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Junior Danae Gardner, seniors Andrew Litzen and Travis Korns and
sophomore Jamie Asp look into Viterbi College during their lunch period.
Students were given the opportunity to look into different colleges and
universities at different times throughout the year.

Every student and faculty member who participated in Multi-Cultural Day on
Feb. 28 gathered in the gymnasium for the final activity. The students performed
peace dances from various cultures around the world.

(Page designed by Blair Moon)
Junior Don Kirby chases senior Jake Vitatze in Mrs. Jennifer Schlicht's sociology class, while junior Brett Shelton runs in the other direction. Mrs. Schlicht's classes were studying deviance at the time, and Mrs. Schlicht thought that playing Red Rover and Tag during class were perfect examples of being deviant.

Junior Whitney Peterson, seniors Erica Lupiow and Nikki Smith march down Oak Street during the Thibou Days parade, which was held in August. The band performed at many parades during the year including the Homecoming parade and the American Royal Parade.
Remembering the good memories from the year before, What would happen this year to make you remember more? Riding on the bus to KU for the journalism contest, Just the night before, you were hoping you would beat the rest. Volunteering at the soup kitchen to help the ones in need. Taking part in the memorial walkway, planting your tree. Did you feel that you made a difference in the world where we live today? Giving your all and doing your best everyday from August to May. The win in the big game or the A+ on the big math test, Was it one of the many highlights of this year that made it your best? The debut of “Murder Runs in the Family,” or the success of State competing sports, During the year, did you get grounded for the F’s you got on your progress reports? As the year began, most had forgotten what they’d already learned, But as days passed, we realized that we were all just Gettin’ It Started. —Amy Marcel/Ashley A. Williams
Sophomore Ashley Williams takes pictures at a varsity football game for her yearbook class. "Because it was my very first time taking pictures for yearbook, I was really worried that I would do something wrong, and the pictures would turn out really bad," Williams said.

Freshman Kurtis Russell concentrates hard on not breaking the saw blade while cutting out a piece for his necklace in Ms. Linda Horvath's 3-D concepts class. Horvath taught four 3-D concepts classes, the largest number of these classes taught in the last four years.
Rushing to Mrs. Henry’s class and getting there on time,  
What was the homework Mr. Caldwell assigned?  
Do you speak French, Spanish or Latin?  
Sewing and weaving, making a pillow of satin.  
Photography and drawing, what would Mrs. Simchuk do today?  
For some people, science with Mrs. Johns and math with Mr. Kramer were the way.  
Who are those faces seen in the office at the school where we learn?  
If I put forward my best, how many good grades could I earn?  
Becoming prepared for college and writing those Six-Trait essays,  
Through Shakespeare and wiffle ball, those were some of the best days.  

Sit down, take a deep breath, forget all your fears,  
You made it through all the hard work and the tears.  
Everything you did affected the choices you later made;  
You finally realized it was time to start Gettin’ the Grade.  

—Amy Marcel
Does the Power Rule, U-Substitution, Log Rule, and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus sound confusing? For some students it was.

For the first time, the math department offered an after school tutoring session for those students who needed extra help with their studies.

The sessions addressed two needs identified by the high school staff. The first need was to help the students score higher on the Kansas math assessment test. The second need addressed was to help the students with material taught in their specific math classes. The students had a chance to get individual help with class assignments. There were teachers in each session that were familiar with all math subjects.

"We have had several success stories with students that came in with certain topics and they have had good improvement," Department Chair, Mr. Bob Caldwell said. "Other students who had general difficulties with math became more confident with math topics."

—Kellie Gardner

Freshman Aaron Gronau receives help from the new math teacher Mrs. Edythe Crow during the after school tutoring session. Gronau was a student among many who went on their own time to receive help with math.

Sophomores Cory Mulich and Jacob Hachinski work on their math assignment during Mrs. Anne Otrosko’s third hour tech math II class.

During an after school tutoring session, senior Jessica Ventura receives help with her math so she could better understand it for her test. "I had to take a test but I didn’t know how to do the stuff on the test so I went to the session for help," senior Jessica Ventura said.
During Mr. Andy Anderson's third hour physics class, juniors Amber McAvoi, Drew McCullough and senior Tyler Cooper work with their cars they created for an assignment. "We were assigned to do a project that taught us about momentum," McCullough said.

Seniors David Jones and Jon VanMaren study slides of muscle tissue during Ms. Cindy Hayes' third hour anatomy and physiology class. "I think the class is very interesting. I tend to remember stuff in that class because I like to learn about it," Jones said.

As a student, the requirements to graduate included just two years of science at the minimum. After students took two years, they had the choice of staying in science classes or not exceeding further.

After students took two years of science, they could have advanced to chemistry, physics, and/or anatomy and physiology.

Chemistry was a college preparatory class. It dealt with puzzling problems and probing discussions.

By using three metals and four solutions of compounds, sophomore Josh Mortenson checks to see if a chemical reaction occurs. Mrs. DeeDee Albert was the only teacher who taught chemistry.

Physics was a class that could have been taken for college credit. The class taught why things happen in the world. The class also taught both the academic and technical sides of physics.

Anatomy and physiology was also a college class. It taught about the human body. The class dissected many things such as a cat and a pig.

"I've always have taken an interest in science and I've realized you can't go anywhere without dealing with science," junior Autumn Hansen said.

—Kellie Gardner
Plagiarism: to take ideas or writings from someone else and present them as one's own.

Many students don't realize that when they are doing a research paper and decide to copy and paste random paragraphs into their report, that they are committing a crime.

"I believe if kids were taught the correct way to do research, plagiarism wouldn't be an issue," English teacher, Mrs. Trisha Dobson said.

Most teachers became more aware of cheating since the nationwide issue of plagiarism occurred at local schools, specifically, Piper High School.

"If I suspected a student of cheating I would use an on-line resource to check, then take the problem to the administration and the student would receive a zero for their grade," English teacher Ms. Meghan Orford said.

Whether it be a punishable crime, or a zero on a researched report, plagiarism is a debated issue, with unfortunate consequences.

—Miranda Mueller

Junior Kim Bourn presents her fun page for Edgar Allen Poe's story, "The Fall of the House of Usher" in Ms. Meghan Orford's American Literature class. "We could pick from 10 different types of projects, so I decided to do the fun page because it was a crafty project," Bourn said.

Juniors Nyse Pinks and John Kagen take part in a group activity in Mrs. Trish Dobson's class. "Each student had to write something good (on their backs) about the other student. It is used to promote self-esteem and character education. Each student, whether they like the others in the class or not, have to list a positive message on every other student's back," Mrs. Trish Dobson said.

Seniors Marcus Anderson, Kyle Foley, Sara Miller, and Alisha Woodall present a presentation of the rules of Mrs. Chris Wood's English class. Anderson played the sergeant while Foley, Miller and Woodall played the privates.
While sophomore Ashley M. Williams presents her family tree project for her first semester final in Ms. Amy Iwert's Spanish 1 class, sophomore Jenni Ova helps Williams by holding her tree. "This project taught me a lot about my family and the history," Williams said.

In Mrs. Connie Henry's Latin I class, students, freshman Eric Nielsen, freshman Jon Jones, sophomore John Pino, freshman Andrew Holder and sophomore Kyle Kobe made hats for Saturnalia. "Saturnalia is an ancient Roman holiday in which slaves were allowed to be free men for one week, making hats is one of the things they did. It was fun," Kobe said.

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Languages

Hola! Bonjour! Salve! The Spanish, French, and Latin classes were composed of students who wanted "to go the extra mile" and learn a second, or possibly third language.

Because of the high interest in the foreign language department, many of the advanced classes had to be combined into one class period.

Senior Amy Marcel, along with the other students in Mrs. Marsha Nelson French III and IV classes, gave presentations in French to Clark Middle Schools students to encourage them to explore the French language in their high school years.

"Having combined classes isn't the best situation, but it's better than not having one class at all," Mrs. Marsha Nelson said.

Some students felt that they didn't get enough one on one attention in the combined classes.

"We don't like having combined classes because it takes away valuable time, we spend half of the time translating," senior Joshua Keeton and junior Kim Miser said.

However, it was either have combined classes or no classes at all.

—Miranda Mueller
World studies, American history, American government, sociology, and human behavior are just a few of the social studies classes that were offered.

"Social Studies is the collection of stories and history that have impacted the way our country has developed," Mrs. Jenny Myers said.

Among the many projects, one in particular was "Deviance Day" by Mrs. Jennifer Schlicht's sociology class. For the project, the students had to think of ways to go against the "norms" of society.

These classes were taught by Mrs. Jennifer Schlicht, Mr. John Rost, Mrs. Jenny Myers, Dr. John Makona, and first year teacher, Mr. Michael Jasicek.

Students are required to have three social studies credits to graduate.

"I enjoy teaching Social Studies because the subject matter deals with all aspects of life," Mrs. Jenny Myers said.

—Michael Maxwell

In Mr. Mike Jasiczek's world studies class, freshman Josh Ford shaved his head to resemble St. Junipero Serra. Jasiczek offered extra credit to any student willing to look like the saint. "The extra credit helped me pass," Ford said.

Junior Megan Smith tries to break the bond between Mrs. Jennifer Schlicht and junior Don Kirby as they play Red Rover in Schlicht's sociology class. "We were learning about values, norms, and beliefs, and the games you play as a kid teach you certain things that you aren't necessarily aware of," Schlicht said.

Juniors Lisa Berry and Christina Ogden build models of brains for Mrs. Jennifer Schlicht's human behavior class. Students were learning about the parts of the brain, and how they influence people's behaviors. Students were quizzed over the brain's structures and functions. In order to teach the tactile learners, they created clay brains. The students enjoyed the project. "It was fun building the brains because I learned a lot of new things," junior Jennifer Coffee said.
Sophomores Candice Craven and Ashley Newsom present a food pyramid to show the importance of nutrition to their fashion merchandising class.

Juniors Genella Mooney and Carissa Smith make a Tibetan cheeseball for their international cuisine class. "We made the cheeseballs to represent the people of Tibet," Smith said.

"It's not home economics anymore. It's Family and Consumer Science (FACS).

The class was designed not only to teach students how to cook, but also to show them ways in which to successfully survive in the real world.

Cooking, sewing, and child development were just a few of the branches of FACS.

Seniors Desiree Woods and Jeni Graham finish making a batch of cookies. To raise money, the foods classes sold the cookies every day at lunch. The money was used to fund the class. Over 2000 cookies were sold.

"It's fun to actually learn about the foods before you prepare them," sophomore Trisha Forbach said.

The classes prepared meals to represent holidays. Around Cinco de Mayo the classes prepared a Mexican platter. Teachers were invited to eat the meals that the students prepared.

"The FACS department is a great resource for obtaining knowledge and skills about your every day life," Mrs. Chandley said.

—Michael Maxwell
Business
Managing the School Store

As students entered the school, they saw new lights, a new cafeteria and a new gym, and a new school store, which was headed by the business classes and Ms. Adrienne Law.

The school store started off by selling school supplies, Bonner t-shirts, hats, and candy. Then every Tuesday they sold Krispy Kreme donuts.

"The donuts were a big hit. We did great with the school store," Ms. Law said.

By having the school store, it gave the students a new breakfast alternative, school supplies, and the chance to represent BSHS through their attire.

Besides the school store, the business department kept busy through its senior internship program, where 60 seniors participated. Business teacher, Mrs. Deena Burns headed the program and counselor Mr. Rick Moulin assisted her.

"Senior internship was a great opportunity for seniors to earn money while earning high school credit," Moulin said.

—Anecia Reed

Seniors David Bass and Ashley McGhee began working on the school's sports event poster in Mr. Joe LaCicero's computer applications class. "This is a really fun class to be in and we do exciting projects," Bass said.

While Mrs. Deena Burns is teaching her accounting class about balancing, juniors Kenny Mack, Leslie Davis, and sophomore Ashley Venerable think about which answer to put down.

Freshman Michael Brown helps a student who is purchasing an item from the school store. Brown, along with other students in Ms. Adrienne Law's business classes, volunteered to work at the store on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. "I think that it is good that we sell things that represent our school," junior Jamie Waldo said.
As senior Chad Moppin begins squats in Mr. Monty Bechard weight training class, junior Borderick Burgess waits to spot him. "I enjoy working out at the YMCA because it's close by," senior Chad Moppin said.

While freshman Ashley Brazwell is waiting for her teammate, freshman Nidia Contreras, to pass her the hockey puck, she makes sure that she has perfect aim to get through the goal guarded by freshman Megan Bond.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Going to the Y.M.C.A.

The P.E. classes had only one major change—holding classes at the new YMCA. The aerobics and weight training classes used the facility every day, while all the other physical education classes only used it one day a week.

"I like being in a P.E. class and going to the YMCA, especially when we go over there to swim," freshman Jeremy Davis said.

When students first enrolled in a gym class, they had to buy a uniform for $6. They purchased a uniform so they had the correct workout attire, and so the YMCA staff could identify them.

By doing the Assist Dip machine, junior Parker Bolejack works on his triceps and his chest at the YMCA facility. The Assist Dip machine was only one of many pieces of equipment the YMCA offered. "I like working out at the YMCA because their machines are nice," Bolejack said.

"It's better than what we had before and the machines are a lot better. There is a lot more room and it is cleaner and nicer," senior Spencer Buck said.

However, there were some conflicts with the new facility.

"There are too many people and not enough equipment at the YMCA," senior Chad Moppin said.

The students in the weight training classes also had the opportunity to go participate and compete in weight lifting competitions.

"At the weight lifting meets, they compete in benching, squats, and power clean," Mr. Monty Bechard said.

—Anecia Reed
What is Moon Marble? Is it some kind of crazy rock from the moon? Or is it marbles made from moon rocks?

Neither, Moon Marble is a company located on Front Street in Bonner Springs. They sell old fashioned toys and glass marbles. They donated a slab roller to the ceramics classes. In return, the classes made 3-D tiles for the company.

The tiles depicted old fashion toys such as dominos, marbles, and hula hoops and were placed around the entry way to the Moon Marble Company.

Before the slab roller, students had to use rolling pens.

"The slab roller worked very well. We got a lot of neat projects out of it," ceramics teacher Ms. Linda Horvath said.

Another highlight in the art department was at the Scholastics Art Fair, held on Feb. 2-13. Freshman Lisa Zarate received a Certificate of Merit for her ceramic flip cube.

"It was an honor to win the Certificate of Merit. I had no idea I was going to win," Zarate said.

—Kallie Moore

Sophomore Erin Jacobs uses a slide to practice taking photographs for his photography class. The slide acted like a view finder on a camera. "We were framing photos and had to find one with good composition," Jacobs said.

Painting in tempura paints, senior Jennifer Johns paints peppers for her art assignment, which was to paint any kind of vegetation. Johns was in the art program all four years of high school and concentrated on advanced classes her senior year. Her favorite mediums to work in were pencils and charcoal. "I like the way art lets me express my imagination," Johns said.

Senior Josh Gipson, sophomore Kari Meints, and junior Megan Smith prepare clay for their extruded (round) and slab (flat) project. There were four steps to making their slabs. First, they kneaded the clay to get all the air bubbles out, then they slammed it down on the table to make it flatter. Next, they put their clay through the slab roller to get it extra smooth and then, the final step was to draw a design on the slab. "For my slab project, I drew two hands barely touching, like in Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel painting," Smith said.
Looking through a video camera, senior Ryan Wing films while senior Courtney Basler and junior Jess Buck brainstorm ideas for a commercial for introduction to video technology. Their assignment was to shoot a commercial on a product they came up with. They chose CS2 Soda. "The best thing about video class is getting to wander around and the freedom to tape whatever and whoever we want," Wing said.

Making a website, senior Matt Dinsmore uses two computers for his design. Dinsmore got this assignment in his Cisco lab. "Since the computers work so well, I think I take it all for granted and don't work as hard," Dinsmore said.

Receiving a face lift, the drafting rooms and metal shop received more work space.

Since the weight lifting classes used the new gym at the YMCA, the old weight room was converted into the drafting lab. They tore down the wall between Mr. Dan Burns' metal room and the old drafting lab, making one large metal shop.

"The metal lab now has the space to allow students more safety," Mr. Burns said.

Drafting and engineering design students used the new Auto CAD programs and new computers. The materials and processing students and the engineering design students used sheet metal equipment previously used at Clark Middle School.

"The best part about the new room was there was more space. It didn't feel like the walls were closing in on you," sophomore Ed Samek said.

—Kallie Moore
Mrs. Kristin Byers and Mrs. Jenny Myers open gifts from their "Mystery Brunos," (Secret Santas) during the faculty Christmas party. Gifts ranged from various Christmas crafts, to gift certificates and homemade goodies.
Students gossiping, bells ringing, and teachers lecturing are just a few things that kept Mr. James Hanson and Mr. Steve Cook in the education field.

Mr. Hanson was a social science teacher for 34 years, where he spent the majority of his time in the Shawnee Mission School district.

"The interaction and opportunity to make a small difference in the student's development kept me involved all these years," Mr. Hanson said.

However, he decided he needed a new challenge, so he took on the new role as administrator. He wanted the chance to interact more with students.

Along with Mr. Hanson, Mr. Steve Cook also decided to make the move up to vice principal. He taught science for 14 years.

"I felt like I could improve the environment of our school on a bigger level than just in the classroom," Mr. Cook said.

Although both Mr. Cook and Mr. Hanson had their own reasons for moving up out of the classroom, they both agreed that it was a great change in their careers.

"The new job provided a tremendous variety of challenges and I actually got to interact with more students on a daily basis than I did as a teacher," Mr. Hanson said.

—Tara Eveland

Dr. Jerry Abbott congratulates freshman Drew Larson with an award for outstanding performance during the November testing week. "The efforts were very successful. This shows that high school students are increasing their scores in each area," Abbott said.
Mrs. DiAnne Berning, Mr. Jim Hanson, Mr. Steve Cook, and Dr. Jerry Abbott enjoy punch and cookies with students before winter break. Refreshments were passed out during lunches to celebrate the upcoming holidays.

Office Secretaries—Linda Kasselman, DiAnne Berning. Besides answering the telephones, Mrs. Kasselman was Principal Dr. Jerry Abbott's secretary and Mrs. Berning was the school's bookkeeper.


Athletic director, Garold Baker walks the field in preparation for a freshman football game. “The addition of the YMCA/Physical Fitness Center has been great for our athletes and teams, and has also helped in bringing our community and school closer together,” Baker said.
Freshman Erik Mortenson focuses on folding his origami the proper way. Origami was just one of the many breakout sessions of Multi-Cultural Day, which was held on Feb. 25. Breakout sessions included The Rhythm Weaver, Jewish Tradition, The Art of Origami, French Mask Making, Hispanic Panel, Black History and information about the Islamic Faith.

In the play, "Murder Runs in the Family," senior Kyle Jacobs plays the part of Cleo Burdlett and junior Kira Miser plays the part of Miriam Fullfeather. Cleo warns Miriam to be careful, but Miriam doesn't take the warning to seriously. The play took place on April 10th and 11th.
Making the decorations for the Homecoming week,
Rehearsing your lines for "Hello, Dolly!" making sure that your voice won't squeak.
Dressing up as a twin, or wearing black and orange on War Party day,
You were ready for every obstacle that came your way.
"Taking an Injury" and trying out for "A Murder Runs in the Family."
Did you ever think you'd miss high school this badly?
Attending the WPA Dance and taking picture perfect photos,
Taking the breathalyzer, did you swagger a little walking in, do you suppose?
Doing essays, projects, quizzes and tests,
As a senior, did you have time to enter scholarship contests?
Getting spiffed up for prom and emptying your wallet,
Remember that time when you fell, and everyone saw it?
Raising money all year long and making a pledge to be drug free,
Seniors got tons of cool stuff and were glad to be the Class of 2003.
Just when you thought that high school couldn't get any crazier,
Don't worry, wait 'til you realize we're all just Gettin' Together.

-Ashley A. Williams/Amy Marcel

Senior Nicki McGinnis and Jesters' representative Chip Glennon discuss what McGinnis will be ordering. The seniors received their graduation announcements, caps, gowns and other senior memorabilia during lunch on Monday, April 7 after ordering them approximately one month earlier.
What went on during the year? Who said what and where did it happen? Every student had their own problems they had to work through during the school year, let alone worry about what was happening in the world around them. There were many different events that took place in the 2002-2003 school year that affected a little bit of every body. Here's a quick look at the events that marked lives forever.

**October 2 - 22, 2002**
John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo shot 14 people, 10 of which died, in the Washington D.C. and Maryland area. The terror began on Oct. 2 with the killing of James Martin and ended on Oct. 22 with the killing of Conrad Johnson. Muhammad and Malvo were taken into custody just a few days later. The two were arrested on Thurs., Oct. 24, 2002 near Frederick, Maryland as they slept at a roadside rest stop.

**October 11, 2002**
With a Senate vote of 77-23, and a House vote of 296-133, Congress authorized President Bush to declare war on Iraq if the leader, Saddam Hussein, refused to give up weapons of mass destruction. Iraq kept many biological and chemical weapons and continue to make more despite the United Nations resolution. However, not everyone agreed with Congress’ decision. Across the United States, thousands of anti-war protests were being held. On May 1, 2003, President George W. Bush officially declared the end of the war in Iraq. To the right, an anti-war protester stopped to pose for a picture while protesting in Manhattan, Kansas.

**October 25, 2002**
More than 850 Russian citizens were taken hostage by more than 50 Chechen rebels in the Theater Center on Dubrovka. The hostages were held captive for approximately three days. The incident occurred shortly after 9:00 p.m. on Oct. 25, 2002 as the audience started to be seated again after the intermission. Two vehicles came to a stop and released masked Chechen rebels who were ready to take over the theater. Because of the seriousness of the situation, Russian government and the military decided to leak sleeping gas into the building so that everyone would be knocked unconscious and forces would be able to take down the rebels and free the hostages. All in all, it was estimated that 30 accomplices were arrested, more than 90 hostages and 50 Chechen rebels were killed due to the chemical released into the theater.

**December 24, 2002**
Laci Peterson, eight months pregnant with a son who was to be named Connor, disappeared from her hometown in Modesto, California. Just three and a half months later, on April 18, DNA tests confirmed that the bodies of a woman and a baby boy found in the San Francisco Bay area were those of Laci Peterson and her son. Authorities arrested her husband, Scott, in San Diego on April 18, 2003. They believe that he was headed to Mexico to avoid being arrested. Although he claimed to be innocent, evidence appeared to link him to the murders of his wife and son.

**September 11, 2002**
To honor those who were lost on September 11, 2001, an assembly was held for the students and faculty. Mitchell Miller, who graduated in May of 2002, came to play "Taps" for the occasion.

**October 27, 2002**
The Anaheim Angels won the 2002 World Series with a score of 4-1 over the San Francisco Giants. The championship game was held in Anaheim, California.
March 12, 2003
Elizabeth Smart was found alive in the suburban Salt Lake City area, after having been reported missing for about nine months. At 1:00 a.m. on June 5, 2002, an intruder entered the Smart's home in Salt Lake City, Utah and kidnapped Elizabeth Smart, then 14 years old. Elizabeth's younger sister, Mary Katherine, witnessed the whole ordeal. The intruder told the young nine year old not to say anything, or else he would hurt Elizabeth. Wanda Barzee and Brian David Mitchell were arrested and charged with the kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart.

March/ April 2003
With more than 4,800 cases in at least 26 countries, SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) put a panic in everyone's mind. Only 40 people were believed to have SARS in America, and none of them had died. This disease was mainly known in China, however, SARS was known to hit in Canada. 20 deaths took place in Toronto and there are fewer than 300 SARS deaths so far.

February 1, 2003
Just 16 minutes before Space Shuttle Columbia was supposed to land at the space shuttle landing facility in Cape Canaveral, Florida, it broke apart into flames over Texas. The NASA representatives believed that hot, deadly gases became present and ignited the left wing, and within a few minutes, the wing burst into flames. Seven astronauts were killed in the disaster: Shuttle Commander, Rick Husband; Pilot, William McCool; Payload Commander, Michael Anderson; Astronaut, Kalpana Chawla; Astronaut, David Brown; Astronaut, Laurel Clark; Astronaut, Ilan Ramon.

March 28, 2003
Searching for debris from the Space Shuttle Columbia, a helicopter holding five people crashed in Angelina National Forest near Broadus in east Texas. Pilot J. "Buzz" Mier and Texas Forest Ranger Charles Krenek were killed in the crash. The three other passengers, Ronnie Dale, Richard Lange and Matt Tschacher, received nonlife threatening injuries.

May 4, 2003
Multiple tornadoes touched down throughout the Midwest, including eastern Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Tennessee. An estimated 22 people were reported dead. Locally, many families were devastated when they found out that their homes had been hit. Freshman Howard Rollins' home was completely destroyed. Because of the amount of damage and devastation that the family went through, faculty, staff, and students set up a fund and collected over $1,000 donated it to the Rollins family.

April 7, 2003
At the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana, the Syracuse Orangemen victoriously beat the Kansas Jayhawks with a score of 81 to 78 and became the 2003 NCAA Men's Basketball Champions.

From sports to politics and entertainment to technology, every student and teacher had something that affected their lives just as much, if not more than the next person. The 2002-2003 school year contained many events that not only affected the lives of the residents who lived in Kansas, but it also affected the rest of the world. Both good and bad memories helped shape not only people's hearts, but it also helped shape people's lives.

—Blair Monn and Amy Marcel
Spreading the Spirit

Homecoming

Spirit week started out with the ever popular "Pajama Day." Most students agreed that they liked the day so much because they could sleep in later and just roll out of bed and come to school.

"I liked not having to worry about what I was going to wear to school the next day. I just got up and came to school," senior Crystal Bjorgaard said.


The variation of the five days gave the students a chance to show enthusiasm for their favorite professional and college teams, allowed them to show their true heritage, and also let other students see how much school spirit they had.

"Spirit week was fun and I enjoyed every minute of it," junior Kasey VanGosen said.

During the week, students also participated in the traditional float construction competition for the Homecoming parade and pep rally, which was held on Friday night at 5:00 p.m. The sophomore class ended up taking first place in the competition.

"I was very proud of how well the students participated in the Homecoming activities and in bringing back traditions," Stuco sponsor Mrs. Anne Otrozko said.

—Sarah Goodin

Sophomore David Baxter looks on as juniors Ashley Pardew and James Hovey work on the bird cage for their float, which ended up taking third place in the competition. "I like float construction because I love being school spirited, plus it's fun to let loose every once and a while," Pardew said.

Participating in "War Party Day," sophomores Alyssa Alexander, Theresa Wild and Leslie Holtzen work on their current events in Mrs. DeeDee Albert's third hour chemistry class. "I participated in Spirit Week to show my school spirit and my favorite color is orange, and I like the war paint stuff," Alexander said.

Making it a more comfortable atmosphere on "Pajama Day," junior Jon McIntyre jots down a few notes about density and volume in his second hour chemistry class. McIntyre, like many students, enjoyed "P.J. Day" the best because it was on Monday of Homecoming week. "Mondays are lazy, it's nice just hopping out of bed and just coming to school," McIntyre said.
Sophomore Jami Poje stops to pose in her "Hippie Day" attire during Mrs. Ann Ramsey's fifth hour Spanish II class where they were reviewing the conjugations of the verb "to be." "It was spirit week and I had plenty of spirit to go around," Poje said.

Mrs. Dee Dee Albert's third hour chemistry class works on their density and volume review while sporting their different styles of hats for "Hat Day." "It was nice to see people come together to have school spirit," junior Gwen Peters said.

Freshman Courtney Harding makes big plans for the freshmen float while her classmate David Edwards starts the construction by gluing down paper. "I participated to show school spirit," Harding said.
Junior Liz Gronau paints faces for the Orange Dazzlers at the Homecoming Pep Rally. "I liked painting the faces of the little kids; it was a lot of fun and they were all so cute," Gronau said.


Homecoming King and Queens—Stephen Babcock, Kacey Twist and Kathy Yates. "If I had to tie with anyone, I'm glad it was Kacey because we're friends," Yates said.
Anxious kids waiting for candy, far off sounds of the marching band, and chants from the cheerleaders.

Those were the familiar sights and sounds of the 2002 Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally, but the times and places were different than in the past.

Instead of starting the parade at 2:30 p.m. at the high school and ending up at Kelly Murphy Park, the festivities began at 5:00 p.m. and started in reverse order.

Thirty-five additional floats from the community, plus the traditional high school floats, started at Kelly Murphy Park and ended up in the Clark Middle School parking lot around 5:30 p.m. After the parade, a pep rally and tailgate party were held with food and booths for the entire community to enjoy.

At the Pep Rally, junior Kyle Black bashes a car painted in Shawnee Heights' school colors to raise money for Project Graduation. "I thought of doing the car bashing to help out with Project Graduation, and I knew it could make a lot of money," senior George Elmer said.

Before the Homecoming Dance, the girls got ready at the Yates' house, soon after their dates show up to pose for a quick picture. Front Row: Krista Redlin, Leslie Holtzen. Back row: Tim Cannon, Kelly Yates, Michael Cook, Kathy Yates, Jon VanMaren, Carolyn Winkler, David Mackey, Amber Spiess. After the dance the group went to a party in Turner.

However, the change did bring on a few disappointments to the high school students, the biggest one being the fact that the varsity football team wasn't able to participate in the parade because they had to prepare for that evening's game against Shawnee Heights.

To compromise, senior co-captains, Aaron Weathers and David Bass, were allowed to speak at the pep rally to get the community hyped up.

"I was upset that the football players weren't in the parade, but to make up for it we got to speak at the Rally, so it was all good," Bass said.

Later that night, the team suffered a hard loss, going into double overtime and losing by a field goal.

The following evening the dance, "Coming Home," was held in the high school commons area.

"It was a lot of fun! I loved it when T.J. McGinnis and all of them danced to 'Crazy,'" senior Erica Luviiano said.

From the parade, to the rally, to the football game and the dance, students realized that the new Homecoming traditions were better than expected.

—Miranda Mueller
Hello, Dolly!

Dolly Levi is a meddling matchmaker who is entangled in the lives of every citizen of Yonkers, New York. She plans to marry the wealthy feed store owner, Horace Vandergelder, simply for his money.

The production of "Hello, Dolly!" brought life to the stage of BSHS on Thurs. Nov. 14, Sat., Nov. 16, and Sun., Nov. 17.

Over 650 people attended the show, and $3,157 was made selling tickets. The money will be used to fund future plays.

"The students of 'Hello, Dolly!' worked hard to prepare, and it paid off. People loved it! Cast and crew members were so proud," Musical Director, Steve Strom said.

In the play, Dolly can't let Vandergelder know that she wants to marry him, so she sets him up on dates with the worst women, so that he has no one else to turn to but Dolly herself.

"When I went, I knew it would be good, but I was amazed at the talents of the actors. They were truly great," senior Crystal Bjorgaard said.

In the end, Dolly convinced Vandergelder to marry her, and his clerks married the hat shop owners, and his niece was allowed to marry her favorite beau.

"Sometimes the practices got long, but in the end we put on a great show, and I met some pretty cool people," senior Jessica Ventura said.

—Michael Maxwell

Dolly Levi tries to persuade Horace Vandergelder to marry her. Dolly was not a girl who got straight to the point, so Vandergelder had a hard time understanding the meaning of the conversation. "It's cool to be the lead in a musical your senior year. It was a good experience, because I plan on doing it in college too," Mitchell said.

During dinner at the Harmonia Gardens, the highest form of entertainment came from the dancing waiters, played by teachers Rick Moulin, Dan Streit, Doug Kapeller, John Rost, and Jim Mitchell (not pictured).

Everybody must "Put on their Sunday Clothes" before getting on the train. One of Dolly's missions was to convince Vandergelder to let his niece Ermengarde marry the artist, Ambrose Kemper. Throughout the entire play, Ermengarde whines to gain pity.
The only two employees of Vandergelder's Hay and Feed, Cornelius Hackl and Barnaby Tucker, skip a day of work to enjoy the sites of New York City. Through a little trickery, Dolly manages to set the clerks up a "chance meeting" with the owners of a ladies hat shop, Irene Molloy and Minnie Fae. On their way to dinner, the foursome thought it best to break into song; "Elegance" was their choice melody. At dinner some irresistible force (Dolly) causes them all to fall in love.

HELLO, DOLLY!

CAST
Mrs. Dolly Levi...........................................Whitney Mitchell
Horace Vandergelder..........................David Jones
Cornelius Hackl...........................................Kenny Ballard
Barnaby Tucker...........................................Kyle Jacobs
Minnie Fae....................................................Sarah Benton
Mrs. Irene Molloy..........................LaPourchea McConico
Ambrose Kemper........................................Michael Maxwell
Ermengarde..................................................Jessi Langley
Ernestina......................................................Danielle Putnam
Mrs. Rose........................................................Jenni Ova
Rudolph......................................................Jordan Mackey
Stanlita......................................................Helen Sangster
Judge........................................................Alex Alexander
Fritz........................................................Seth Jenkins
Officer Gogarty..............................................Summer Rickert
Court Reporter................................................Jessie Huston

WAITERS
Doug Kapeller, Jim Mitchell, Rick Moulin, John Robison, John Rost, Dan Streit

CHORUS
Britney Abramovitz, Jeremy Davis, Morgan Escott, Tony Isabell, Erin Jacobs, Katy Killingsworth, Scott Link, Amber McAvoy, Katie McConniel, Sara Miller, Kim Miser, Jenni Ova, Jami Poje, Jessica Ventura, Jessica Vogel, Ashley M. Williams, Desiree Woods

CREW
A.J. Cox, Danielle Dunivan, Jenny Keeton, Christy Mellott, Toni Montague, Ashley Newsom, Mattie Pino, Wesley Shields

DIRECTORS
Steve Strom, John Robison


All the men sing, "It takes a woman!" Every man in town wants a good woman to clean the house. According to Dolly, "Marriage is a bribe to make a housekeeper think she's a householder."
Some people believe that women taking men out for a date is untraditional, different, or even odd. However, at the annual "Sadie Hawkins" or otherwise known as "Women Pay All" (WPA) Dance, the women of BSHS took control of the date selections.

"I liked not having to worry about finding a date and just going with the girls," junior Juls Fowler said.

Another catch about going to the WPA dance was that couples or groups dressed alike. Therefore, the attire was not formal. It was the only casual dressed dance of the year.

Many groups of friends either bought matching brand name outfits or instead made original shirts.

"My friends and I wore Old Navy long sleeved shirts," junior Andrea Zarate said.

Although it was an unorthodox occasion, most students agreed that the WPA Dance was a great opportunity to have fun and be with friends.

— Lisa Assmann

Sophomore Jordan Mackey and junior Danielle Putnam pause to talk to junior Anecia Reed at the dance. "It was fun because we both hung out with our friends all night," Putnam said.

Senior Crystal Bjorgaard, junior Randi Miller, and senior Erica Luviano take a break from dancing to chat about Bjorgaard and Miller's matching outfits. "Before the dance we all went to Applebee's and had a blast. The whole night was an experience I wouldn't want to miss," Bjorgaard said.

Joe Johnson busts a move while seniors Nicki McGinnis and Kacey Twist, and junior Savannah Clouse stop to watch. "It was so fun because of the people I dressed alike and went with," Clouse said.
And your 2003 Courtwarming king and queen are David Bass and Andrea Dill! The cheers rang throughout the YMCA at the Courtwarming basketball game held on Feb 7.

Prior to the Braves one point victory against the Lansing Lions, the Courtwarming festivities began with the annual spirit week.

On Monday, the spirit day was Pajama Day.

"I especially loved spirit week because it was the countdown to the dance," senior Krista Redlin said.

Tuesday was Twin Day, where students and faculty dressed as twins.

Sophomores Kori McGinnis and Kellie Gardner pose as twins during spirit week. "We loved those cow pants and we wanted to wear them together," McGinnis said. "Dressing up as twins was the best part of spirit week."

"I dressed as twins with my best friend, sophomore Kaitlyn Roudy bush because we already had matching outfits," sophomore Theresa Wild said.

Wednesday was Class Pride Day, where students wore a color that represented their class. Freshmen wore green, sophomores wore red, juniors wore blue, and seniors wore black and orange.

Thursday was Fake an Injury Day. The point of the day was to see what kind of unique injuries people would come to school with.

Friday was the traditional War Party Day, where students wore anything from black and orange shirts and pants to shoes, make up, and wigs.

—Michael Maxwell, Lisa Assmann
Seniors Christa Crane, Erica Luviano, and Jem Graham dance to the "Cha Cha Slide" at the front of the dance floor. "I loved going to Courtwarming and just being with my friends," Graham said.

Senior Sara Miller and sophomore Shelby Kuns stop and watch juniors Julie Jackson and Joe Wiggins, with Samantha Allen, take a picture while senior Stephen Babcock tries to stay out of the way. "Courtwarming night was fun. We had a blast and wanted to capture our memories on film," Kuns said.

Junior Ancia Reed, freshman Keisha Dodson, senior Ambroshia Davis, and sophomore Krystal Adger do the "Electric Slide." "After Courtwarming, we had a party at Athana Byrd's house," Davis said.
Held Saturday, Feb. 8 in the commons area of the high school, the Courtwarming dance had a great turnout of about 200 students.

"Before the dance we went to The Olive Garden and afterward, we went bowling," senior Jennifer Cole said. "The whole night was fun because of the memories we made."

Breathalyzer tests were given sporadically to people as they entered the dance.

We don’t want kids to make bad choices," assistant principal, Mr. Steve Cook said. "It was all about safety."

Students also supported the new sobriety check system.

"I was really surprised to see that the dance had sobriety checks at the entrance, but I think that it was a good idea," senior Shannon Davidson said.

After the dance, many students went out to continue their fun for the night.

"After the dance, we went to Red Fortune and everyone was there," sophomore Janae Bailey said. "After that we went bowling and I had a great time!"

—Michael Maxwell, Lisa Assmann

Junior Amy Parks and friend Justin Killingsworth lead the "Electric Slide" line dance. "I thought Courtwarming was great, especially because we wore flip-flops with our poofy dresses," Parks said.

Courtwarming Queen and King, Andrea Dill and David Bass share a spotlight dance. "It was cute to see Andrea and David dance together as king and queen," sophomore Nicole Sims said.
The Spring play, "Murder Runs In The Family," was performed on Thurs. April 10 and Fri. April 11. Roughly 250 people attended the shows.

A man is mysteriously murdered and his daughter, Heather Pallfeather, hires a detective to pose as her fiance. The Pallfeather residence includes a shady ex-con, a crazy aunt, a daughter who is assumed dead, a set of twins who are never seen together, a mother who can't find her way around her own house, and a butler that carries a gun.

The cast only had 17 days to rehearse and be ready for opening night instead of the usual six weeks. Because of the lack of time, even when practice was over, the actors stayed late to continue rehearsing to get it just right.

"A few missed lines, and some technical errors, but they hid it nicely. Overall it went well," Director Dan Streit said.

One of the props used for the production was a rug with fringed edges. Sophomore Alyssa Alexander made bracelets out of the fringe for all 12 members of the cast.

The bracelets symbolized their friendship and served as a memory of the play.

"I enjoyed the unity, everyone coming together, and I really liked our bracelets," Alexander said.

—Michael Maxwell/Sarah Benton

Maxine Pallfeather teaches Jack Sparks Sumo wrestling. "Everyone got to be really close. We'll all be friends forever," freshman Steven Beck said.


Patricia Purdy and her husband Claude Purdy discuss when they should switch the wills, but don't realize that they have a visitor. "I'm going to miss it so much because drama has been a big part of my life. I can never forget these guys," senior Summer Rickert said.
Kathleen Pallfeather and Aunt Zelda discuss who the possible killer might be. "The actors really convinced me of their parts. It kept me in suspense until the end. I just had to know who did it," Mrs. Leslie Blythe said.

Montgomery opens the door when Heather Pallfather and Jack Sparks arrive. "It was so much fun, I'm kicking myself for not getting into drama earlier," Lietzen said.

Mirium Pallfeather's attorney, Cleo Burdett, advises her to take extra precautions and carry a gun. "It was a good experience because I've never been in a play before. You should always take the time to try something new," senior Kyle Jacobs said.
NEW CHANGES FOR A NEW YEAR

JR/SR PROM

From new nominating traditions to a different alternative for dinner, there were many changes to prom. Mrs. Lisa Lugar and Mrs. Anne Otrozsko were the prom coordinators, who decided to organize a face lift for Prom.

Students were given the opportunity to eat dinner, catered by Ross's Steakhouse, at the Lake of the Forest Club House. The dinner added $15 to the regular price of $17.50 per person.

“We wanted to give students the opportunity to eat together and enjoy each other’s company as opposed to going their separate ways for dinner,” Lugar said.

There was also a new tradition in the nominating process. Students who were previously nominated throughout the school year and who didn’t win were allowed to be nominated for prom also.

The Prom favors were also handed out per couple, instead of per prom guest. They were a picture frame and a glass with the theme, “A Night Beyond Dreams,” printed on them. The colors were lavender, light blue, and iridescent.

“Mrs. Otrozsko and I had a great time working with this year’s juniors,” Lugar said. “Their dedication paid off and the lake looked better than ever.”

—Sarah Benton/Ashley A. Williams

Senior Tyler Cooper, his date Megan, senior Jennifer Graham, and senior Ryan Day have their limo driver take their picture as they arrive at Prom. "It was a great night, and the clubhouse looked great,” Graham said.

Senior Jayli Thomas and her date Anthony Grado walk hand-in-hand to the club house. "Despite the fact that my date was late picking me up, the clubhouse looked nice with all the decorations,” Thomas said.
Juniors Pat Roark and Nicole Sims with sophomore Nicole Sims pause to vote for the Prom king and queen with Mrs. Trish Dobson. Only those juniors and seniors who attended Prom were allowed to vote.

Senior Carolyn Winkler chats it up with Mr. John Rost at the new dinner before prom. The dinner was a new addition and added the convenience of not having to find a restaurant.

Senior Prom King and Queen candidates—Front Row: Shannon Davidson, Madeleine Rainbolt, Lindsey Stanbrough, Tabatha Stark, and Kelly Yates. Back Row: Chris Carpenter, Jared Gillespie, David Jones, TJ McGinnis, Devin Pino. The Prom King and Queen were Madeleine Rainbolt and David Jones.
Juniors Kristy Holt and Corie Crouch stop for a quick picture at prom. Holt and Crouch have been friends since, or before, elementary school.

Sophomore Ashley A. Williams, seniors Blair Monn and Christa Crane, junior Kim Bourn, senior Sarah Benton, junior Tara Eveland, senior Kallie Moore, and sophomores Miranda Mueller, Kim Stephens and Kellie Gardner, all members of the yearbook staff, stop to pose for a group shot. These are just some of the girls on the staff who attended Prom.

Senior Christa Crane, her date, Chad Richardson, and seniors Blair Monn and Josh Keeton sit and talk about their after-prom plans. The group went cosmic bowling at Park Lanes after Prom and before Prom they went to dinner at Lonestar Steakhouse.
Prom King David Jones and Queen Madeleine Rainbolt share their coronation dance. The Prom king and queen were announced at 10:00 pm. The winners were supposed to be announced earlier, but some of the candidates did not arrive on time.

Junior Jamie Waldo and her boyfriend sophomore Scott Link dance to a slow tune. Before Prom, Waldo and Link went to Jose Pepper’s for dinner with junior Sussan Wilson and her date, and junior Meghen Tinsley and senior Curtis Hartman. Afterwards, the group went bowling at Park Lanes and then to Link’s house to watch movies.

As junior Travis Shockey pays for his picture package, sophomore Hannah Bernard and her boyfriend junior Daniel McDonald discuss which picture package they will purchase. Packages ran from about $20 to about $42, and there were various sizes of pictures in each package.

Before seniors Chad Moppin and Brandon Hubbel go underneath the arch of stars, they discuss how long the line to take pictures is. The line wrapped from the front of the clubhouse, to out on the porch. People waited in line anywhere from 10-15 minutes, to an hour and 30 minutes just for pictures.
Jacob Cigich, Ryan Wing, Amanda Berry and Makayla Gober make their way to Shelter 10 as they try to all squeeze under the same umbrella. There were sporadic raindrops throughout the afternoon and the weather stayed at about 65 degrees.

David Jones and Phillip Henry decide to get some lemonade after eating their lunch to quench their thirst. Lemonade was the only beverage provided to the senior besides the water fountain under the shelter.

**TOGETHER ONE LAST TIME**

**SENIOR PICNIC**

Rainy. Cold. Cloudy. Dreary. These were some of the words to describe the weather on Fri. 16, the day of the senior picnic. The picnic took place at Shawnee Mission Park at noon. However, the weather did not stop some of the seniors from having a good time.

Although the rain kept some of the students under the shelter, there were a few brave souls who went outside the box. Some students were found playing frisbee and playing on the playset.

Because of the rain, I was surprised that so many seniors showed up. It was a rather good turn out and everyone seemed to have a good time,” senior Lisa Assmann said.

The lunch that was served to the senior consisted of hamburgers, hot dogs, potato chips, and bar-be-que beans. There was plenty of food to go around and students were often found going for seconds.

“Even though it was raining outside, my friends and I still had fun playing on the slides and getting wet. It made the day more unforgettable,” senior Sarah Wright said.

Those who were fortunate enough to attend the senior picnic, have just one more memory to add to their collection of hanging out with their fellow classmates of 2003.

—Amy Marcel
Rebecca Stephens discusses whether she should get ketchup and mustard for her hot dog with one of the caterers who helped with the senior picnic. Preparing the hot dogs and hamburgers was a little more difficult because the grill wasn’t completely under the shelter.

Ambrosia Davis sits down to sign another senior’s yearbook autograph pages. This was one of the last chances the seniors had to get everyone in their class to sign their pages, and it also gave seniors a chance to reflect on some of the memories that were made throughout the four years they attended high school.

Fredy Deleon and Danny Border visit at the senior picnic. Many of the students sat down and talked about graduation and Project Graduation because of the weather.
THE END OR THE BEGINNING?

GRADUATION

Many seniors felt that graduation was finally the end, but was it? It was the end of one chapter, but the beginning of another. With graduation came many new and exciting things, such as college and a 40 hour a week job.

On May 17, the Class of 2003 finally walked across the stage that they had waited to walk across for so long. With many ups and downs along the way, the Class of 2003 stuck together the whole way.

"Even though there was a loss of a dear friend, good times always seemed to overpower the bad," senior Amy Marcel said. "I noticed that all of my classmates helped each other throughout the good times and the bad times."

The ceremony was held in the YMCA gymnasium for the second year in a row.

"Although it would have been cool to have graduation outside, it was nice to know that at the YMCA I was not limited to a certain number of people that I could invite," senior Melissa Lynch said.

Graduation was one of the last times that the Class of 2003 would be together as a group, one of the last times that the 151 graduates would come together as one.

—Blair Monn

After the graduation ceremony, senior David Lemon is showered with Sili String, which was provided by the administration. Seniors were not allowed to use the Sili String in the YMCA, so the administration purchased some to give to the seniors as they exited the facility.

Seniors Ryan Wing, Amber Williams, Jason Webb and Megan Wade sit in anticipation waiting to hear their names being called as the graduation ceremony slowly progressed.

Senior Sarah Wright receives a hug from junior Danielle Putnam as the graduation ceremony ended and graduates reunited with family and friends.
Senior Class President Whitney Mitchell, Stuco President Sara Miller and Stuco member TJ McGinnis present the class gift. The seniors purchased a Pin Oak tree and a plaque to honor their fellow classmate, John Dean, who died in a car accident on October 25, 2001.

Valedictorians and Salutatorian—Jill Gardner, Lindsey Stanbrough, TJ McGinnis, Nick Romo (Salutatorian), Anne Miser, David Jones and Melanie Chandley.

Senior Veronica Diaz receives her diploma sleeve from board member Connie Hadley. Graduates did not receive their actual diplomas as they walked across the stage but had to wait to pick them up in Student Services after the ceremony.
Chris Loggins shows his classmates how to hit the high note as he pretends to karaoke. Students often did unusual things to keep themselves hyped up throughout the night. The more the night progressed and the later it got, the more the students' energies started to wear off.

Jon Vanmaren and Spencer Buck stop for a quick picture while stuck upside down on the Velcro wall as the blood rushes to their heads. Some students would stick to the wall and wait for a friend to help them down because they couldn't do it themselves.

**CELEBRATING WITH CLASSMATES**

**PROJECT GRAD**

The time had come. This was the last chance for all the seniors of the Class of 2003 to be together. The next time they would be together as one would be at their five or ten year reunions.

“It was crazy because my mom was there, so I had to keep my act in line, but she understood and all in all, it was still really fun,” senior Kallie Moore said.

With everything from bowling to go-carts and a Velcro wall to karaoke, there were many activities to keep the seniors busy and interacting amongst themselves.

“It was fun hanging out with all my friends one last time as a group before leaving for college and entering the "real world," senior Blair Monn said. “It was nice to know that everyone I care about was safe and not out drinking and driving.”

All the seniors were entered to win everything from DVD players to gift certificates from Old Navy and other local stores.

As the night came to an end, driving home at five in the morning brought out the best of the students. It was finally time to say their final good-byes and their until we meet again.

—Amy Marcel

Jennifer Knight, Amanda Berry and Amber Bohnert look at each other in anticipation as they wait for the race car conductor to give them the “okay” to go. The race cars and miniature golf were only open until 2 a.m., and after that all the seniors had to make their way inside to enjoy the indoor activities or just hang out.
Brandon Hubbel, Travis Kerns, Johnathan Emery, Andrew Lietzen, Alisha Woodall, Danielle Dunivan and Curtis Hartman gather together and pose for one last picture together. Bowling gave the seniors a chance to release some of the energy that was built up on the bus ride to AMF Lanes in North Kansas City.

Chris Stakley gets pulled back after he places the Velcro block on the strip. The object of the game was to try to get the Velcro block as far down the line as possible and to outdo the other competitor. Unfortunately, David Bass had snapped one of the bungee cords and only one side of the game was able to be played.

Lisa Assmann, Sarah Benton, and Summer Pappe karaoke to Shania Twain’s “Any Man of Mine.” Each one of the three girls received a bracelet for winning the contest, along with five dollars for competing. The first 25 people to karaoke received five dollars just for getting up and trying.
Before entering the cafeteria to get her cap and gown, Makayla Gober stops to look in a box containing envelopes filled with time capsules from some of the seniors' freshmen year with English teacher Ms. Britt Adams.

The senior hallway was left in disarray as seniors cleaned out their lockers on their last day of school. Seniors knew they were "out" and left a mess without a care in the world.

Jeremy Chrisp wears a cheerleading uniform on Senior Servant Day. All proceeds from the day went towards Project Graduation.

Heather Strauss points out to sophomore David Baxter her kindergarten picture on her locker. Baby pictures were put on every senior's locker the night before their last day of school by the parents involved with Project Graduation.
It was their final days—cleaning out lockers, being tardy to class, wearing silly costumes on Servant Day and counting down the days by the senior benches. The end had come, but it was really only the beginning for the Class of 2003.

After the last day of school, most seniors got together one last time at Bethany Gallagher’s house to share memories and reminisce around a cozy bonfire. 

“Remember the time when you (Summer Pappe) fell through the barn and scraped your back up in 8th grade,” Gallagher asked.

Veronica Diaz smiles as she receives her cap and gown from Mrs. Kristin Byers. Cap and gowns were handed out to the seniors on their last day of school at 2:50 pm in the cafeteria.

Kelly Yates and Kacey Twist wipe away tears as they exit the front doors of BSHS on their last day as a Brave.

Marcus Anderson shows his mighty strength as he lifts David Bass upon his shoulders. Anderson proved to everyone at Bethany Gallagher’s party that you don’t have to be big to be strong.

“Yes, of course I remember. How could I forget,” I said.

Although smelling like a bonfire might not have been the highlight of the evening, watching Ryan Robinett and Andrea Dill riding the horses through the field might of been. Wait, maybe it was James Hoskins and Marcus Anderson having a rapping contest. Who knows, the whole night was filled with music, friendship and laughter.

So, hugs were given, pictures were taken, and friendships were united. Everyone had a great time during their final days in and outside of school.

“I think everyone will miss each other, and will always remember all the parties at Bethany’s,” Ashley Bush said.

—Summer Pappe
"She's here, Dolly is here!" shouts freshman Helen Songster to sophomore Jordan Mackey in the BHS musical, "Hello, Dolly!" The cast of the musical rehearsed for eight weeks for the three performances of the play. "It was actually kind of happy when the play was postponed because of the sectional football game because I really wanted to go to the game," senior Whitney Mitchell said.

Seniors Ashley Bush and Sarah Benton stand in the commons after lunch discussing their calculus homework. Benton, along with other students in Mrs. Jennifer Schlicht’s sociology class, dressed deviantly for a day at school for a social deviance assignment. "Deviance Day was great. I got to express myself through my clothes and get away with it. I wish I could do it every day," Benton said.
The first day you were nervous when you stepped into the hall, only to find others like you, to realize you’re not alone at all.

Finding your way through all the construction, Confused, frustrated and barely able to function.

You’re all stressed out over the big science test, you’re so afraid that you’ll fail, you know that you can only do your best.

The way ELO stretches out two long days, making it impossible to come out of your permanent haze.

The time when you helped to win the big game, Against our rivals from Baschier, while winning all the fame.

Remembering the lights in the commons that are so outrageous,

Going to the dance with your upperclassman crush, which in your mind, was very courageous.

The frantic feeling of finals getting near;

The unexpected grade you got when the test was so unclear.

Just when you think that you’ve felt all there is to feel,

Don’t worry, your life’s just Gettin’ Real.

—Ashley A. Williams
There were many ways for students to spend their summer vacations. Seniors, however, did not have the luxury of relaxation that many underclassmen had. Worrying about factors such as their senior projects and graduation added stress to an otherwise peaceful time.

"I worried about my senior project a lot because I didn’t have time to do it during the summer," Desiree Woods said.

Unlike Woods, some seniors did have the opportunity to go on vacation and work on their senior projects at the same time.

"Lisa (Assmann) and I went to journalism camp at KU for five days for our senior projects. It was a lot of fun until I fell in a hole and sprained my ankle and had to be on crutches for the last two days of the trip," Summer Pappe said.

Entertainment in places other than Kansas was not hard to find. With amusement parks, historical sites, and a large variety of shows, places all over the country had much to offer.

"I went to Canada with my family where we went rock climbing on the beach. I also learned a lot about the Canadian culture," Amy Meints said.

Summer was also a time of "firsts" for some seniors.

"When I went to Phoenix, Arizona with my boyfriend, I saw a cactus for the first time up close and not on TV," Cassie Hawkins said.

Whether climbing mountains, walking across bridges or visiting family members, most everyone agreed that they had a great time.

"My favorite part of the cruise to Alaska was when I got to see a whale up close. Sharing that moment with my grandparents made it even better," Sarah Benton said.

Regardless where they went for vacation, most seniors agreed that summer vacation was just not long enough.

— Lisa Assmann

Senior Sara Miller stands arm in arm with wax replica of actor Samuel L. Jackson at Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum in New York City, New York. Miller went to New York for summer camp at Yale and spent her spare time in the city. "On my day off, I went shopping on 5th Avenue all day. It was great," Miller said.

Senior twins, Nicki and TJ McGinnis, and their sister, sophomore Kori, met some new friends while on a cruise to Cozumel and Maya del Carmen. "It was my first cruise and a great experience. We got to go to different places and met some neat people," TJ McGinnis said.
Being adventurous, senior Amy Meints went rock climbing near the Pacific Ocean in Washington. "It was my first time rock climbing and I was really glad that I made it to the top," Meints said.

Senior Fredy DeLeon and girlfriend sophomore Miranda Mueller parasail at the Lake of the Ozarks while on vacation with Mueller's parents. "Parasailing was so scary, but I would love to do it again. We were over 300 feet in the air!" Mueller said.

Seniors Jill Gardner and Lindsey Stanbrough stand outside of the San Francisco FAO Schwartz Toy Store with the toy soldier door opener. Gardner and Stanbrough went to California as well as Colorado in July of 2002, where they learned a lot about different lifestyles. "People in San Francisco aren't afraid to honk their horns or hit you if you get in their way," Stanbrough said.

Seniors Ashley Bush, Bethany Gallagher, Morgan Tuttle, Lisa Assmann, and Katy Higgins have dinner at their resort in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The girls went to Mexico for seven days with friend, Erica Schenpp and Tuttle's mother and aunt. "The most exciting part was when Lisa (Assmann) smashed her finger in a lawn chair and cried forever," Gallagher said.
As seniors grew older, their attitudes became bolder, but they still acknowledged their time in high school. Most seniors agreed that they wouldn't change any of their high school experiences.

"The most valuable thing I have learned in high school is not to have any regrets, have as much fun as possible, because life goes by fast," Stephen Babcock said.

Maturing is a natural human process, but for seniors it's a must. Many seniors agreed that they had matured in several ways, including doing their school work.

"I have learned that deadlines are important—very important. Procrastinating only makes them worse, and your work can lose a lot of its quality," Andrew Lietzen said.

Another way seniors matured was deciding their futures.

"I plan to attend college at Florida State University and major in either business or medicine," LaPourchea McConico said.

For having more freedom, more space, and less stress, college sounded exciting to some seniors.

"I think college life is going to be a blast. I'm going to get all my work done and then have more time to have fun!" Jessica Adams said.

Although making choices about their own futures was a priority, seniors also found time to help their underclassmen.

"I think I have made an impact on all of the younger football players coming up. I always tell them, 'If you believe in yourself, you can do anything,'" Phillip Henry said.

From top to bottom and beginning to end, seniors were sad and glad to say, "Good-bye." They may have grown older and their attitudes may have gotten bolder, but the Class of '03 will never forget their high school years.

—Summer Pappe

Justin Irvin holds his Red Tail Boa Constrictor named, "Squeezey," as it stretches down to the floor. Squeezey is eight feet long and feeds on rabbits. Irvin had to find a temporary home for Squeezey, so Mrs. Criss Johns agreed to let him stay in her room for awhile. "It's the best snake in the world," Irvin said.

Seniors Blair Monn, Tanya Wisely, and Crystal Bjorgaard try to keep warm during the Braves football play-off game against Topeka-Seaman. "It was a good game, especially because I was with my friends," Wisely said.
Curtis Hartman looks at a model of the human brain, as he constructs his own brain model made of Model Magic. Students learned the parts of the brain for Mrs. Jennifer Schlicht's human behavior class.

While waiting for her "Bling Bling" tassel, Desiree Woods picks up part of her senior order from a Josten's representative, while Andrew Lietzen picks up an order form for his announcements. Cap and gown orders had to be in by the end of December, or prices would be raised.

Jayli Thomas and George Elmer perform a skit in Mrs. Chris Wood's world literature class during one of the first weeks of school. "It was a skit about the Anglo-Saxon period, and it was actually very interesting to learn about," Elmer said.
Laughing. Crying. Joking. Arguing. To some people, this seems to define the very friendship they have with their best bud. A friend is someone who is selfless and sticks by you through the hardest of times, even if it isn't convenient for them.

"Leslie (Holtzen) is always there for me to talk to, to call at any hour, to laugh with, to cry with, to hold my hand when I am scared, to calm me when I am worried and to lend a shoulder to lean on. She always has my back and she loves me for me," senior Krista Redlin said.

Some people become best friends with the most unexpected people in the most unexpected places. Whether the best friend is a sibling or the little girl down the street, the qualities of a best friend can show up in anyone.

Senior Chad Moppin first met his best friend, junior Kristy Holt, while playing at her house when they were younger.

"We have been friends for probably life, but best friends for about three years. We have been through the good, the bad and the ugly situations," Moppin said.

Although a true friend can be hard to find, the search is worth the wait because of what a best friend can offer.

—Blair Monn, Christa Crane

Seniors Jennifer Johns and Jessica Adams have been best friends since seventh grade. "Having Jessica around has helped me the past couple of years that have been kind of tough for both of us. I know that I can call her at 1:00 in the morning and she'll be there," Johns said.

Beginning their freshman year, seniors Cole Gearhart and Jon VanMaren have been best friends. "Because Cole and I actually think about things deeply, not just judge the surface of topics, we have been cursed with the absence of ignorance," VanMaren said.

Decked out in their pajamas for Homecoming spirit week, seniors Jillian Lemon and Sarah Benton compare some class notes. They have been friends for about five years. "Sarah has literally stood by me through the hardest day of my life, and she didn't even complain," Lemon said.
Seniors Rebecca Stephens and Madeliene Rainbolt talk in Mrs. Connie Henry's sixth hour introduction to literature class during their tea party. The students dressed up as various characters from various short stories that were read throughout the semester. "We've always been there for each other and I trust Madeliene with my life," Stephens said.

While at the prom of 2002, seniors Christa Crane, Blair Monn and Amy Marcel pose for a picture. "It is great to know that I can count on Blair and Amy to be there and comfort me through anything. We have been best friends since seventh grade, and our friendship is still going strong today," Crane said.

While sitting together at lunch, seniors Justin Bell and Donnie Knight have a conversation. "Justin and I have been friends since before kindergarten. We like to drag race our cars together. He's always been there and he will do anything for me," Knight said.
Senior Struttin' Their Stuff

Best

Most Athletic
Aaron Weathers
Morgan McConico

Best Dressed
Chris Loggins
Shannon Davidson

Shyest
Brandon Hubbel
Anne Miser

Best Smile
Michael Cook
Summer Pappe

Biggest Partier
Stephen Babcock
Lisa Assmann
Class Clown
Ryan Haggerty
Andrea Dill

Most Spirited
David Bass
Whitney Mitchell

Most Friendly
Mark Wiseman
Sarah Benton

Prettiest Eyes
Chris Stakley
Jessica Adams

Most Likely to Succeed
T.J. McGinnis
Sara Miller
**Bonding Students and Teachers Moments**

Do you have someone in your life to talk to? Or to depend on? Is that person a teacher?

“Having a good relationship with any teacher is encouragement in itself. The fact that the relationship exists gives the student motivation to perform well in his or her studies,” senior Andrew Lietzen said.

On the other hand, some seniors felt that student-teacher bonds weren’t necessarily as important as students might think.

“I wouldn’t say that a student’s academic success depends on whether or not they have a bond with a teacher,” Lindsey Stanbrough said.

However, many seniors developed special bonds with more than one of their teachers.

“There have been many teachers that I have had a bond with, but I probably have the strongest bond with Mr. Cook,” David Jones said. “We both enjoy science, and he is willing to give advice about my future, music or just life itself.”

A bond with anyone can have a positive or negative influence on one’s life. Depending on the student, a bond with a teacher in high school can be a very valuable experience.

—Blair Monn, Christa Crane

Mr. John Rost discusses political ideology with his fifth hour American government class. “Mr. Rost and I enjoy talking about different wars and the different trains that we both have. I have had a bond with him for about three years,” Chad Moppin said.

Sophomore Ashley Barber has a conversation with Dr. John Makona, a teacher with whom senior LaPourchea McConico has a bond. “Dr. Makona has been my life’s inspiration. He helps me not only with school issues, but personal issues as well,” McConico said.

Mrs. Chris Wood is overwhelmed to find a beautiful meal awaiting her from her “Mystery Bruno,” Mrs. Sharon Sandin. Mrs. Sandin prepared this special meal for Mrs. Wood because she is a highly appreciated and respected teacher. “I respect and look up to Mrs. Wood and she helped me figure out what I wanted to do for my senior project,” senior Lindsey Stanbrough said.
Mrs. Schlicht and senior Jessica Ventura lead a class discussion. "Mrs. Schlicht and I have known each other since freshman year. If I ever have a question about anything, she's always there ready to help me," senior Whitney Mitchell said.

For Halloween, senior Nick Romo poses for a picture with his "twin" Mr. Bob Caldwell. "Mr. Caldwell helps me everyday. For some odd reason, the hard stuff is easy to me and hard for everyone else; the easy stuff to everyone else, is mind-boggling to me. He explains things so that it is clear to everyone," senior Devin Pino said.

While dressed for "Deviance Day," Mrs. Jennifer Schlicht and senior Jessica Ventura lead a class discussion. "Mrs. Schlicht and I have known each other since freshman year. If I ever have a question about anything, she's always there ready to help me," senior Whitney Mitchell said.

Mrs. Connie Henry helps senior Crystal Lea with her Latin I assignment during third hour. Mrs. Henry taught Latin II, III and IV within one class period—her first year in having to do so. "Mrs. Henry can always make you laugh whether you're having a good day or a bad day. Mrs. Henry and I have had a bond for about three years now," senior Nikki Smith said.
Juniors

Dee Adger
Alex Alexander
Samantha Allen
Beth Ashford
Philip Bailey
Lance Barber

Kristina Beach
Larry Beck
Stacy Belknap
Brian Bernard
Lisa Berry
Sidney Birdsong

Kyle Black
Jason Blair
Megan Blake
Amanda Boddy
Parker Bolejack
Samantha Bond

Kim Bourn
Matthew Brentlinger
Liz Brown
Jess Buck
Broderick Burgess
Tiffany Bush

Athana Byrd
Brandy Caldwell
Olga Canas
Keith Case
Joey Caudill
Savanna Clause

Jenny Coffee
Jesus Correa
Nikki Craig
Tim Crawford
Brandon Crawley
Corie Crouch

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Juniors
Ashley McConico
Drew McCullough
Daniel McDonald
Jonathan McIntyre
Jarred McKellips
Matthew Middleton

Randi Miller
Tyler Mills
Kimberly Miser
Maria Monroy
Genella Mooney
Roy Mortell

Dustin Mulich
Brian Null
Christina Ogden
Alvaro Ortiz
Josh Padilla
Ashley Pardew

Ryan Peresko
Krystiane Perez
Danielle Perica
Gwen Peters
Jared Peters
Whitney Peterson

Chris Pike
Nyse Pinks
Echo Prather
Danielle Putnam
Erick Ratliff
Anecia Reed

Nicole Reynolds
Vicky Reynolds
Pat Roark
Eleazar Rodriguez
Adam Romero
Lorenzo Romo

Adriana Ruiz
Heidi Schweizer
Molly Sells
Brett Shelton
Everett Shepherd
Travis Shockey
Megan Mith
Bret Oren
Eric Trau
Jennifer Sullivan
Jeff Thompson
Meghen Tinsley
Brian Trickett

Cory Turner
Todd Vanderpool
Kasey Vangosen
Laura Vasquez
Jesse Vaughan
Angela Verdict

Crystal Viers
Frank Vogan
Jamie Waldo
Leshae Walls
Jeneice Waters
Heather Weaver

Joe Wiggins
Rolland T. Williams
Heather Wilson
K-Lynn Wilson
Susann Wilson
Adam Wise

John Wood
Johnathan Woodall
Nicole Wright
Walter Wright
Andrea Zarate
Brandon Zaring
Juniors Kyle Black and Keith Case prepare to fly their model planes they built in Mr. Dan Burns engineering and design class. Later in the year, they moved on to build an electric car and raced it competitively with other cars from around the state.

Discussing the days events at Tiblow Days, juniors Joe Wiggins, Heather Malone, Erica Franklin, Juls Fowler, and Jennifer Sullivan talk about plans for later that day. "It's a good time to hang out, and a fresh start for the school year," Sullivan said.

In the Tiblow Days Parade, junior Heidi Schweizer plays the clarinet during a marching band performance. "I enjoy being in band because you can go to District and State competitions, and you can also letter," junior Anecia Reed said.
As juniors became a year older, they earned the new title: "Upperclassmen." Some juniors engaged in extracurricular activities, ACT's and jobs, which kept them busy throughout the year.

"Having a job and going to school events took up a lot of time," junior Tara Eveland aid. "I worked everyday from three to six and then I planned out what events to attend. My junior year was busy."

With classes for college credits and preparation for placement tests, work in the classroom was also challenging for the juniors. "I usually go to web sites and try to find practice tests to work on, and try to get a good nights sleep to prepare for the tests," junior Chris Pike said.

While preparing for their next year and college, juniors had little time left to plan for their upcoming senior projects.

"I've put a lot of thought into my senior project, but I still do not know what I am doing," junior Autumn Hanson said. "I am thinking about getting some of my poetry published."

With the Class of 2003 moving out of the picture, the Class of 2004 came one step closer to the tassel.

—Erick Ratliff

During lunch Alanna Smith explains her chemistry homework, to fellow classmate junior Jennifer Coffee. "At lunch I like to sit down, relax, and get away from the drama of school work," Smith said.

Top ten junior finishers of the ITED (Iowa Test of Educational Development)—Back Row: Parker Bolejack, Alisha Mathiesen, Megan Blake, Amber McAvoy, Danielle Putnam. Front Row: Echo Prather, Chris Pike, Amanda Boddy, Kim Miser. Not Pictured: Kyle Gray. For their achievement, these ten juniors were awarded tickets to a Kansas City Royals home opener on Mar. 31, 2003.
Will Davis
Joshua Deleon
Miguel Deleon
James Derricott
Emily Dougherty
Jennifer Eagle

Roxanne Evans
Emily Fagan
Jon Fesenmeyer
Andrew Finley
Trisha Forbach
John Frazey

Keith Frazier
Jamie Frentrop
Kellie Gardner
Lamont Gilrath
Jose Gonzalez
Morgan Grabmiller

Josh Graham
Jacob Hachinski
Timothy Haggerty
Dustin Harding
Andrea Haussler
Scott Henley

Cambry Hergesheimer
Paul Hernandez
Hollie Hewitt
Lucretia Hinson
Mark Hollenbaugh
Andy Holmes

Leslie Holtzen
Jessie Huston
Anthony Isabell
Erin Jacobs
Seth Jenkins
Karen Jones

Jennifer Keeton
Matt Kerl
Ashley King
Katy Kirk
Opie Knight
Dustin Knudson
Jami Poje
Alex Potter
Dustin Rhodes
Brad Rider
Brad Rittinghouse
Maria Rivera

Nick Robertson
Tasha Romero
Kaitlyn Roudybush
John Russell
Alicia Salazar
Edward Samek III

Holly Scherer
Sean Schultz
Wesley Shields
Heather Shondel
Nicole Sims
Nathan Smith

Tara Smith
Laura Springer
Malory Stark
Justin Starks
Kimberly Stephens
Casey Storey

Alexander Sturgeon
Bethany Thomas
Jessica Thomas
Amy Tilden
Jennifer Tillisch
Patrick Tucker

Fred Twist
Shantenie Tyner
Samuel Vazquez
Ashley Venerable
Jessica Vogel
Casey Walker

Matt Warczakoski
Jennifer Weir
Roseanna Wesley
Daryl Whitmill
Shane Wiehe
Zach Wilcox
Sophomore Stevi McConniel works on a poster for her Spanish II class. "Spanish isn't as hard as I thought it'd be. We do projects like making posters to celebrate heritage and making a poster of our family tree," McConniel said.

Sophomore Heather Hondel works on a shaving cream commercial for her introduction to video technology class. "I liked the class a lot. I took it just for fun. We got to do a neat commercial for shaving cream," Hondel said. Introduction to video technology is also prerequisite for Tee Pee Talk.

Top ten sophomore finishers on the ACT PLAN test—Front Row: Nathan Smith, Tara Smith, Jon Fesenmeyer. Back Row: Josh Mortensen, Aaron Clark, Nick Robertson, Katy Kirk. Not Pictured: David Baxter, Jessica Vogel, Kyle Kobe. For their efforts, they were rewarded with tickets to the Royals home opener on March 1, 2003.
Entering their sophomore year, the Class of 2005 had more to look forward to than the obvious.

Many sophomores took the opportunity to move up in sports, with all sports teams adding sophomores to their varsity rosters.

Sophomore Mandie Lewis was a varsity letter winner in cross-country and cheerleading.

"I like it a lot better than junior varsity because you get to be more active and you do more advanced stuff," Lewis said.

The number one privilege sophomores Kim Stephens and Judith Plumb work on making a solution in Mrs. Dee Dee Albert's chemistry class. All students must have at least two science credits before they graduate.

Practicing a wafting technique for Mrs. Dee Dee Albert's chemistry class, sophomores Leslie Holtzen, Kori McGinnis, and Mandie Lewis try to detect a smell after an endothermic reaction. "We were wafting so that we didn't ingest the chemical's right up our noses," Lewis said.

Sophomores said they looked forward to the most was driving.

"At first I thought that driving would be a big deal, but now that I am driving every day, it's not," sophomore Brad Rider said.

Preparing for harder classes, higher expectations, and more responsibility, some sophomores visited colleges they possibly would attend after graduation.

"Everyone thinks that they have plenty of time to think about college and what they're going to do," sophomore Amy Caudill said. "But I always say that it's never too early." During the 2002 summer, Caudill went to Boston to tour Harvard University.

Thinking about college, making fun of freshmen, and having a great time are all honored past times that many sophomores won't forget.

—Ashley A. Williams
Britney Abramovitz
Jennifer Adkins
John Backus
Janae Bailey
Brandon Baldwin
Amber Ballard

Casey Barber
Johnny Baxter
Steven Beck
Matt Belden
Devin Belknap
Lori Berry

Megan Bond
Michael Brown
James Burris
Nikki Busch
Stephani Byrd
Mitchell Cairer

Katie Carlyle
Holly Carnes
Adam Carver
Angel Catania
Jordan Chronister
Nidia Contreras

Keven Courtney
Katie Cramer
Ryan Crawley
David Cruse
Thomas Culter
Jeremy Davis

Misty Degraw
Keisha Dodson
Chelsea Dunn
David Edwards
Stephani Elmer
Amanda Englehart
Jessi Langley
Katie Laurion
Mitch Lewis
Kiersten Lietzen
Nicholas Liston
Kristina Luke

Jeremy Mace
Aparcia MacLaren
Andrew Martin
Maria Martinez
Chris Mattox
Katy Mauricio

Dustin Maxey
Emmanuel McComb
Megan McCuly
Arika McKinney
Shawna Moore
Tiffany Moppin

Jessi Morasch
Mindy Morasch
Erik Mortensen
Travis Mulich
Jacob Nelson
Nate Newby

Eric Nielsen
Anthony Null
Larry O'Leary
Mark O'Neal
Jason Obrock
Nick Ontiveros

Joshua Ova
Andrew Padilla
Sarah Padilla
Josh Palcher
Jennifer Palmer
Brandon Parish

Skylar Parr
Misty Plumb
Alex Porter
Chris Price
Richard Pruitt
Shauna Putnam
Christopher Redden
Matt Redlin
Patrick Redlin
Jacob Rettig
Sarah Reyes
Melissa Reynolds
Matthew Rivera
Rachel Robare
Jessica Rogers
Autumn Rogoza
Howard Rollins II
Troy Romey
Kaylyn Ruff
Jackie Russell
Kris Russell
Kurtis Russell
Roman Salcedo
Michael Sams
Yesenia Sanchez
Dan Sanford
Helen Sangster
Lindsey Seldomridge
Aaron Shafer
Nick Shirey
Esther Shook
Cortney Sims
Andi Smith
Robert Smith
Ronald Tilden
Jana Tiner
Jacey Totta
Christopher Trafton
Joe Umbenhower
Maryel Vazquez
Frankie Wachter
Amber Waite
Donald Walker
Zasha Wells
William Wesley
Ron Wild
Josh Woods
Johnathan Wort
During testing week, students in each class who showed excellent performance were rewarded with Royals tickets. The top ten freshmen winners were: Back Row: Robert Smith, Eric Nielsen, Drew Jones, Andrew Holder. Front Row: Chris Mattox, Shauna Putnam, Jordan Chronister. Not Pictured: Jeffery Hills, Jonathan Jones, Katherine Killingsworth.

Freshmen Helen Sangster, Matt Rivera, and Janae Bailey, along with junior Nyse Pinks per form in the drumline at halftime at one of the basketball games. "I like being on the drumline and being in band because we get to go on trips and get into the games free," Rivera said.

Jeff Wright
Lisa Zarate

Jacey Totta works on the field goal for the freshman float during Homecoming week. The float took fourth place, but everyone worked hard. "I enjoyed spending time with my classmates, while building the float," Totta said.
Dealing with upperclassmen, a new school, new teachers, and the excitement, were all the things that ran through a freshman's head on the first day of high school. Not knowing where to go or what to do, were only some of the problems that freshmen faced.

“It was scary at first, but then it wasn’t that bad,” Jessi Morasch said.

The transition was a big change going from middle school to high school. However, many of the freshmen realized that it wasn’t that big of a deal.

“I realized the upperclassmen really didn’t bother me or any of the freshmen,” Matthew Redlin said.

Freshmen weren’t left out either. Many freshmen were involved in school activities and school sports. Several freshmen got the opportunity to suit up or play in junior varsity or varsity sports.

“It was a very big deal to play a varsity sport and it was a great experience,” Hilary Johnson said.

Many freshmen also had future goals to play varsity sports, graduate, and to move on to college.

“My future goal is to play pro soccer,” Micah Gallager said.

As the freshmen pursued their goals, they adjusted to the changes and overcame their fears.

—Kim Stephens

Sarah Reyes and Shawna Moore work on a social studies assignment for John Makona's class during ELO (Extended Learning Opportunities) in Mrs. Kerri Jennings' room. All freshmen were required to attend ELO for the entire year.

Patrick Redlin fixes his pencil in Mr. Gene Tibbetts' geometry class while Jacob Nelson and Jonathan Baxter work on their math problems. "Mr. Tibbetts is a good teacher, though geometry is difficult," Nelson said.

Melissa Reynolds puts flags on the street in front of the high school. The Kayettes put the flags out in memory Sept. 11. "It felt good doing something good for the school and it felt good for the Sept. 11 memory," Reynolds said.
At the softball home opener, senior Holly Miller takes a few warm-up throws from the short-step position. "Softball was great this year because we actually had a home field to play on instead of going to Edwardsville to play," Miller said.

Senior Devin Pine drives the soccer ball in to shoot a goal during a game against Mill Valley. This was Pine's third and most successful year on the soccer team. "I love soccer because you can run around and bump into people," Pine said.
Always keeping the team's hope driven
Do you remember when the cheerleaders went to their so-called non-competition?
Making an impact with a win in Regionals at the end of the season,
Did you attend the Regional football game against Topeka West where we barely got beaten?
Playing with a roster of seniors and several others injured,
Remember when the volleyball team broke the 11-year stint without a visit to State?
Running back and forth, and starting off with a good record, it seemed,
Did you know that two freshmen from the soccer team made it on the All-KVL Team?
Playing outside in hot and cold weather, making sure to get the serve over even by staying late,
Was it the girls tennis team who sent two pairs of women to compete at State?
Having almost half of the normal roster and plenty of senior leaders,
Was placing five wrestlers at State the most in school history?
Playing with a handful of injured players made the year full of hardships,
But didn't the girls and boys basketball team kick some rear end when they won the KVL championships?
Making an impression and setting the goals and records for years to come,
Didn't the boys and girls swimming teams do great for the first year, better than anyone can fathom?
With an two awesome duos and plenty of talented guys,
Did you watch the boys tennis team do great things despite their size?
Softball and baseball had great seasons with many seniors that will be missed.
Who will be willing to step up next year and take their place?
The track team was proud of senior Aaron Weathers—He broke a long standing record in the 300 meter hurdles.
Keeping your grades up and winning so closely,
Wasn't it a blast just Gettin' the Victory?
—Ashley A. Williams

The girls and boys basketball teams and coaches get together for a group shot after their team breakfast at senior Holly Miller’s house the morning of the Sub-State championship games. Although neither team made it to State, they were both proud to hold the Kaw Valley League Champions titles in the school’s first year in the league.

Senior David Bass and junior Michael Hernandez prepare to block against the Lansing Lions’ offense. The varsity football team made it to the second round of State playoffs. Seniors Aaron Weathers and Jeff Barnes and junior Danny Gardner were named for the All-Kansas Defensive Team.

Junior John Woodall swims the breast stroke at the first ever Bonner Boys Swim Invitational. Both the boys and girls swim teams were coached by Mrs. Wanda Simchuk. "I really look forward to working with this same group of kids next year," Simchuk said.
Stunting High

Yo baby, yo baby, yo baby, yo..." was a familiar chant started by the cheerleaders or fans at football and basketball games. All throughout the year there was a lot of spirit from students, particularly the seniors.

In addition to the seniors' spirit, the Orange Crush Club was created.

"When the Orange Crush was there, it made the people, cheerleaders and the players get all pumped up," sophomore Kori McGinnis said.

To make sure the crowd was staying on their feet, the cheerleaders did crowd cheers and different types of stunts, all in which they learned at camp, held at Baker University in Baldwin in June of 2002.

At camp they were awarded two stunt smart awards and they were a top team finalist. They also received a bid to nationals.

"The most memorable moment at camp was when the varsity squad did an awesome routine in front of the whole camp, and we made Mrs. [Jennifer] Schlicht cry," sophomore Mandie Lewis said.

For the first time ever, the girls also went to a Cheer Festival on Feb. 28, where they were able to showcase their cheer, dance, and stunts. They received a two rating, which was considered excellent.

"By the end of the year I felt like we had a great season. We made it through a lot of tough practices but in the end it was all worth it," Coach Schlicht said.

—Kellie Gardner, Kim Stephens

As sophomores Jamie Frentrop and Kellie Gardner set to go up in their stunts, the other varsity cheerleaders dance to the routine they performed at camp during the summer. "When I stunted with the guys, I felt safe and it was a lot of fun especially when they threw us really high," Frentrop said.

Trying to pump up the crowd, the junior varsity cheerleaders perform the cheer "Let's Go," while the football team takes a time-out. The team was led by co-captains Kristina Luke and Aminda Bohnert. "I liked cheering at the YMCA building, and stunting was a lot of fun," Luke said.

While sophomore Kori McGinnis stunts and cheers for the crowd, sophomore Kim Stephens and junior Heather Weaver pump up the crowd during a time-out at the first football game at Lansing. The varsity squad ended the year with six yell leaders and ten cheerleaders on the team. This was the first time the squad had been considered a large coed squad by the NCA Summer Cheerleading Camp Instructors.

Orange Crush members, seniors Phillip Henry, George Elmer, David Bass, and junior Danny Gardner rally on the varsity boys basketball team at the new YMCA facility. "While in the Orange Crush club, you could be crazy and loud and also cheer on your team at the same time," Gardner said. The club, which started mid-way through the football season, consisted of 88 students who participated throughout the end of the basketball season.
The stands were full on both sides, while the fans were screaming and the cheerleaders were cheering. The band was playing and the dancers were dancing as the Braves football team took on Topeka West in the second round of playoffs.

The team had worked very hard to get as far as they did. They had three-hour practices and watched film every day during the week of the second round of State playoffs.

“We knew we had to get ourselves physically and mentally ready, we worked really hard,” senior David Bass said.

After beating Schlagle in Regionals, the Braves were pumped up and ready to go in their first round of State competition against Turner.

“I was very proud and really glad to show the people that didn’t think we would move past Districts how good we really were,” senior Jeff Burns said.

When they stepped on to the field the evening of Nov. 15, their hearts were pumping and their minds were focused. They were ready to take on Topeka West and advance to the next round of State.

“I was extremely excited, it was like a once in a lifetime thing,” senior George Elmer said.

Without giving up the Braves played hard; however, Topeka West just couldn’t be stopped. Unfortunately, the State adventure came to an end, but the coaches were still proud.

“I was really excited for the players because they worked so hard to get there,” Head Coach Lew Kasselman said.

—Kellie Gardner
The referee watches closely as senior TJ McGinnis holds the football for senior Chad Vandenberg while he prepares to kick a field goal. "This year was an incredible year for us. I was happy to be a part of it," McGinnis said.

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Overall Record 6-5


Freshmen Andy Martin, Travis Hubbel, and Kevin Courtney try to block their opponent, the Tonganoxie Chieftans, while freshman Nathaniel Newby runs the football down the field to try and score. "We improved a lot from the beginning of the season. The coaches really worked with us," Martin said.
The girls gather for a cheer after a good play in Topeka at the state competition. "State was definitely a step up in competition. We got to see a higher level and I know that we can get there, too," Coach Staci Lowe said.


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Sophomore Amy Caudill gets into her ready stance waiting for a return ball at a home quad. The girls ended their season with a record of 15-17. "We seemed to always play our best volleyball against the toughest competition," Coach Kerri Jennings said.

With the doors unlocked and the concession stand stocked, the volleyball teams were the first to break-in the new YMCA gym.

"Using the new gym was nice, we got three nets instead of two and plenty of room for our fans," sophomore Alyssa Alexander said.

Along with the first year of using the YMCA, it was also the first time in 11 years for the volleyball team to compete at State.

Beating Harmon and Sumner in Sub-State competition, the team was excited to go to Topeka and be a part of the next level of competition.

"It felt really good. I was excited that the players got to experience it. Now they know what it is like, so I hope the desire to go back is that much stronger," Head Coach Staci Lowe said.

At State, they lost all three matches in pool play, so they didn't advance to bracket play, but it was still a memorable experience for the girls.

"It felt awesome to go to State and I really wish we could've done better, but hopefully we'll go back next year," junior Ashley Pardew said.

Even though the team struggled during the regular season, they pulled together in the end to make it a rewarding season.

"We had some ups and downs throughout the season, but we ended on a good note, qualifying for State," Lowe said.

—Ashley A. Williams
It was a cool, refreshing afternoon qualifying for State by five seconds. "It sucked. I really wish someone would have cheered me on, so maybe I would have sped up a little," McConico said.

The biggest loss of the season was when senior and three-time State qualifier Steven Lutjen suffered a knee injury the week before Regionals.

"I was very disappointed and angry that I got injured my senior year," Lutjen said.

Even with his injury, he was named the All-Kansan Runner of the Year and named to the All-Kansan team, along with teammates Stakley, VanMaren and McConico. McConico was also named to the All-Kaw Valley League team.

"I was pleased with those who stuck it out. Everyone improved and that's all that can be asked," Coach Bill Downing said.

—Kallie Moore


Running towards the finish line, senior Chris Stakley keeps pushing on during the Bonner Invitational. Stakley had one of his best performances (18:40) at the Wamego Invitational, placing 43rd out of 144 runners.
Junior Cara Harding and sophomore Amy Parks prepare to make the final turn at the Bonner Invitational. Parks placed 35th (18.23) and following close behind her was Harding placing 36th (18.31). This was Harding’s first varsity race.

(Photo courtesy of Coach Bill Downing)

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Seniors Jon VanMaren, Jeremy Krug, Steven Lutjen, Morgan McConico, Donnie Shepherd, Chris Stakley, and Kenny Ballard pose for a picture in the Wyandotte County Park’s lake. Jumping into the lake after the Bonner Invitational is an annual event, which started few years ago by Danny Vandenbergh. “It was hot that year [1999] and the lake was cool,” VanMaren said.

Sophomore Nathan Smith is focused as he jogs toward the finish line. Smith placed third at the junior varsity tournament in Garnett and placed 25th at the Lansing Tournament, winning his first varsity medal by running a 19.34. Also winning his first varsity medal at the Lansing Tournament was junior Myjestic Hickmon. “I was proud of myself and I surprised myself. I didn’t think I was going to get to run varsity this year,” Hickmon said.

Facing herself, junior Kristy Holt runs towards the last leg of the race at the Bonner Invitational, finishing 18th (16:01). Being her first year running cross-country, this was Holt’s best race. “I’m glad I ran because it showed me I could do it,” Holt said.
In the game against Mill Valley junior Kyle Black attempts to make a pass to junior Liz Brown. "The game against Mill Valley was one of the best games of the season," Black said.


Junior Joey Caudill dribbles past the opposing team as he makes his way to the goal. "This soccer season went great. We had a full team of soccer players. It couldn't have been better," Caudill said.

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Overall Record 10-7-2
Senior defender Chad Vandenberg proceeds to return the ball down field. "Chad is an excellent player. Whenever you play with someone as skilled as he is and as determined as he is, you have to feel inspired," sophomore Kyle Kobe said.

Junior Varsity Soccer Team—Front Row: Ben Honeycutt, Cara Harding, Hilary Johnson, Megan McCully, Kris Russell. Middle Row: Matt Redlin, Chris Pike, Jack Wright, Matt Rivera, Tom Burris, Jacob Rettig. Back Row: David Toland, Larry Beck, Ryan Kramer, Isaac Garlington, Andrew Holder, Steven Hovey, Jimmy Vogel.

"Nutmeg. Goal shot. Shootout. This may sound like a foreign language to some people, but to soccer players they were everyday words.

The team opened up their third season with a pleasing 3-2 win over the Lansing Lions.

"It was one of the best games Bonner has played in a long time. Everyone worked as a team," senior Devin Pino said.

Besides the season opening victory, another highlight of the season was the team’s come-from-behind victory over the Basehor-Linwood Bobcats.

"Yeah, I was happy with our performance, a come from behind victory is always the best," junior Brandon Crawley said.

With the season going well, they headed into a critical game against undefeated Mill Valley. Although they didn’t come out with a victory, they settled for a hard fought 0-0 tie.

"It was a big defensive game, but I was very confident in our team," sophomore David Baxter said.

After finishing out the regular season with an 8-6-2 record, the Braves went on to gain their first Regional victory and their first State berth.

"It was really exciting to have a first win in Regionals. It made it even better beating Turner after losing to them earlier in the season," freshman Micah Gallagher said.

"The best part about being on the first soccer team to qualify for State at Bonner was doing it with my friends and living a dream the whole time," senior Stephen Babcock said.

To top off the season’s successes, freshman Eric Nielson and Baxter were selected to the All-Kaw Valley League Team and Coach David Toland was named Coach-of-the-Year by the Kansas City Kansan.

—Tara Eveland
Their stomachs ached all day long. After the 2:50 p.m. dismissal bell rang, they ran fast to their lockers to get their clothes. The girls tiptoed onto the courts, trying not to make a distraction. They pulled out their tennis rackets, knowing that it was the start of something great to come.

On August 19 a total of 23 girls, ranging from freshmen to seniors, showed up for the first day of practice on the new tennis courts. Senior Sara Miller was the only returning letterman.

"My first year, I learned a lot and I hope to learn more each year until I’m the best," freshman Kristina Luke said.

The varsity team struggled throughout the year, but when it came down to Regionals, the girls worked extremely hard and came up with a second place plaque.

The team also had both of their doubles teams, number one, Miller and junior Katy Kirk, and number two, freshman Tara Smith and sophomore Kim Stephens, qualify for State.

"Everyone worked hard all season, and our success was the product of dedication all season," Miller said.

—Kim Stephens

Sophomore Kim Stephens powers her serve against Olathe North at the team’s first home match on the new tennis courts. "I liked the new courts because they were nice, but I was disappointed because they kept having to redo them," junior Danielle Perica said.

Sophomore Judith Plumb swings to make a shot at her opponent. Plumb was one of the six girls that took part in Regionals held at Kansas City Kansas Community College.
Senior Sara Miller and sophomore Katy Kirk take a victory hit after scoring on their opponents. The tandem competed at State as the #1 doubles team. "State was impressive, those girls were awesome and it was a privilege to witness it," Kirk said.

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Overall Record: 32-24


Sophomore Shelby Kuns and junior Kristin Korgel celebrate their victory over Leavenworth at the BSHS JV Invitational. "Because of our ability to play well together, I had the up-most confidence in Kris and me," Kuns said.
Only the Strong Survive

Falling short of their pre-season goals of winning League, Regionals and placing in the top three at State, the wrestling team still received an eighth place finish at State. The team also placed five wrestlers out of 14 weight classes.

"I was disappointed in my performance this year," senior David Bass said. "I just wasn't prepared for the type of wrestlers that were at State."

With 19 wrestlers, compared to the usual 30, it didn't discourage the Braves from improving on the number of state placers and the highest team finish in several years.

"It is hard to really say if this year placing five wrestlers at State was the most in school history, but five is definitely very good," Head Coach Dan Burns said.

To qualify for State the wrestlers competed in Regionals, where the wrestlers had to place in the top four to move on to State. Once the wrestlers reached State they competed against 15 of the best wrestlers in the state in their weight division.

The team wrestled for two days straight, with some wrestlers competing in as many as seven matches over the two day stretch.

"State was great," junior Myjestic Hickmon said. "Getting out of school and riding down to Wichita with my friends was fun. But wrestling two consecutive days is hard to do."

—Tara Eveland, Erick Ratliff

Junior Erick Ratliff executes a chickenwing and a half against Tyler Madl of Blue Valley in the first round of the Dick Burns Mat Classic. "I enjoyed wrestling at the Bonner tournament because I had friends there to cheer me on," Ratliff said.
Junior Matt Middleton sets up a move to pin his opponent from Garden City. "Matt was a great person to look up to this season and he is a great role model," freshman Travis Mulich said.

Senior Chad Vandenberg performs the Wiser Series against Chaz Hill from Shawnee Mission Northwest in the finals of the Dick Burns Mat Classic. Vandenberg took first place at the tournament and placed fourth at State. "I use the wiser because it is something that I'm used to and I have the skill down to use it to my advantage," Vandenberg said.
As time ticked down in the final game of the season, most of the senior girls sat there looking in disbelief, as their final season as a Bravette ended one win short of a State bid.

"It felt kind of tingly knowing that it could be our last game as a Bonner Bravette," senior Andrea Dill aid.

Throughout the season, the girls accomplished many goals including taking second place at the Basehor-Linwood Tournament, and being the Kaw Valley League Champs.

"We had a good season," Coach Garold Baker said. "It was tough to end the season the way we did, but there are a lot of teams that would like to have won 16 games."

The girls also did very well on an individual basis, with three girls making the Kaw Valley First Team: Andrea Dill, Morgan McConico, Nyse Pinks. Dill and McConico also made the Basehor-Linwood All-Tournament Team.

As a team, they broke three team records, including most team free throws in a season (248), most free throws in a game (23), and the most steals in a season (284).

Individually, Pinks broke the record for most points scored in a game (40), and the most field goals made in a game (15), while McConico broke the record for the most career steals (252).

"I was surprised and very excited since I broke the record. I will now be remembered forever," McConico said.

As the records will show the team had a successful season.

"I think that we had a good season. We accomplished a lot of team goals and were ranked most of the year. The only downfall was not qualifying for State," senior Holly Miller said.

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Breaking Records

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Sophomore Chase Crouch looks for an open teammate to pass the basketball to. Crouch returned to the team after she missed three weeks of the season because of a torn meniscus in her left leg.

Junior Nyse Pinks goes for the jump shot in the game against Lansing. Pinks won the Rookie of the Year Award for the team.

Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team—Back Row: John Rost, Stephanie Elmer, Megan Phillips, Alexis Kimbrough, Ashley Newsom, Dori Dragush, Jacey Totta, Sarah Reyes. Front Row: Lisa Zarate, Ashley Venerable, Shayla Davis, Ashley Pardew, Hilary Johnson, Chase Crouch.
Seniors Morgan McConico, Andrea Dill, and Lindsey Standbrough defend a Tonganoxie player, while senior Holly Miller covers the lane. "I think that we had a good season. We accomplished a lot of team goals and were ranked most of the year. The only downfall was not qualifying for State," Miller said. These four girls have either been playing together or against each other since the third grade and have got to know each other pretty well throughout their careers.

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Reaching Their Goals

The boys basketball team started their season with two goals on their minds: become Kaw Valley League (KVL) Champs and go to the State Tournament. To accomplish those goals, they had to keep a winning streak throughout the season.

Winning ten of their first twelve games, the boys were well on their way to meeting their first goal of KVL Champs.

"The best part of the season was when we became the KVL Champs our first year in the league," junior point guard Sidney Birdsong said.

Then it was time for Sub-State and goal number two. They won in the first round against Shawnee Heights, but then fell short in the finals against Topeka West, losing 43-57.

Although they didn’t meet their second goal, many of the seniors received post season honors.

Michael Cook and Jared Gillespie were named to the Northeast Kansas All-Star Team. In addition, Cook was named to the Topeka Journal’s and Wichita Eagle’s All-State Second Teams. Cook also participated in the GCKBCA Missouri vs. Kansas All-Star game, where he scored 13 points for the Kansas team.

Teammate TJ McGinnis received two athletic academic honors: KBCA Academic All-State and KC Star Scholar Athlete.

"This season went by real fast because we had a lot of fun and a lot of success," Coach Andy Price said. "This team was a team that worked hard together to accomplish their goals."

—Anecia Reed

Senior Aaron Weathers waits for the ball while fellow teammate, senior Jeremy Krug rushes to his assistance. Weathers was named Best Defensive Player by his teammates.

Junior Sidney Birdsong shoots for a bucket against Fort Scott. "I liked the season this year, but I also wished that we would have went to State," Birdsong said. Birdsong was voted as the Most Improved Player on the team by his teammates.

Freshmen Team—First Row: Jacob Nelson, Rachel Robare, Anthony Spencer, Jeff Hills. Back Row: Nicholas White, Emmanuel McComb, Isaac Newton, Brandon Parrish, Blake Kasselmann, Josh Palcher, Keven Courtney.
Senior Jared Gillespie starts the game off by smacking the ball to teammate senior Michael Cook in the game against Basehor-Linwood. Gillespie, along with Cook and Aaron Weathers were named to the Kaw Valley League First Team.

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Overall Record 18-4


Senior Michael Cook dribbles the ball while teammate TJ McGinnis set up a play to score a basket against Basehor. The boys won the game 95-51, making it the highest score of the season.
Starting off with a Splash

When the new YMCA was built, there was talk of a swim team being started. Because of a limited budget, the Booster Club donated part of the money to buy warm-up outfits and bags for the team. Long-time swimmer, Mrs. Wanda Simchuk was appointed as head coach.

"Coach Simchuk was really good, she kept us working really hard," freshman Jeff Herd said.

The season opener was against Raytown, Pembroke, and Belton. It was a great way to start the season out, placing fourth.

A major highlight for the season was the home opener, when the team took first place. Throughout the meet the swimmers took either first or second in every event.

"We won the home opener, so it was great. It was the only one we won all season," Coach Simchuk said.

At their last home meet, juniors Jon McIntyre and Tyler Mills made State consideration times in the 50-yard free stroke (24.00) and the 100-yard free stroke (54.67) respectively. Although no one extra was accepted in these events, the guys were proud.

"It was great to get a State consideration time at home, and I wouldn't have rather shared a State consideration time with anyone else but Jon," Mills said.

—Kallie Moore

Manager, junior Krysten Perez, Coach Simchuk, and junior Tyler Mills cheer for junior Jon Woodall as he swims the individual medley at the home opener. "John Woodall was my most improved swimmer because he had never swam competitively before," Coach Simchuk said.

Junior Tyler Mills swims the 100-yard butterfly at the first home meet, placing second (1:07.79) in this event. Mills has been swimming for 10 years for the KC Blazer and the Lake of the Forest Sharks.

Coach Wanda Simchuk shows sophomore Jordan Mackey the events he will be swimming. Mackey placed fifth in the 100 yard breaststroke at the Independent League Championships. "It was okay getting fifth, but I knew I could do better," Mackey said.
SCOREBOARD

INVITATIONAL PLACE
Raytown 4th
Bonner 1st
Chisholm Trail 2nd
Bonner 4th
Washington 4th
Leavenworth 3rd
Truman High 3rd
Independent Schools 6th
Bonner 3rd

Junior Frank Vogan pushes off as the buzzer sounds. Vogan swam the backstroke during the 200-yard medley relay at the home opener. "I liked my first season. It was hard at times and it was easy at times. I also like everyone on the team," Vogan said.

Track invites athletes of all kinds to participate in many different types of activities. Track members were required to train every day, even throughout the summer.

Determination and endurance were all that kept the athletes going. The thought of making it to State was racing through their minds the entire season.

Nine members of the track team succeeded and made it to State, which was held in Wichita on May 30 and 31. In all, the team qualified in six events.

"I was very proud of the ones who finished the season. They worked hard and kept improving," Head Coach Mr. Mitchell said.

The State qualifiers in individual events were sophomore Christian McDonald in javelin, freshman Emmanuel McComb in discus, senior Aaron Weathers in the 200 meter dash, and senior Morgan McConico in the 1600 meter run.

Other State-bound teammates included 4 x 100 meter relay runners (juniors Larry Beck and Kenny Mack, sophomore Will Davis, senior Aaron Weathers), and the 4 x 400 meter relay team (Weathers, juniors Dee Adger, Larry Beck, Matt Middleton).

"I knew that if I worked hard enough I would be able to go to State," Adger said.

—Michael Maxwell

Junior Dee Adger leaps in the long jump. Adger was also a member of the 4 x 400 meter and 4 x 800 meter relay teams.

Freshman Emmanuel McComb launches the discus. McComb was the only freshman to qualify for State, placing seventh with a best throw of 143' 3".

Freshman Andrew Padilla hands the baton to junior Everett Shepherd during the 4 x 800 meter relay at the Bonner Invitational. "This year our entire team was really successful. The team made it into the top four," Shepherd said.

Junior Julianne Fowler places first in the high jump at the home meet with a jump of 4'10". "That was my best meet ever. It was really surprising all my jumps were smooth, and I didn't hit the bar. No other girls did that. I felt really good about myself," Fowler said.
At the sounds of the gloves popping and bats cracking, the softball team tried out. Not to get on the team, but a new coach.

Ms. Nancy Yankovich was appointed head coach of the varsity softball team after 12 years of being the assistant coach.

"I was very excited to be a head coach, but I also knew it was going to be more stressful," Yankovich said. "However, I had a wonderful group of girls to work with, and they made my job easy."

By getting lights on the field and wanting all sports on campus, the girls were able to play on their home field behind the high school after playing eight years at Edwardsville Park.

"It was fun to be able to play so close to school. I think it allowed more people to come to our games," senior Holly Miller said.

The Bravettes got revenge against Turner by defeating them in the first round of Regionals. In the 2002 Regionals, the Bears upset the Bravettes in the first round.

"I think our girls had a little vendetta to settle from last year and that really showed in the game," Yankovich said. "We just wanted it more."

The girls were stopped short of State by Shawnee Heights in the championship game at Regionals.

Even with the upsets, two players made the All Kaw Valley League team. Ashley Pardew made second team and Miller received honorable mention recognition.

—Kallie Moore

Sophomore Roxanne Evans turns the corner at third base to score. She was the starting right fielder and was a third string pitcher. Evans also led the team, along with Holly Miller, in sacrifice bunts and had a .340 batting average.


In mid-season, junior Kristy Holt prepares to pitch during the home opener against Santa Fe Trail. Holt had seven wins and one save for the season. She shared the mound with sophomore Candice Craven.

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Overall Record 10-12

After receiving a throw by the catcher, senior Amber Spiess attempts to pick off the runner on first base. Spiess had 87 putouts for the season and shared the first base position with fellow senior Nicki McGinnis.

Senior Andrea Dill slides into third base and knocks the ball loose from DeSoto's third baseman. Dill started varsity three years and was starting third baseman for two years. She will attend Coffeyville Community College in the fall of 2003.
**A Taste of the Big Leagues**

A major highlight of the baseball season was playing at Kauffman Stadium, the home of the Kansas City Royals.

The Braves and Basehor-Linwood Bobcats earned that right by each team selling 500 Royals tickets a piece.

"Playing at Kauffman Stadium was really no more pressure than anywhere else, it was just a good fun time," freshman Nate Bull said. "It was hard to be on varsity as a freshman, but it was a good experience."

The Braves started the season off pretty rocky, losing their first five games. However, they finished their year strong, winning eight of their last sixteen games.

"An 8-13 record is disappointing," first year Head Coach Rick Moulin said. "I think that .500 would have been a good record, but the team didn't win as much as I would have liked."

Although they didn't have a winning record, Moulin thought they had a lot of good prospects.

"Winning and losing isn't everything. At least we're getting better," Moulin said.

Even though the Braves improved, they have more work to do because they lost six seniors.

"I feel confident that the underclassmen will do well without us. They have a lot of experience and will go far," senior Phillip Henry said.

—Erick Ratliff

Junior Drew Hess swings at a pitch during a home game against Basehor-Linwood Bobcats. "I had fun with the seniors, and I am looking forward to next year," Hess said.

### Varsity Baseball

Front Row: George Elmer, Mike Pier, Drew Hess, Kevin Dame, Phillip Henry, Billy Ballard.

Back Row: Steve May, Devin Pino, Aaron Ballard, Jared Gillespie, Chris Stakley, Nathan Bull, Rick Moulin.

Sophomore Mike Pier pitches against Basehor-Linwood at home, while junior Kevin Dame stands at third base waiting for the ball. "I think that I will live up to expectations of being a senior next year because I am going to try as hard as I can because it will be my last year of high school baseball," junior Kevin Dame said.


**Junior Varsity Baseball Team—Front Row:** Patrick Redlin, Andy Martin, Jacob Nelson, Matt McKay. **Middle Row:** Micah Gallagher, Adam Carver, Jeff Herr, Steven Hovey, Matt Rivera, Mitch Lewis. **Back Row:** Jordan Lamb, Matt Haas, Keven Courtney, Josh Ova, Josh Palcher, Jacob Hachinski, Jason Jennings.

**Senior Aaron Ballard prepares to catch the ball from sophomore Mike Pier to get the Basehor-Lindwood runner out at first base.** "I enjoyed my senior year with my teammates and Coach Moulin," Ballard said.
Making School History

Taking first at Regionals and having an undefeated season in duals were just a couple of highlights of the boys tennis season.

"I was very pleased with how the guys played at Regionals. This was a good year where we broke many records," Coach Bill Scott said.

The team consisted of 15 boys and was led by four seniors.

"We had a really good team, that took first at Regionals. I'm glad I decided to play tennis, and that I could contribute to the team's success," junior Philip Bailey said.

In the 25 years that Scott has coached tennis, he has never taken first in Regionals and had both doubles teams in the championship match at Regionals.

"The sophomores (Matt Kerl and Josh Mortensen) are awesome, they're way better than we were at that age," senior TJ McGinnis said.

State was held on the weekend of May 23, in Wichita, Kansas. The boys went down looking to place but only to find that they overestimated their competition.

"It would have been better to see the two doubles teams go further in State, but it's good that they made it," junior Tyler Mills said. "I think Matt and Josh have potential to go somewhere next year."

—Kim Stephens

Junior Philip Bailey serves to his opponent from Lansing at one of the Braves home duals. This was Bailey's first year playing tennis. He ended with a 109-82 record for singles.

Sophomores Josh Mortensen and Matt Kerl play as a team in their win over Mill Valley. "The season went great as a whole. It was great to be part of a team that won Regionals and went undefeated in duals for the first time. The seniors did an awesome job leading the team," Mortensen said.

Sophomore Matt Kerl returns the ball to his opponent at one of the home duals. Kerl went undefeated this season in doubles with a record of 7-0 and had a game record of 56-9. "The team overall had a great year. Everyone improved a lot, we sent two teams to State and won Regionals for the first time in over 20 years," Kerl said.
Seniors TJ McGinnis and Tyler Cooper shake their opponents hands after their match. McGinnis and Cooper went undefeated most of the season. They were also among two doubles teams that qualified for State.

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Senior Tyler Cooper swings with all of his strength to hit the ball to his opponent. Along with pairing up with senior TJ McGinnis for State, Cooper also participated in singles throughout the season.
Getting a State Medal

Four. Bogey. Eagle. Par. Pitching Wedge. Five Iron. All these terms were necessities for Coach Chatterton and his golfers.

With only one returning senior, Jeremy Krug, the team was very young. Krug knew the pressure was on him to set high standards for the team.

“I knew that being the only senior was going to be a big deal, but I didn’t let that bother me,” Krug said.

In Bonner Springs golf history, medaling for State hasn’t been an easy task. Prior to 2003, there had only been two BSHS players who medaled at State.


The 2003 State Golf Tournament was held in Winfield, Kansas on May 27. Coach Chatterton took two golfers, Krug and sophomore John Pino to compete.

Krug brought home the school’s third golf State medal. He placed twelfth and set a new school record for the lowest score in State golf history, with a score of 77. He was only four shots away from being State champion.

“It felt good finally medaling after three years of going to State, but I feel I should of won it,” Krug stated.

The season started off with youth, but ended with a lot of experience.

“It was a very successful season for what we started off with and what we ended with,” Chatterton said.

—Tara Eveland

As his opponent looks on, senior Jeremy Krug focuses to line up the putt at Sunflower Hills. Krug didn’t let the cold weather bother him at the Bonner Invitational, where he sported a stocking cap at the 15th hole.
Junior James Hovey follows through with a putt at the second hole during the Sunflower Hills tournament. "Overall, I was impressed with the way we played. We had a very successful season," Hovey said.

varsity Golf Team: Bob Chatterton, Jeremy Krug, James Hovey, Nick Robertson, Danny Grosko, Ed Samek, John Pino.

Freshman Danny Grosko takes a round of practice swings before the tournament at Sunflower Hills. "The year went really well. I know I need to improve a little, but overall I was happy with the team's performance," Grosko said.
The dance team got a new name and a new chant. Voting on the name “Orange Dazzlers,” the girls also made up a chant that they did to get pumped up before games.

“The new name and chant gave our team more unity and confidence to perform to the best of our ability,” junior Kristy Holt said.

With five returning seniors, and three that were new, it was the biggest squad of seniors in recent years.

“I think our team set a good example this year, because a lot of girls will be trying out next year,” senior co-captain Krista Redlin said.

To make the year even better, the Orange Dazzlers performed during halftime of the boys basketball game against Pembroke Hills at the Basehor-Linwood Basketball Tournament, making this the only performance at an away game. The girls wore their new uniforms, which were black and gold.

“I think the new ‘Braves’ uniforms added to the effect of the girls performances, which made them more motivated to do well,” Coach Kristin Byers said.

—Summer Pappe

The dance, “Stuff Like That,” was performed with the Dazzlers’ new uniforms. The song was a jazz mix performed by Bette Midler. Black hats were used to add to the jazzy effect of the dance.
Senior Tabatha Stark and the rest of Orange Dazzlers march down Nettleton Street during the Tiblow Days Parade. The girls performed later that day at Kelly Murphy Park to the "Smooth Criminal" mix.

On February 28, the annual Senior Night was held, during halftime of the varsity boys basketball game against Tonganoxie. The senior dance members along with senior cheerleaders, did a stand off with the drumline.

Senior captain, Jessica Adams shows her moves with the girls who attended the dance camp at the first home basketball game against Gardner. The team held their annual little girls camp during basketball season instead of football season. A total of 23 girls attended the camp and performed to a Britney Spears mix.
Girls swimming was more than just girls running around in skimpy bathing suits. Swimming required dedication, determination, and dog-tired muscles.

For the first time in history, BSHS had a girls swim team. Although the girls had a slow start, they improved times and met goals.

"For our first season the girls swam well. It was definitely a building year," Coach Wanda Simchuk said. "They improved times throughout the year, which was one of our goals."

The highlight of the year was their last home meet. Placing third ahead of Mt. Scholastic and only 55 points away from second place, the girls went out in style.

Four events into the meet, the swimmers took a break and honored the first two seniors, Madeleine Rainbolt and Sara Miller.

Also at the meet, freshmen Jacey Totta and Kristina Luke improved their personal bests. Totta's finishing time in the 50-yard free-style was 30.22. Her previous best was 30.31, which came from the Independent League Championships.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Luke improved her personal best by almost 20 seconds. With a time of 7:27.5; she placed fourth.

"I was very glad I could improve my personal best at our last home meet because it was my last chance to improve on the season," Luke said.

—Kallie Moore

Freshman Jacey Totta looks ahead before the gun is sounded. Totta was a member of the 200 yard medley relay and the 200 free relay teams.

Sophomore Katy Kirk dives off the platform during a home meet. Kirk swam in all of the free-style events and had been swimming for several years on the Fun Valley and Lake of the Forest swim teams.
Taking a breath, sophomore Ashley Barber, swims in the 200 yard freestyle during the first home meet. "It was a fun experience for being my first year. It was a lot better and tougher than I thought it was going to be," Barber said.

Senior Sarah Miller cheers on freshman Kristina Luke as she swims the 500 yard freestyle at the teams' second home meet against Washington, Piper, and Pembroke Hill. Luke swam the 500 with senior Madeleine Rainbolt. The girls were known as the "Grrr Sisters" because they 'grrred' before every race.
Towards the end of each sports season, State was one goal all the sports teams set. All the teams worked hard to accomplish their goals, and many of the teams accomplished this goal.

It was the first time in eleven years that the volleyball team had made it to State. The football team made it to the second round of State playoffs. The soccer team made it to State for the first time in school history, and the girls tennis team qualified both of its doubles team for another school first.

After a successful fall season, the winter sports teams went to work trying to make it to State.

Both basketball teams fell one game short of State, but the wrestling team qualified eleven out of fourteen possible wrestlers for State and placed eighth as a team.

Matt Middleton placed third, Danny Gardner and Chad Van- denberg placed fourth, Jeff Burns placed fifth, and Spencer Buck placed sixth.

When the spring sports rolled around, the track, golf and boys tennis teams each continued the school’s athletic successes by traveling to State.

The track team took nine runners to State (one medaled), the golf team took two members to State (one medaled), and the boys tennis team took both of its doubles teams to State (no medalists).

“We had a fantastic season. I appreciated the effort of the teams as well as students,” principal, Dr. Jerry Abbott said. “It was a good start for the first year of the Kaw Valley League. We got a lot of compliments on the facilities and the school spirit.”

—Kellie Gardner
The varsity football line sets to get ready for a play at the first game against the Lansing lions. Overall their record was 6-5 ending with a winning record. "By going to the second round of State playoffs, it gave me a good feeling, like all the hard work throughout the season finally paid off," junior Danny Gardner said.


Senior Spencer Buck is running the baseball series on an opponent from Topeka Seaman. Buck took second at Regionals and took sixth at State. "It felt good to start the season off undefeated even though it didn't stay that way," Buck said. "I still had a good year and finally placed in State."

Senior Morgan McConico runs at the Kaw Valley meet at Basehor-Linwood while Coach Mr. Bill Downing encourages her. At State McConico placed ninth in the 1600 meter, and she was three seconds away from the school record.
Senior Erica Luciano makes copies for Mrs. Jill Holder in the print shop class. Luciano also had Mrs. Jill Holder for newspaper class. Room 101 was the room where the print shop, newspaper and yearbook classes were held.

"Being able to hang out with my friends was the best part of being on the newspaper staff," Luciano said.

Senior Madeline Rainbolt sings an excerpt from, "God Save the Flag" at the Sept. 11 memorial assembly. Rainbolt was a member of A Capella choir for three years. "My favorite thing about being in A Capella choir all year was the choir and band trip to Los Angeles, California," Rainbolt said.
Planning the dances and organizing the pep assemblies, making their opinions and concerns heard, Student Council was the voice of the student body, whether they always got their credit, they did a lot of good. The food drive that provided food to many needy families and Powderpuff with guys in cheerleading skirts, The Kayettes were always involved and made many contributions and put forth tons of efforts.

Whether you were a chicken laying an egg or a lispig astronaut, the Forensics team always got a laugh. Letters to the editor that speak people's opinions, the Pow-Wow was the eyes and ears on the student's behalf.

Members on NHS used leadership and service; they fed many people when working at the food kitchen, For organizing the Blood Drive and saving many lives, the community realized the expectations they had done. Volunteering their free time to help out some young students, making sure to be a friend and lend a helping hand, The Youth Friends showed their patience, shared good times and became friends, which was not always planned.

Goofy dialogues and hilarious newscasters, the staffs of Tee Pe Talk often taught us something new.

They gave us insight on the students and school, which is always something of value.

Whether you were in all nineteen clubs or only one, you tried to participate and you meant well.

You helped out some people and prepared yourself for the future, in life you're sure to excel.

But when you think that you've got everything together and solved, You'll find that it was just because you were Gettin' Involved.

—Ashley A. Williams
Senior Jeni Graham dresses up in her "Fake an Injury Day" apparel during STUCO's Courtwarming's spirit week. "I had so much fun during spirit week. You get to dress silly and get away with it," Graham said.

STUCO Executive Board: Cara Harding (Arbitrator/Historian), Sara Miller (President), Melanie Chandlely (Vice President), Everett Shepherd (Treasurer). Not pictured: Jillian Lemon (Secretary).

Senior Sara Miller peps up the crowd at the fall pep assembly. "I felt very proud and honored to be the STUCO President this year because it's something that I've wanted to do since my freshman year on Student Council," Miller said.
From organizing pep assemblies and school spirit, to coordinating dances, STUCO dedicated themselves to help make it a memorable year.

STUCO is an abbreviation of the words 'student council'. To become a member, students were interviewed at the end of the 2002 school year by the 2002 STUCO Executive Board.

STUCO’s main responsibility was coordinating the Homecoming, Courtwar ming, and Women Pay All Dance festivities.

Junior Walter Wright takes a sledgehammer to a beat-up car that was painted in the opposing team’s colors, which were blue, red and white. STUCO decided to sponsor a car bashing booth at the Homecoming pep rally before the game. “It was fun smashing up the car,” Wright said.

Because of the changes in the Homecoming parade and pep rally, STUCO members kept themselves busy answering questions and concerns from their classmates.

“I was proud of the way that the students adapted to the changes in the Homecoming activities,” sponsor Mrs. Anne Otrosko said.

This was Mrs. Otrosko’s sixth and final year as sponsor for STUCO.

“I’ve enjoyed working with this great group of students, while addressing the concerns of the school with them,” Otrosko said.

Amidst the changes, STUCO had a productive year.

—Sarah Benton


Senior Class President, Whitney Mitchell announces the Courtwarming royalty during half time. “It was really cool to be more involved with the senior class and school. It felt like an honor to be able to announce things during assemblies and games,” Mitchell said.
Junior Cara Harding and her fellow teammates on the sophomore and junior team stretch for the annual Kayettes Powder Puff game that was held on Sept. 18. "I had fun playing. I like football, and it just sounded like a fun thing to do," junior Molly Sells said.

Sophomore Judith Plumb opens her gift that she received during the Kayettes Christmas gift exchange. She received candles, a candle holder and cookies from junior Megan Phillips.

The freshmen and senior team practice for Powder Puff. "It was my senior year, and I had a lot of fun playing," senior Holly Miller said.
Kayettes kicked off the year with a memorial, which commemorated the one year anniversary of Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Centers and Pentagon. Members came to school at 7:00 a.m. to place 83 flags along Bluegrass Street, in front of the high school.

"I'm glad that they put up flags to show our patriotism and support of our nation as we remember the terrorism of last 9-11," Mrs. Debbi Maddy said.

Kayettes also handed out American flags at the home football game that was held on the following Friday.

At the annual Powder Puff game, Kayettes played football, and some senior boys were the cheerleaders. The senior/freshmen team won, 6-0.

"I had a blast. It was a great way to kick off my senior year," senior Lindsey Stanbrough said.

They also had a hayride, where they went on a 30 minute ride around the Lake of the Forest.

"It was a lot of fun we had a campfire, roasted marshmallows and told jokes," senior Kacey Twist said.

The second half of the year, Kayettes spent time helping out at the local nursing homes and made spring "Survival Kits" for all the faculty and staff.

—Sarah Goodin
Junior Samantha Bond adds her spare change to the junior's Penny War bucket. Key Club collected the spare change of students and faculty during lunch time. Every penny added points; however, quarters deducted 25 pennies, dimes deducted ten pennies, and nickels deducted five pennies.

Helping Others

Key Club was one of the many clubs that students participated in to help out in the community.

"I became the sponsor because I was asked, but I'm glad that I said yes because I was a part of helping others," Joe LaCicero said.

Starting with old tradition, the annual Penny War between the classes, took place Oct. 21-Nov. 1. The Penny War raised $142.97 for the United Way.

Another fundraiser Key Club sponsored was collecting children's books that were then donated to Children's Mercy Hospital. They collected approximately 200 books.

"I think it turned out very well. I didn't think we would get so many books," senior Tabatha Starks said. "I was very pleased with everyone that brought books."

A couple of things that Mr. LaCicero would like to change in the coming years would be to base the club on the community. He wants the community to realize how respectful and helping our school is.

—Kim Bourn
Performing for a Medal

When you hear the word forensics, you think of science. However, according to the Webster Dictionary, forensics is also "the art or study of formal debate; argumentation."

Ranging from orations to duet acting, and speeches to solo acting, there were many categories that one could compete.

An average tournament consisted of three rounds with three different judges that evaluated each performance. If one did well, they moved on to finals, which is were one could qualify for State.

Senior Summer Rickert performs the speech that she took to State competition during the Arts Festival that was held on May 6. Rickert received a 3 rating at State.

A change to forensics was the ability to letter. In order to receive a letter, one had to earn a total of 214 points or more, which were awarded by each judge.

Since its establishment in 1999, this was the largest forensics team (with 29 members) in BSHS history. Four of the members qualified for State.

State qualifiers were seniors Sara Miller, Sarah Benton, Summer Rickert, and sophomore Karen Jones.

"I was overly proud of my four State qualifiers in what they were able to obtain individually," forensics Coach Mr. Dan Streit said.

—Sarah Benton


Senior Jennifer Cole and junior Kim Miser rehearse their duet called "My Baby" during their fifth hour forensics class.

"Overall, forensics had a great year. My favorite part was spending time with my close friends that I've made through forensics," Cole said.
Junior Juls Fowler shows her fellow Pow Wow staff members what she got from her Secret Santa. Junior Andrea Zarate and senior Jon VanMaren look at the gift that Fowler had just received. Members on the newspaper staff were required to get each other gifts that had the same initials as their secret pals. For example, Juls Fowler received JujyFruits as her gift.

Senior Erica Luviano files through the basket of schedules to find out which classes students are in so that she can interview them for her story. Finding students was sometimes hard because schedules changed.

Mrs. Jill Holder sits with seniors Chris Stakley and Lindsey Stanbrough as they discuss story ideas on a feature story about honesty. Stakley was a staff writer while Stanbrough was a co-feature editor. "Whenever we were a little bit behind, Mrs. Holder was always there. She never refused to help us with our pages and that helped us a lot," senior Jill Gardner said.

Juniors Morgan Escott and Danielle Putnam sit down for a snack as they look through the edition of the Pow Wow that just came out that Friday. Both Escott and Putnum were staff writers. The newspaper pages were looked over many times before they were sent into the plant for final publications.
Through Thick and Thin

In the past two years, there were a lot of moves for the newspaper staff. Switching back and forth between two rooms made meeting deadlines more difficult for the staff.

Getting deadlines into the plant for the newspaper was just as critical as getting the credits one needs to graduate.

"There were long ELO days when we had to come together and work as one," junior Kasey VanGosen said. "It was hard enough to do this on regular deadline, let alone without the materials and space we needed."

As senior Holly Miller pulls up her page on the computer, she gets her notes ready to complete the deadline requirements. "Because the computers weren't working properly, using pen and paper was a backup plan for having everything you needed," Miller said.

Besides not having a darkroom the first half of the year, staff members had to endure boxes scattered about, computers being down, and minimal work space.

"Working in a confined space was hard. At one time, there were only a few computers working, but 18 students who needed one," senior Jennifer Knight said.

Even though there were a few problems, the newspaper staff still managed to qualify in five categories at the KSPA Regional Journalism Contest: Holly Miller, third in infographics; Jennifer Knight, third in newspaper photography; Sara Miller, honorable mention in editing; and Echo Prather and Kasey VanGosen, honorable mention in newspaper design. —Amy Marcel

Senior Jennifer Knight looks at her negatives as she tries to decide which picture she can use. The newspaper staff always scanned the pictures into the computer rather than making prints of a picture. There were many times when this helped with getting little scratches and spots out of the picture.

Senior Summer Rickert fills out the questionnaire as she prepares to donate blood to the Community Blood Center. There were many requirements that each student had to meet in order to give blood. Along with the questionnaire, each person had to have a question and answer session with a nurse and have their blood tested for iron and cholesterol levels.

Signing her name to the National Honor Society book, senior Morgan Tuttle, accompanied by her sponsor and mother Mrs. Heather Tuttle, prepares to walk across stage to be inducted in the National Honor Society. Forty-six seniors were inducted on the evening of April 9. Along with being recognized on stage, each person received an official membership card and pendant.

National Honor Society is an elite group of students that have maintained a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

"I worked hard throughout the year to keep my grades up, so I could remain in NHS," junior Kim Bourn said. "Being a member gave me more incentives to do well."

Along with getting better than average grades, each junior member of NHS was required to get 10 points throughout the year, while the senior members were required to get five points by Christmas break.

To receive these points, each member participated in NHS sponsored activities such as volunteering at the Willa Gill Food Kitchen, meal-of-the-month and school sponsored activities such as Kayettes, FCCLA, sports, and community projects.

"Most of my points came from school sponsored activities, but some points, such as ones from the food kitchen, were NHS sponsored," junior Maria Monroy said.

NHS was a way to show character, leadership, scholarship, and service, the four standards of National Honor Society.

—Lisa Assmann, Christa Crane

Junior varsity team member sophomore Amy Caudill reviews the case during ELO the week before the regional meet. "For my first year on Mock Trial, I was very nervous, but after the competition I was excited," Caudill said.

Junior Alexis Kimbrough, sophomore Amy Caudill, and freshman Amber Waite of the junior varsity team wait for their first trial to begin. This was the junior varsity's first competition against Shawnee Mission East.

"I liked Mock Trial. It was fun and you get to meet new people that you wouldn't usually hang out with," junior Gwen Peters said.

The competition was held Saturday, March 1 at the Johnson County Court House. The varsity and junior varsity together won one match and lost three.

"The junior varsity did well for not ever competing before and both teams did very well," Mr. Jasiczek said.

—Sarah Goodin

Members of Mock Trial could be found in Mr. Mike Jasiczek's room during ELO and a couple of week days after or before school.

They jotted down notes on the board about the characters in the story and how they reacted when they were questioned about the case. They then went over the setting of the story. Then the members decided if the atmosphere the night of the incident was right.

Buzzin' for Points

What is a five letter word that starts with a “B” and is the best mascot in Kansas? Brave! This is one example of what one might have found at a Quiz Bowl competition.

Random questions every activity period on ELO days helped the club prepare for competition. They competed in meets with teams from around the area.

"Quiz Bowl is great because all we do is get together and answer questions about things that we have no reason for knowing and have a great time doing it," sophomore Kyle Kobe said.

In the meets, the Braves would often compete against eight teams, give or take a few according to how many schools showed up. To win, you had to answer more questions correctly than your opponents.

Even though only four people competed at a time on the varsity lineup, there were many jobs to be filled at the meets. Time keeper, score keeper, someone to ask questions, and someone to supervise or judge, were necessary in the meets.

"It was cool that even though you did not get to participate in the question-answer part of the competition, you still got to be part of the action," junior Laura Vasquez said.

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Sophomore Miranda Mueller is excited to receive her gift from her “Secret Santa,” sophomore Kim Stephens. The yearbook Christmas party was held on Thursday, Dec. 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at senior Summer Pappe’s house. Each staff member had a secret Santa and gifts were distributed that night, by Santa Claus himself. Senior Lisa Assmann’s father dressed up as Santa Claus for the party.

During a “Work Night”, junior Michael Maxwell writes down the names of the musical cast members for the show “Hello Dolly!” Before every major deadline, the staff held a “Work Night” in order to complete their assigned pages. “I think that the work nights are a good way to give us a little extra time outside of class to work on our pages,” junior Sarah Goodin said.

Juniors Anecia Reed, Erick Ratliff and seniors Sarah Benton and Summer Pappe decide what they will eat for dinner on their first work night, which was held on Oct. 10 from 4:00 to 8:00. On the work nights, a staff member’s parents would provide dinner for the staff. If staff members wanted, they could donate money to the parent in order to purchase the food.
In previous years, there was always one editor-in-chief of the yearbook staff; one person who had the final responsibility for the production of the yearbook. However, two seniors, Lisa Assmann and Blair Monn, were awarded the responsibility of co-editors-in-chief.

"It is really great that there are two editors-in-chief this year because there isn't as much of a burden on one person. It is good that I have help in making such big decisions," Assmann said.

Every student on the staff had their own specific tasks. The seven returning seniors took on an editor position. The remaining staff members worked under these seven editors.

"There have been many changes this year, and having different editor positions made things run more smoothly," senior Summer Pappe said.

Seniors weren't the only ones who liked having different editor positions. Many underclassmen thought that the different editor positions were a positive change.

"I think breaking up the editor positions was a good idea because it gave the staff members more one on one help with an editor," junior Erick Ratliff said.

All in all, changes in the editor positions were made this year for the better. It brought the staff members together and many bonds were formed.

—Blair Monn, Amy Marcel
Juniors Danielle Perica and Michael Maxwell go over notes and brochures about AIDS. A table was set up in the lunch room on the annual AIDS Day to give students a chance to learn more about HIV and AIDS. "I think the information we send out about AIDS is very beneficial, when students take the time to stop and read about it," Perica said.


Reaching out to Others

Sincerely,

So, how are you doing today? You look a little down. Is there anything you want to talk about?"

For some, these are a few questions that PEER students ask.

"PEER students keep the peace throughout the school. I believe they have a calming force when it comes to helping others," Mr. Rick Moulin said.

PEER Helpers were a group of students who were selected by their peers. As a freshman, every student fills out a survey stating who they think would be a good person to talk to or a good friend that could help them with problems. Students are then selected by counselors according to the number of nominations. A student continues as a PEER helper throughout their high school career.

Whether or not they thought they helped someone, peer counselors provided guidance all year.

—Summer Pappe

During the annual Peer Retreat, students take the time to sign each other's reflection books. Every year the retreat takes place at the Tall Oaks Conference Center in Linwood, Kansas.
At BSHS, there were many leader-based organizations that students had the chance to be involved.

With organizations such as Club 121, Peer, NHS, Youth Friends, Leadership 20/20, STUCO, and SADD, students had the chance to get involved with several leadership activities.

FCCLA, (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) was also one of many guiding organizations.

There were also organizations put together by FCCLA such as constructing food and clothing drives. These Drives aided in helping the Vaughn-Trent program.

Students stayed in a hotel for two days and one night while attending the All-State Conference that took place in Wichita. This conference, along with training camps, taught students how to get more involved with the community as well as helped them deal with situations that they weren't used to.

"FCCLA is a national organization which focuses on the family, promoting family, community, and career activities aimed at creating responsible young adults," sponsor Mrs. Martha Chandley said.

—Summer Pappe, Amy Marcel

Sophomore Jessica Thomas receives a hug from the leader of the Wichita State Conference. Thomas was just re-elected for her third year as District Vice President.

The FCCLA District Board stand to be recognized. Sophomore Jessica Thomas (far right) was the District Vice President. She was responsible for running all of the STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) contests. The STAR contests were skills tests for all areas of FACS, such as, child care and job interviews.

Senior Jem Graham, sophomore Bethany Thomas, senior Anne Miser, junior Kim Miser, and senior Crystal Bjorgaard march during the Homecoming parade carrying a banner and throwing SADD footballs to the crowd reminding people not to drink and drive. “I joined SADD because it’s a great cause, and I agree with all of its priorities,” junior Kim Miser said.


Being Responsible

SADD is an acronym for "Students Against Destructive Decisions," previously known as "Students Against Drunk Driving." The name changed in 1997 in order to expand the influence of preventing things such as drug use, drunk driving, sexual assault, suicide, and violence.

“I’m really excited about being the new sponsor and am looking forward to doing some new activities and trying some different things,” first year sponsor Mr. Tim Ney said.

SADD and its 35 members participated in things such as marching in the Homecoming parade, passing out car key chains which reminded people not to drink and drive, and throwing SADD footballs at the football games.

A totaled car, damaged by a drunk driver, was also displayed at the entrance of the high school early in the year, to portray the importance of buckling up and preventing drunk driving.

“I think when people looked at the car it really reminded them of what could happen and would happen to them if they were careless,” sophomore Bethany Thomas said.

—Ashley A. Williams

Sophomores Bethany Thomas and Erin Jacobs give out information to senior Desiree Woods at the Homecoming rally. "We handed out things like pencils, stickers, hotline numbers, and coloring books for kids,” Thomas said.
What is YouthFriends Corps?

It is an organization that provided educational help in many areas to younger children in the USD 204 school district.

The school district joined the group in 1998, was the 17th district to join the organization. The group consisted of 34 seniors, 15 juniors, and 10 sophomores.

"I love children and I love to help those who are in need of the help," junior Gwen Peters said.

The group met monthly to discuss the areas that needed attention, what members had done for which students, and/or what the organization needed to focus more on.

Junior Echo Prather spends time after school helping a younger student at Bonner Springs Elementary. "I enjoy helping out younger kids who are having a hard time. It makes me feel like I'm making a difference," Prather said.

"The reason I joined YouthFriends Corps was to help out kids that are younger than I am," senior Fredy DeLeon said.

The members of YouthFriends Corps put forth much of their own time to help out the younger students. During and after the regular school day, members went to Clark Middle School, Bonner Springs Elementary and Edwardsville Elementary to meet with their students.

"I tutored at Bonner Springs Elementary four days a week for YouthFriends Corps," senior Rebecca Stephens said. "I had two students privately and I helped with the math program. I had over 300 volunteer hours for YouthFriends, and I loved every minute of it."

—Tara Eveland
Setting up the board for one more game, senior Jonathan Emery prepares for a game of chess. “I was setting up the boards to play a doubles game where you can transfer pieces over from one board to another,” Emery said.


Chess Club. Was it for the elite of minds or could any “Joe Schmo” play? Did it require years of practice or is it second nature?

“I started playing chess at the age of nine, and I mostly lost for about the first three years, but I kept on playing and I improved,” senior Curtis Hartman said.

If students never had played before, they could still be on the chess team because their teammates and sponsor Mr. Wayne Kramer helped the younger players.

“We had a successful year, even though we didn’t repeat as state champs. We took second place and Andrew Lietzen received a 13 place at Nationals,” Mr. Wayne Kramer said.

Sports teams were not the only teams who practiced hard. The chess team met every Thursday after school to practice moves and strategies.

“We practice to get our end of the game up because that is the main stage of the game,” senior Matt Dinsmore said. “If you do good in that, you win the game.”

The results spoke for themselves at Garden City, Kansas in the Class 5A State Championships. The chess team received a second place team finish.

—Erick Ratliff

Seniors Curtis Hartman and Chance Burton contemplate their next moves while at an after school practice. “After school practices are fun. I enjoy sitting back, playing games and eating snacks,” Burton said.
Academic Decathlon was sponsored by Leslie Blythe for the fifth year. Meets were held at BSHS, Bishop Ward, and Shawnee Mission South. State was held at K-State.

Many people didn't know what Academic Decathlon was all about.

"Academic Decathlon tests students over all core subjects that should be completed throughout high school," Blythe said.

The three main events are the speech, the interview, and the written test.

"This basically means you have to write a speech, read a novel, listen to a CD., and go over all the information in a big, scary, black binder," senior Madeleine Rainbolt said.

This club was basically a battle of the minds.

"Academic Decathlon is a battle between mental gladiators," senior David Jones said. "You will speak, you will think, you will be asked questions, you will sweat. Once the dust settles, we will see who is intellectually mightiest."

—Michael Maxwell

Before the state tournament at K-State, senior Summer Rickert and junior Michael Maxwell practice for the school spirit competition back at the hotel. Bonner Springs won first place the previous year, but in 2003 the spirit competition was cancelled the day before they were to perform. "I wish they wouldn't have cancelled the spirit competition because that was our best event. It brought us all together and made us a team," Rickert said.

Academic Decathlon Team—Front Row: Randi Miller, Kim Miser, LaPourchea McConico, Sara Miller, Cara Harding, and Alanna Smith. Back Row: Helen Sangster, Michael Maxwell, Summer Rickert, David Jones, and Madeleine Rainbolt. The majority of the team went to state. There are three levels of A.D.: Honors, Scholastic, and Varsity. The team returned with 14 medals.
Seniors Lisa Assmann and Andrew Lietzen stand with Channel One anchors, Janet Choi and Errol Barnett and wait for the cue to answer the Channel One "Question of the Day."

Juniors Jon McIntyre, Lorenzo Romo, Michael Hernandez, and Dee Adger video tape their introduction to their "Question of the Week" segment for Tee Pee Talk "2." "I decided to join Tee Pee Talk because it looked like it would be a lot of fun," Romo said.


Ryan Haggerty, senior, and junior Lorenzo Romo videotape for a segment in the Tee Pee Talk 2 class. "I decided to be on Tee Pee Talk this year because it looked like a lot of fun, and I wanted to learn about video editing. Plus, I just like the atmosphere," senior David Jones said.
Eight years ago, technology teacher, Mr. Doug Kapeller decided to bring a new program to BSHS—Video Productions.

"We were creating the first student produced video yearbook and thought that to supplement the curriculum, we would develop a television program," Kapeller said.

Hence, the birth of the student produced newscast cleverly named, "Tee Pee Talk." In the program's ninth year, it got as much exposure as ever by having two classes.

The two classes produced separate episodes every week. The classes' new names were "Tee Pee Talk Classic" and "Tee Pee Talk 2."

Seniors Andrew Lietzen and Bethany Gallagher interview Channel One anchors, Erroll Barnett and Janet Choi. "When Channel One came to BSHS, it was fun because you got to actually see what goes on behind the scenes," junior Julie Jackson said.

"It was easier with two classes because there were less people trying to use the cameras and computers at the same time," senior Bethany Gallagher said.

Another new experience was when the Channel One anchors and crew came to Bonner Springs on Dec. 5, 2002 to tape the next day's broadcast. The Tee Pee Talk staffs, along with other students, helped Channel One film several parts of the episode.

At the close of the school year, Kapeller decided to move on to the newly built Olathe Northwest High School to be a member of their e-Communications Team and be in charge of video productions.

"It's sad to leave BSHS after fifteen years. However, to grow professionally, I thought it would be wise to take on a new job," Kapeller said. "I will definitely miss the close family-like atmosphere of the faculty and students."

—Lisa Assmann

Junior Michael Lopez tapes fellow juniors during Homecoming float construction. Tee Pee Talk staff members signed up to videotape and edit different events, such as Homecoming, games, or assemblies for the video yearbook.
The Beat Goes On

Excellence, pride, and school spirit is what the 94 members of band strived for. Along with performing at football games and basketball games, they also participated in concert band, the State Music Festival, and graduation ceremonies.

"The best thing about band is staying involved, marching, and just experiencing something great, while being with your friends," freshman drummer Janae Bailey said.

The band received a one rating at the State Music Festival, which was rated as "Excellent."

The pieces "Big Four March" and "Sona Ventorum" were performed in front of three judges who graded them on dynamics, tone, and quality.

The highlight of the year was the spring trip to Anaheim, California. Besides going to all the theme parks, the band got a chance to record in a Disneyland Studio, where they played several sections of music from various Disney movies.

After they recorded they got to hear the production played along with the movie part which the song corresponded with.

"I thought the recording experience was awesome because we got to play music that was off Disney Movies and then hear it," junior Anecia Reed said.

---Kim Stephens

Junior Leslie Davis and freshman Sarah Padilla march along side each other during the Homecoming Parade. The band led the parade by playing the fight song.

146 Band

Sophomore Matt Kerl performs "El Chupacabra" during one of the home football game's halftime shows. The band had extended practice during the weeks of home football games to prepare for the shows. "I liked marching band because it was fun, but it was a lot of hard work," Kerl said.

While marching in the Autumn Fest, members of the flag team stand at attention. "It was a lot fun being on the flag team, and I got to meet a lot of people and it was a great life experience," junior Randi Miller said.

Undergoing a New Change

It was a new year for the flag team. They got new uniforms, new routines, and also a new sponsor, Ms. Cindy Hayes.

The flag team began, lead by senior captain Christa Crane and junior co-captain Anecia Reed their season by starting a flag camp two weeks before school started. Their first performance was at the Tiblow Days Parade. "When I saw the girls perform at the Tiblow Days Parade in their new outfits, they were stunning. They also had a wide selection of flags," Hayes said.

The flag team had two major features. One feature was, "EL Chupacabra," which was performed at the home football game against Basehor-Linwood. "I think this is the best flag team every and the new uniforms are great and senior leadership is a lot better," Mr. Mike Leonard said.

The second feature was "Santana Jam," which was performed at another home game against St. Thomas Aquinas.

At State football Sectionals, in front of a large crowd of Bonner and Topeka West fans, the flag team performed "Best Years" and "Espana."

Although it was an exciting performance, the team became emotional because it was the last performance for seniors Christa Crane and Sarah Wright.

"Respect the team and they will respect you and make sure you have fun," Crane said.

— Anecia Reed
Sophomore Jenni Ova poses for a picture with Woody from Toy Story. Ova got the opportunity to take a picture with him while she was in Disneyland with the A Cappella Choir.

Junior Kevin Dame and sophomore Elliott Basler take time before the roller coaster ride in Disneyland to take a picture. Dame was part of the A Cappella Choir.

Members of Women's Ensemble perform at the Fall Choral Concert. Women's Ensemble had class during second hour and performed at all the concerts.

From going to State Large Group to traveling across the country, it would be an understatement to say that it wasn't a busy year for the A Capella Choir.

Joining the Kaw Valley League meant new responsibilities for the A Capella Choir. They hosted the league festival here at the high school, where league schools came to perform and got ratings based on their performances.

Ranging from singing at Crown Center to Disneyland, there were several concerts and events that they participated in throughout the school year.

"I enjoyed the students, songs, and how well we did at State when receiving I's. It was fun to perform and to have fun with your friends," senior Ambroshia Davis said.

The choir received a "I" rating at State Large Group at Gardner-Edgerton High school. A "I" rating meant excellence.

In the last part of April, the A Capella Choir, along with the band, traveled to Anaheim, California. The choir was given the opportunity to record a Disney song in a real live recording studio in Disneyland.

"It was fun to be with the seniors for their last trip," junior Matt Middleton said.

Overall, even though it was a busy year, it was also a successful and fun one.

—Sarah Benton/ Kim Stephens
Senior Tabatha Stark empties a recycle bin from the Kansas Speedway into the large recycle bin outside of the school. "My favorite part of Ecology Club was the recycling. I felt like I was making a difference," Stark said.


Seeing the students become responsible for the care of the environment is one reason why this was Mrs. Dee Dee Albert's second year as the Ecology Club's sponsor.

The goal of the club was to make the students aware of their environment and the effect that people have on it.

"My favorite part was getting to meet new people and make new friends, while cleaning up the environment," senior Johnathan Emery said.

Responsibilities they had were collecting the recycle bins from every classroom every Wednesday and Thursday during ELO. They also went to the Kansas Speedway every Wednesday to collect its recycle bins.

Other accomplishments that Ecology Club completed was the beautiful landscaping in the front of the school and the Memorial Walkway.

The Memorial Walkway was located on the south side of the building and had trees and other plants that were donated from the community, parents, and class members in memory of loved ones.

—Sarah Benton

Junior Autumn Hansen, the Ecology Club President and sophomore Miguel DeLeon empty a recycle bin from Mrs. Deena Burns' classroom. "Ecology Club was a great way to help preserve our world," Hansen said.
Why in the world would someone wake up an hour early every Tuesday morning? The answer: Club 121.

Club 121 was student led and organized by senior Sarah Benton, whose goal was to unite the club and the school as one.

The group met at 7:00 a.m. every Tuesday in the choir room to worship. An average meeting consisted of a speaker and a time of worship through singing and prayer.

Each week of the month had a theme. They were Accountability, Challenge, Testimony and Seek. Accountability was where students broke up into small groups and shared areas in their lives where they needed prayer and encouragement.

Challenge was when a speaker would challenge the group in some area of their life.

Testimony was where an individual shared their testimonies and what God had done in their lives.

Seek was when the group focused on bringing in friends and new members to the club.

"It's good to know that there are other people around me that I can depend on religiously," senior Rebecca Stevens said.

-Sarah Benton

Senior Sara Miller reads a prayer from her prayer book during the annual See You at the Pole ceremony on September 18th, 2002. SYATP was a day set aside every year, where students met at the flag pole to pray for their school and country.

Junior Alex Alexander plays his guitar while junior Autumn Hansen and sophomore Alyssa Alexander dance to the music. "I am excited that I will take over Club 121 (in 2003-04). Sarah (Benton) did a great job. It will be hard to fill her shoes," Alex Alexander said.
Morgan Danielle Tuttle

Dear Morgan from the very start, you were our sweetie P. A gift from God you stole our hearts, the same we'd never be.

Thru Diapers, tears and Barbie dolls, friends, fun and the blues, Bouncing balls to teenage days, so many precious scenes of you.

With so much love and little hassle the years rushed swiftly on, Now you're off to college Mo, very soon you will be gone.

Not for long, we're sure of that for laundry you must do, And like every kid in college you'll need a buck or two.

So even though time passes and childhood days must end, We are here if you need us for any problems we can tend.

What a joy you are to us!!!! We love you, Dad and Mom.

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Steven Lutjen

I grow more proud of you each day!
Love,
Mom

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Ashley Bush

Congratulations Ashley!
We are all very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Amber, and Grandma

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Holly Miller

Holly,
Who you are today is a result of choices you have made in the past.
And we are so proud of you.
When the choices get hard, follow your heart.
You have such a big heart.
And when given the choice to sit out or dance,
I hope you dance... I hope you dance, I hope you dance.
We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Mike

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Rebecca Stephens

Dear Rebecca,
We are all so proud of everything you have done and all your accomplishments. Don't stop striving for your goals and remember to have fun along the way. You are brave, mature, intelligent, and don't forget that you make a difference.
Love Always,
Mom, Grandma, your brothers and sister, and Tyler.
Krista A. Redlin

Dear Krista,

You have grown into a wonderful & bright young lady. We know you will go far in life. Dream Big and Work Hard & you will accomplish anything you put your heart into. Remember to put God first, Family second and Career third. We will always be here for you.

Love you lots & God Bless.
Mom, Patrick, and Matthew

Sarah Benton

Sarah,

We love you and are so proud of you. Always remember that we are here for you—in good times and in bad. Keep shining brightly for Him.

Love always,
Mom & Dad

Lisa Assmann

Congratulations Lisa,

Your spirit has brought so much joy into my life. I look forward to sharing that spirit as you move into the next phase of your life.

Love,
Dad

Danielle King

This every stage of your life to becoming a beautiful young woman, you have made me so very proud of you. Your lovingness, sweetness and sense of humor have made my years as a parent so very happy. Today your life holds endless possibilities. Hold on to your dreams, my little ballerina, and move forward one day at a time. Remember true happiness will be found all around you. I will miss your smile and silliness that always made us laugh when we were sad. Keep that wonderful personality and you will go far.

As you move through life's journeys, always remember your mom, Krist and Zak will miss you very much.

Love always and forever.
Mom

David Lemon

To David—

Not only are you a good team player. . .you're a great son & brother.

Love,
Dad and Doris,
Michael, Chad,
Christina, Kellie & John

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Chris Stakley

I hit a home run when you came into my life. I couldn’t be more proud of the man you are today. Forever keep that smile on your face and my love in your heart and you will succeed in this next inning of your life.

Love ya’
Mom

George Elmer

It seems only yesterday when you came into our lives with your big bright eyes and your little, almost transparent, fingers. You have grown into such a thoughtful young man. Let those eyes see you into your new journey in life, and your now big, strong hands hold big dreams and goals for your future.

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Stephanie

Andrea Dill

Andrea,

I can’t believe the years have passed so quickly. From a silly little girl to a beautiful young lady. You have always brought sunshine to our day and joy to our hearts. As you continue down the path that GOD has planned for you, remember that “Choice” is a gift that he has given you. Trust in GOD and trust yourself, the path will be endless.

We love you,
Dad, Mom,
Amy, Adam, Teresha,
Tyler & Alec

Chad Vandenberg

Watching you grow up has been one of the greatest gifts of life. We know you will succeed in whatever you do. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Sis and Lou
Lindsey Stanbrough

Dear Lindsey,

Over the last 18 years, you have given us so much joy, and so many, many memories. You have grown from a sweet little girl to a mature young lady, of whom we are very proud!

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Jill Gardner

I'm very proud of the outstanding young woman that you've become. The future holds many special things for you.

Go for all of it!

Love you,
Mom, Mike and Megan

Tabatha Brittny Stark

You are my sunshine, my precious sunshine, you make me happy, when skies are gray, you'll never know dear, how much I love you, please go all the way!!

I love you & I'm proud of you!

Mom

Jake Vitatoe

Jake,

Dare to dream, find your passion, strive for excellence—your journey is just beginning, and there are no shortcuts to any place worth going.

We are so proud of you.

Mom & Steve

Kallie Moore

If a child lives with approval, she learns to like herself. If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, she learns to find love in the world. We have tried to give you this in life. We have watched you grow into a beautiful and confident young woman who is not afraid of life. You have the determination to do anything. Go for your dream.

Congratulations!

Love, Mom & Dad

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David Jones

David,

You have always been our favorite entertainer. Keep a song in your heart and a dance in your step. We know you can do anything you set your heart and mind to. We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments.

Always remember, whatever direction your life takes you, we will always be here for you.

We love you,
Dad, Mom and Jon

Melanie Chandley

May God continue to bless you and may you enjoy happiness as you continue to work hard to achieve your goals.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Melissa

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Jessica Adams

Jessica, We are very proud of you and the accomplishments you have made. You have become a beautiful young woman. We pray that all your wishes and dreams come true in the future.

God bless you!

Love,
Mom, Aaron, Mandi, T.J.

Chad Moppin

The life that awaits you will be filled with challenges and rewards. Always believe in yourself and never say can't. The world is yours. We will stand back now watching and hoping that the life you choose for yourself will be fulfilling and prosperous. Keep God first in your life and follow your dreams. Although you are the last of our sons three, there's nobody prouder than Dad and me!

Congratulations Chad!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Dubbi, Jason and Tiffany

Nicholas Romo

Nicholas, We love you and are so proud of you. We're proud of the responsible young man you have grown to be and for all the hard work you've done to keep up your excellent grades. We know whatever you choose to do in life, you'll be great at it. Just remember to love and serve God, and always put him first in your life.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Christina and Lorenzo

Jessica Leigh Ventura

Jessica, It seems like only yesterday that we were playing with our baby girl, now you are a high school graduate! You have grown into a smart, charming and beautiful young woman. We are so proud of you! We know that whatever you choose to do in the future, you will succeed!

We are always here for you and love you with all of our hearts.

We love you,
Momma, Daddy and Brandi
Summer Rickert

"This above all, to thine own self be true..." (Hamlet).

You are our joy—thank you for who you are and who you are becoming!

Love you lots,
Mom & Dad

Amber Storey

We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

Whitney Mitchell

Whit,

Eighteen years ago, a beautiful little girl came into our lives. Eighteen years later a beautiful young lady continues to be the joy of our lives. We are so proud of your accomplishments and know that our pride will continue as you move into a new chapter of your life.

All our love and best wishes,
Mom, Dad, Cassity and Nate

Nicki & TJ McGinnis

You two have come a long way together; from the halls of Sacred Heart, to Clark to BSHS. As you now branch out and choose separate paths, may you always hold clear your roots in the family.

May your futures be bright and full of happiness; may you meet each new challenge with optimism and perseverance; and may you enjoy life to its fullest!

We love you and are very proud of you,
Dad, Mom and Kori

Tanya Wisely

To a very special daughter:

I am and will always be very proud of you. You have always been a high achiever, and I know you will always reach your goals and dreams. I wish the very best for you. I have always known that you are the very best daughter a mother can have. Thank you, Tanya. I wish you the best of luck in college and whatever you choose to do with your life, and I will always be there for you.

Great job and Congratulations!

Love, your Mom and Dad
Sara-
From the moment you were born, we knew you were special.
The sparkle in your eyes and the lift in your voice made every family
gathering, vacation, and daily routine a treat.
Eighteen wonderful years have flown by. We've watched you grow from our
baby in ringlets to a mature beautiful intelligent woman.
What wonders await us and others who will share your adult life with you.
We are truly blessed and wish you the best in everything you set out to
accomplish.
When you've finished conquering the world, remember, you can always
come home.

We Love You,
Your Family

Sweet, neat, quite a treat, you help make our lives complete.
Awesome, pretty, eager to serve at school, church and city.
Responsible, smart, from the start you stole our heart.
All the best for now and ever. Much success in all you endeavor.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Meghan

Jennifer Knight
You may be growing up, but you'll
always be our "Sissy Doodles."
Love always,
Mom and Dad

Kyle Foley
Congratulations!
We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Curtis

Kelly & Kathy Yates

Kelly and Kathy,
Eighteen years ago, two beautiful babies were placed in my arms.
It was all up to me, to love you, guide you, and keep you from harm.
I hope I have successfully completed my task.
Payment for my labor has been most joy and love than I could ask.
Letting you go out in the world may leave me lonesome and cold.
No one said it would be, or so I am told.
All I've ever wanted for you has come from my heart.
Nothing has changed, it's been that way from the start.
Always remember, I won't be too far.
I'll be here if you need me—while you reach for your star.
If during your journeys, you should stumble or fall.
I'll be there in a moment, with a single phone call.
I couldn't be more proud. If I were queen for a day.
My job is now done, I'll send you on your way.
I know you'll both be successful and happy—you'll shine.
But to me—you'll always be those beautiful babies of mine.
All my love, for all my life.

Love,
Mom

SHANNON RENEE DAVIDSON
You have made us
so proud! You are
a wonderful
daughter and
friend. Keep being
you, and you will
go far!
Love,
Mom and Andy
Lauren Lee Roberts

Congratulations!
Were very proud of you!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Amber Lynn Spiess

We love you for not only the child you were but for the woman your becoming. We are so proud of all the accomplishments and success you have had and are excited for your future. We know with all the love, knowledge and courage you hold in your heart that all your dreams will come true. Congratulations on your graduation.

We love you our baby girl!!!!
Mom, Dad, Grandma Linda, Grandpa LeRoy, Spiess's, Shoaf's & Norton's

Amber Grace Williams

Amber,
You did it. I've never known a more stronger and independent person as you have become. May 17, 2003 will be the starting of a new life for you, like Aug. 27, 1984 was for your dad and I. No two people could of been happier than we were when you were born. Just remember Amber Grace, life will make a lot of different turns. I know you'll choose the right ones. You are a great daughter. Thank you for being my special girl.

Love you always,
Mom, Aaron, and Ashley

MARK WISEMAN

You have grown up to be a very strong and wonderful young man.
Life has dealt you many obstacles these past eighteen years, but with courage and perseverance you have become the young man you are today. May you always know happiness and success!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Melissa

Summer Pappe

Summer Kayla,
Raising you by myself has been a real experience. My love for you is greater than the vast universe. I am so proud of all your accomplishments. I look forward to supporting and guiding you in your adult endeavors.

Unconditional love,
Dad
Aaron Weathers

Aaron,

CONGRATULATIONS! You are truly a blessing. First one Born... First to graduate. Since the moment you were born, we knew you were a special young man. We are amazed by your awesome talent, abilities and accomplishments in academics and athletics and your determination to accept nothing but 'your' best.

You have grown to be a Godly man of character... a leader... and we are so proud of you.

We are behind you in all that you do... Always.

Remember... Difficult moments, seek God. Quiet moments, worship God. Painful moments, trust God. Every moment, thank God.

Keep God first in your life and He will direct your path. (Proverbs 3: 5,6)

We Love YOU!
Grandma, Mom, Alexis and T.J.

Jennifer Johns

Jennifer.

Not a day goes by that we do not feel blessed to have you in our lives and to have had the opportunity to grow with you during the past 18 years. Beautiful memories have been made that we will treasure forever. You should be very proud of yourself, as we are. Enjoy each day of your life and take nothing for granted. We are so proud to have you as our daughter.

Love, Mom and Dad

Amy Marcel

Amy.

Congratulations on your graduation! Thanks for all your hard work and flexibility on the yearbook staff the past three years—you’ve been a wonderful photography editor! Best of luck to you in the future and never stop smiling—it’s one of your greatest assets!

Love, Ms. Yankovich

Blair Monn

We’re very proud of you, Blair! Congratulations and we know you will go far! And remember, time flies, so make the best of it!

Love, Mom, Dad, Justin and Raechel

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Junior Nicole Barry and sophomore Morgan Grabmiller say their final good-byes to senior Krista Rollin on one of the seniors last days of school. "Seeing the seniors leave was really hard because throughout the year I became close friends to a lot of them, and it's going to be hard without them here next year," junior Tara Eveland said.

After receiving their caps and gowns on their last day of school, seniors Jennifer McConico and LaPorchia McConico stand in front of school to read letters they had written to themselves in Mrs. Vicki Tate's seventh grade English class back in 1999. "It was amazing to see that the friends I had back then are the friends that I still have now," Amy Marcel said.
Waiting for the end to come quick,
You couldn't have helped feeling sick.
You wanted to leave and you wanted to skip,
But you couldn't help thinking, is this the end of my high school trip?
Joining Orange Crush and supporting an athlete,
You tried to attend all games and watch your friends compete.
Preparing for the ACT's and studying for quizzes and tests,
Were you thinking you'd never get a rest?
First year competing in the Kaw Valley League made everyone awestruck,
But could it have been just beginner's luck?
The excitement of graduation and the night of Prom,
Did you sleep the night before, or were you totally calm?
Do you remember the Multicultural Day protest?
The reasons why people sat together and the purpose of their distress?
Getting through the obstacles, would it be the highlight of the year?
As you graduate, will you walk across the stage with a tear?
As the year came to an end, for some it may have all just begun,
But for the Class of 2003, they were just Gettin' It Done.

— Amy Marcel & Ashley A. Williams

Seniors Megan Dell, Justin Bowman, Heather Stensrud, and Clerisha Smith stand outside of the school, waiting to line up for graduation. The senior class had to meet in the high school commons at 6:30 to prepare for the graduation ceremonies at 7:30.

As seniors awaited their big day,
They didn't realize their big mistake.
They never thought about how much they'd miss it,
And until that last moment, some had wanted to quit.
They spent the last four years waiting for the big event,
Remembering how much it all really meant,
To walk on the stage with their heads held high,
To shake a hand, pause for a picture, and sigh.
Some things they will never forget,
Like the loss of a great friend, which made many upset.
Not so easily forgotten the good times they had,
Nothing they would have wanted to take back.
They made a great impact,
Truly the leaders of the pack.

To the Class of 2003:
Good luck in all that you pursue,
I'm sure we'll all be happy one day,
Knowing that there are people out there like you.

—Ashley A. Williams