseeing senior tributes. Their collective vision and passion will not be forgotten.

I wish them, our other graduating seniors, and the entire class of 2009, many of whom I have come to know well, much success in their future as their journeys continue.

M. Smith





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