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PREPARING to release their egg drop projects, junior Xavier Capalla and senior Julius Ellis wait for the command from the timer in Carolyn Pearson's 5th hour Physics class. FOCUSING intently, junior Ryan Holcomb completes his first quarter psychology exam. "The sleep and dream pattern unit was my favorite," Holcomb said. CENTER, junior Harley Ruszala paints a personalized parking spot for a lucky Orange or Black Card winner. The new Renaissance reward program offered students numerous prizes such as parking in the teacher's parking lot for a week.
In a small town, you can hardly go out without seeing someone you recognize. At school, it's the same way. Everyone is somehow linked to someone else, whether it's through friendship, church, school, sports, or other outside interests.

Word here travels faster than our 4x100 team, so don't think there are any secrets.

With just over 700 students, familiarity may seem hard to come by, but you'll rarely meet someone new here. The friendly atmosphere encourages interactions throughout the student body.

Through sports or activities, Facebook or Myspace, cell phones or personal relations, we are all, somehow, linked, joined, united, and Connected.
At BSHS it's easy to stay connected. You'll have a difficult time finding someone who doesn't partake in something extra. Students join clubs, play on sports teams, participate in organizations, and some even hold part-time jobs. All of this involvement contributes to the vast network of BSHS, where everyone is involved, in some way or another.
Orange Crush mixed it up by sponsoring two special events to increase participation:

First came the “Black Out” game Oct. 3 at Piper. Orange Crush members dressed in black instead of the traditional orange. The purpose of the game was to increase spirit through change. “We wanted to change up our normalcy a bit,” said junior Tessa Seaton, pictured above. “It was an unexpected success.”

Next came “Pink Crush,” a way to recognize and support Breast Cancer Awareness. As part of “Coming Together for a Cure” on Dec. 19, BSHS and Turner High School teamed up for a worthy cause and the gym was filled with pink. In the days leading up to the game, there were numerous fund-raisers, including everything from the sales of pink frozen custard to pink T-Shirts. In the end, approximately $2,600 for the KU Breast Cancer Research Center was raised.

CRUSH CAPTAINS BREAK IT DOWN:

“I really loved being able to lead all the cheers. The best part was the energy that we gave off during games, especially basketball games.”
—Matthew Bille, 12

“The influence we had as captains was awesome; we could start chanting nonsense and the crowd would join in. I really enjoyed cheering against other schools; we put their clubs to shame.”
—Jacob Barren, 11
CHEERING with the crowd, juniors Malia Williams and Alex Argudo participate in a traditional Crush cheer. "I love the feeling of being at games and all the energy and excitement that Orange Crush represents," Williams said. SHOWING exceptional spirit, Tyler Kelly, a junior, waves at someone in the crowd. "Orange Crush has a good spirit about it," Kelly said. "It seems like we boost the morale of the team, no matter what the outcome is."

WACHING with intensity, junior Joey Robertson, senior Cara Poe, and sophomore Caleb Seaton await the next play. "Orange Crush has made me get more involved in the school," Poe said. "Buying a shirt my freshman year was one of the best decisions I made in high school."
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Monday

FAKE AN INJURY DAY:
"I had four surgeries, so I used what I had lying around from when I was away from school. I think the kids who participated got into it, but more should be daring and do it."
—Sharon Sandin, staff

Tuesday

TRIPLET DAY:
"I race cars, and I had a bunch of shirts that matched, so we decided to use them."
—Lucas Haas, 10 (top right)
"I think more kids would participate in Spirit Week if teachers gave extra credit."
—Zach Laver, 10 (top middle)

Wednesday

HIPPIE DAY:
"I had just bought the shirt, and it really worked. I threw the rest together, and it was very comfy. I think if you added more variety to Spirit Week activities, more people would participate."
—Brandy Hoover, 12

Thursday

FICTIONAL CHARACTER DAY:
"I brainstormed a bit and ended up using my Transformers helmet. I also made an Autobots shirt; I'm a big fan."
—D.J. Brooks, 11

Friday

WAR PARTY DAY:
"My outfit was basically the same thing I wear every game day. I just added face paint."
—Elizabeth Griner, 11 (top left)

WORKING with wire, Santiago Garcia helps mold a part of the sophomore class float. Unfortunately, the sophomores placed last in the competition. USING white paint, senior Julia Glenn finishes a dice piece. "Float Construction was a ton of fun. We made use of what we had and took first place. I just wish more seniors would have been involved," Glenn said.

STENCILING a face, Meg Fowler contributes to the junior float. "I really enjoyed all the paint fights we had; we laughed a lot throughout the week. We might have won if more people would have shown up," Fowler said.

PAINTING a mock card, Jason Cornett finishes one of the last touches on the second-place junior float. "This was my first year helping with float construction," Cornett said. "I think it was really fun, but it could be improved."
Float competition gears competitive spirit

The dim environment of the district bus barn is a familiar feeling for returning Student Council members and a new tradition for the freshmen. Inside the bus barn, students wrestle with wire cutters and chicken wire while others struggle with ideas. Move outside to the bright parking lot and you’ll see various students spray-painting, cutting cardboard, and engaged in an occasional paint war. Welcome to float construction.

A long-time tradition, float construction consists of intense class competition during a short eight-hour span to make the best float possible to match the Stuco-selected theme.

“I loved float construction this year; all the floats were really good, and ‘Casino Royale’ was an awesome theme to decorate for,” said Stuco President Monica Sorensen. “Float construction is a do-it-yourself, scrap-things-together, class-bonding type of thing. I’m going to miss it next year.”

The week concluded with War Party Day where students donned a little bit more than their usual Braves’ game day attire as the team was sent off with a thunderous fanfare provided by the band in the commons.

—Bailey Nairn
I actually thought Luke Terrell would have won. I was not paying attention; in fact, I was thinking of how to win the football game and then they said my name and I heard cheering. Overall, I think it was a good week and a very surprising one at that.

-James Canada

Winning homecoming queen was something I always fantasized about since I was really little, but I never believed that I would ever become the homecoming queen. It was an honor to be nominated, but to win was an amazing feeling and something I didn’t expect.

-Stefanie Sprenkle

LEADING the way, freshmen Madison Scott and Miranda Hackney march in the parade. SPEAKING before the pep rally, football team co-captains junior Brandon Eastland and senior Jonathan Walker and get the crowd pumped up. "I think the team overall was a close group. When we lost, we didn't give up. We just knew we had to work harder to get a win the next week," Eastland said.

Royal BREAKdown
Homecoming 2008

Date of Game: Sept. 26
Score: Bonner 7, Mill Valley 12
King: James Canada
Queen: Stefanie Sprenkle
Date of Dance: Sept. 27
Cost to enter: $7 per person or $10 per couple
Theme: Casino Royale, with silver, red, and black as the decoration colors.
Dance Attendance: Around 450 students, the biggest attendance so far.
MARCHING in the parade, sophomore Brandon Clark plays the Braves' fight song. The band traditionally leads the high school portion of the parade. TAKING aim, junior Justin Buehler, center, gives it his best shot as he bashes the SADD car at the pep rally. "The SADD car helps raise money for the different activities we participate in throughout the year," sponsor Tim Ney said.

ADDING a decorative touch, sophomore Brenna Hoch paints the face of a young fan at the pep rally. "I enjoyed painting the kids' faces because I enjoyed seeing the excitement in their eyes," Hoch said.

ENJOYING the pep rally, juniors Kourtney Kraft, Ariel Williams, and Kayla Loftiss take part in the pre-game activities. The pep rally is usually held directly after the parade.

As the auditorium became dark and the curtain was closed, the melody of the chorus filled the room with "We love you, Conrad, oh yes, we do," taking the audience back in time.

"Bye Bye Birdie" is the story of Conrad Birdie (T.J. Walker), an Elvis-type figure who gets drafted to the war, much to the dismay of his adoring female fans. However, Kim MacAphee (Olivia Walterman), wins a much-anticipated goodbye kiss with Conrad that gets interrupted by MacAphee's boyfriend, Hugo Peabody (Clayton Rhodes.) Ultimately, the plot twists and turns with lots of upbeat, feel-good music.

Beginning in late August, the cast and crew practiced long and hard after school to make this show happen, so they could showcase their dedication in performances that ran Nov. 13-15.

"I picked this musical because the students and I could enjoy it, and it was for the whole family," director Brian J. White said.

There was a great turnout for the fall musical, and many people enjoyed the great comedy and the blast back to the 1950s.

—Andrea Marx and Jessica Mitchell
SINGING her heart out, junior Chelsea Peters plays the part of Rose Alvarez in the bar scene with senior Chris Brasswell as the bartender, Maude. "My favorite part of this scene was seeing Mr. White at the table stacking up bottles and pretending to appear drunk," Peters said.

ABOVE: Just as Conrad Birdie (T.J. Walker) arrives in town, Ursula Merklin (Mackenzie Lee) attempts to take his attention away from the rest of his adoring fans. LEFT: When Albert Peterson (Xavier Capalla) tells his mother Mae Peterson (Brandy Hoover) that he loves Rose, it breaks her heart. "It was so hot in that brown coat," Hoover said. CENTER: Birdie confronts the mayor (John Jenkins).

What was your favorite scene?

"I really enjoyed the scene when I was in my bedroom, and I had to figure out how to change my clothes appropriately while I was singing."

—Olivia Walterman, 12

"I enjoyed the scene when I got to bring the pea shooter to my dad; his reaction was funny."

—Shane Crosby, 9

"My favorite scene came in Act I when I got to hit Conrad Birdie in his face right before he kissed my girlfriend, Kim."

—Clayton Rhodes, 11
The art, the pain, the symbolism, the memories. There are many reasons why teenagers might decide to mark their bodies. However, not all high school students have the opportunity to get tattoos and piercings even though they might want them. But why? Kansas law requires anyone under 18 to have parental consent and notarized permission before any tattoo or piercing can be professionally done.

Senior Alexis Crumrine waited until she was 18 to get her first tattoo. Although she wasn’t required to be there, Crumrine’s mother accompanied her for moral support.

Crumrine’s first tattoo featured the name ‘Alexander’ and a little heart under it. Crumrine decided to get her tattoo on her foot so it’s easy to show off, but she could still cover it up. Like other teens, Crumrine wasn’t done there. A little over a month later she returned to Freaks in Westport for her second tattoo, which featured the phrase “Live, Laugh, Love” on her side.

When she was 17, senior Tera Isenhour and her father got matching tattoos at Dragonfly in Kansas City, Kan. That tattoo is pictured below and was selected to represent love, life, and loyalty.

“I can’t wait until I turn 18, so I can get my next one,” Isenhour said.

Also pictured is Tera’s nose piercing, which she did herself because she felt paying someone anywhere from $40 to $60 was uncalled for. To save time and money, she bravely pierced it herself.

—Erika Busch
“If you get one, you can’t stop. They’re addicting.”
-Brittany Winfield, 12

Cherelle Henderson
Senior Cherelle Henderson started getting tattoos the summer of her junior year. Even though she thought her first one was painful (a rose on her foot), she got a second one on her back (her nickname, "Rellish", with stars). Henderson went to Dragonfly in Kansas City, Kan., for both of her tattoos. The new tattoo artist at that time, Donnie, got the pleasure of doing both of them. Henderson also has her tongue pierced.

Mike Harman
Junior Mike Harman got his first tattoo at age 16. He decided to rep his last name, "Harmian", on his back. Harman said he had no regrets and out of a scale of 1 to 10, his pain level was a six. Harman’s advice for anyone thinking about getting a tattoo was, "Don’t be a sissy about it!"
**Mr. Bonner Springs**

**Date:** Dec. 5  
**The Scoop:** Sponsored by Student Council, Mr. Bonner Springs has taken place for the past five years and gives six brave senior guys the chance to entertain their peers by dressing up like women and strutting their stuff. “The assembly went great,” Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said. “The contestants got an amazing response from the crowd, and of course our judges always help to bring an element of fun.”  
**Winner:** John “Jasmine” Jenkins  
**Runner-Up:** Seth “Shanequa” Clements  
**Feedback:** “I think it went very well,” junior Kayla Loftis said. “It was entertaining and funny at the same time.”

**Making** the crowd laugh, senior John Jenkins enters the gym with style. “I was surprised when I looked in the mirror, but I had a lot of fun,” Jenkins said.
Emily Hunt & Brett Steuart
Dinner: Applebee's
Attire: Cheerios T-shirts
Time at dance: Three hours
Money Spent: $87.35

Brenna Hoch & Shane Radford
Dinner: Winstead's
Attire: Devil Wears Prada T-shirts
Time at dance: Two hours
Money Spent: About $30

Tanner McCleary & Bailey Nairn
Dinner: T.G.I. Fridays
Attire: Iron Man T-shirts
Time at dance: 20 minutes
Money Spent: About $60

A Hip-Hoppin' Night

Taking it back TO THE Nifty Fifties

Going back in time, those who attended the Nov. 15 Women Pay All (WPA) dance got to experience the feel of the 1950s. Though the attendance was low, with about 150 students, the level of enjoyment was still high.

The outfits varied from poodle skirts and greaser jackets to a more modern jean and matching T-shirt attire, while the music more appropriately matched the current era.

With the help of classic cars, balloons, streamers, and jukeboxes, Stuco worked late Saturday afternoon to transform the commons area into a 1950s-style theme.

"I thought the students that did come made their own fun," Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said. "They ended up having a great time."

-Kaylie Holloway

GETTING their groove on, sophomores Caitlin Hilliard and Santiago Garcia enjoy the dance. "We ate at Don Chilito's before the dance and went cosmic bowling afterwards," Garcia said. "I had tons of fun."

DANCING the night away, sophomore Cordell Duncan and senior Teran Holter show off their moves. They wore gray Sesame Street T-shirts with a picture of Oscar the Grouch on the front.
WITH his arms outspread, Steve Spreinkle begs his daughter, Stefanie, to dance with him. "My dad and I both liked the music they played; it was much better than normal," Spreinkle said. IN the middle of the crowd, junior Emily Herre and her father, Chris, dance to "La Bamba." "My sister had a father-daughter dance at her high school, so I thought it'd be a blast, and I was right," Herre said.

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**Changin' it Up**

**Students and parents kick back at new event**

There's many things that parents of upperclassmen wish for their children: acceptance to a good college, good fortune in their studies, and of course, graduation. But one thing that all parents often long for is that one special memory of high school with their students. This year, the Mother-Son/Father-Daughter dance allowed parents this memory.

The inclusion of the dance in the 2008-09 school year stemmed from the hard work of sponsors Adrianne Law and Lisa Terrell.

"We saw how much other schools liked this type of dance and thought it would just be a great tradition to start here at Bonner," Terrell said.

Juniors and seniors were encouraged to ask their parents, and it was strictly an upperclassmen event.

"What we wanted was for parents and students to be able to have one solid memory from high school with each other, and this gave them that opportunity," Law said. "It was a great start."

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**DANCING** together, junior Meg Fowler and her father, Ray, share a personal moment at the Father-Daughter Dance. "I really enjoyed being able to do something that made my dad happy," Fowler said. "It made me feel good." **SINGING** along to the music, senior Anthony Ellingsworth leads his mother, Samantha, in a slow dance. **WHILE** twirling with her stepdad, Doug Rohr, junior Lynsey Ostman (right) enjoys dancing with an old pro. "Doug was a great dancer/date; he really knew what he was doing," Ostman said.

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**- Jake Barren**
Q: Who was the cutest couple at the dance in your opinion?
A: "Well, my dad thought Ray and Meg Fowler were the most fun, but I disagree, we were the cutest!" – Aubree

Q: What was the best part about your father/daughter date?
A: "He was such a gentleman!" – Aubree
A: "She actually brought me and wasn’t embarrassed." – Dan

Q: What was your favorite song?
A: "Black Betty!" – Dan
A: "I requested that for him! Mine would have been ‘Thriller’ by Michael Jackson."
A: "Betty’s" requested that for him! Mine would have been ‘Thriller’ by Michael Jackson. – Aubree

Q: What would you tell other parents and students who are still skeptical about this dance?
A: "Don’t be embarrassed to just have fun. It was honestly one of the best dances I’ve been to, and I didn’t even need to buy a dress." – Aubree
A: "If you don’t try it, you’ll never know." – Dan

Q: What did you do afterwards?
A: "I went to the movies!" – Aubree
A: "I went off and did grown-up things." – Dan
Hickory Dickory Dead

Murder mystery a big hit for winter play

Distant sisters Connie Girard and Regan Tasker plan their reunion at the beautiful Hickory Dickory Inn. However, their weekend takes a turn for the worse when they find the host of the Inn murdered! With a snowstorm outside, the phone lines cut, and no way to get in or out, the killer is among those inside the Inn.

Who could it be? Is it the host’s unemotional sister Essie, played by Amanda Trent? Or how about lovebirds Clark (Xavier Capalla) and Keeky Curtis (Samee Sprenkle)? No one knows, and everyone is a suspect. The sisters can’t even trust each other, and Regan even holds a seance to see if the victim himself will point a ghostly finger at the murderer.

The high drama of the Hickory Dickory Inn was the perfect setting for the winter play, which was performed Feb. 5-7. According to director Dan Streit, this particular mystery was selected because it represented "something different" for the smaller-than-usual, but cohesive cast.

“For the most part, all the students did a great job of developing their characters. I was very pleased with what they came up with,” Streit said.

Although the turnout wasn’t as big as expected, many people enjoyed the mystery and comedy of a play that kept the audience guessing.

—Andrea Marx and Jessica Mitchell

Q: How many performances have you been in at BSHS?
A: "I have been in six in my high school career."
Q: Was it easier to prepare for musicals or the plays?
A: "Musicals, because it was easier to get into character. You don’t need to make up your character."

Q: Who were your characters in the play?
A: "Edgar Hill, Tom Bailey, and Hank Mason's ghost."
Q: What were their main roles?
A: "Edgar: A 60-year-old man suspected of the murder. Tom: A young actor who disguises himself to get away from the good life. Hank: Returns from the dead to reveal the truth about his murder."

Q: Are you anything like your character in your everyday life?
A: "Yes, in some ways. I am loud, outspoken, mean, and hateful like Essie."
Q: Was it hard to act out so many different emotions in the play?
A: "For me it wasn’t. It was almost natural; I think it’s because I am so much like Essie."
Courtwarming reflects Ancient Grece

In mid-January, Stuco members voted "A Night in Olympus" as the Courtwarming theme to offer a change of pace to those previously selected. The chosen Spirit Days were Business Apparel Day, Western Day, Kindergarten Day, and War Party Day.

However, with a short week due to Presidents' Day, the turnout for some days was not as high as expected, but there were many participants on certain days.

As the dance approached, the sun broke out, and Stuco members transformed the commons area into a glimpse of Olympus. Decorators ranged from balloons and columns to a picture of the Roman Coliseum.

About 250 students attended the dance and danced the night away to music provided by a disc jockey from Complete Music.

"The students who did attend the dance had a great time and danced until ten," Stuco sponsor Adrienne Law said.

—Nancy DeLeon
CREATING columns for the dance, senior Cali Hackney and sophomore Chelsea Crawford attach tape to keep it together. "Although I didn't go to the dance, the decorations looked pretty amazing," Hackney said. "I was surprised by my column-building skills." SAVORING the moment, seniors Aubree Miller and Seth Clements pose for a quick shot after being crowned Courtwarming king and queen during the half-time of the Mill Valley game.

SLOWING it down, senior Seria Holmes and junior Brooks Ballou dance the night away. "The dance was a blast, and the decorations looked really nice," Holmes said. "I was happy on how it turned out." MOVING to the beat, senior Julius Ellis, left, enjoys his evening. "I thought the music could have been better and more up-to-date," Ellis said. "I still had fun because I was already looking fly."

On April 14, we asked 190 students about the influence of peer pressure in their lives. Here are their answers:

In the past 30 days, has peer pressure caused you to:

- 20%...consume alcohol?  
  said yes 80% said no

- 16%...engage in sexual activity?  
  said yes 84% said no

- 42%...lie to a parent?  
  said yes 58% said no

- 49%...be influenced in a positive way?  
  said yes 51% said no

- 43%...improve your performance athletically?  
  said yes 57% said no
Students feel mounting presence of peer pressure

Upon entering high school, students begin the four-year long struggle to make friendships and to fit in. During this journey, outside influences can vastly affect actions taken by students.

Peer pressure is a driving force that might not always be noticeable, but is a constant factor in all types of behavior. These impacts can be seen in all age groups, from elementary school to the work place. However, the biggest increase in peer pressure often occurs when students enter high school.

"Once I entered high school, I noticed that peer pressure was all around me. It got worse my junior and senior year; people were pressured to do a wide variety of things," senior Brittany Logan said.

With increased mobility, freedom, and responsibility—and in some cases decreased parental supervision—the door is left open for students to make many independent decisions. While attending high school, students are also often exposed to a wider age gap, thus a broader range of lifestyles and the pressure to fit in with older groups.

"It's just different things. When you're little, it's small things like eating worms or something. But now, it's generally illegal things," senior Aubree Miller said.

Some students find entertainment in the same ways they always have: going to the mall, hanging out with friends, and playing sports and video games. However, other students may find themselves straying from the norms and looking towards rebellion. As a part of this, they may feel pressured to try alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other illicit drugs or to become sexually active as they attempt to fit in with a new social scene. The statistics are fairly alarming.

According to a 2008 "Communities That Care Data" compiled by the Regional Prevention Center of Wyandotte County, students surveyed said they began drinking alcoholic beverages regularly at the approximate age of 13.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that approximately 74.3 percent of high school students nationwide had consumed one or more drinks of alcohol in their lifetime.

So how do students cope?

"Peer pressure used to be a big deal to me, but I have grown out of its grip," junior Robert Plumb said. "I've seen people pushed to smoke or drink; it's tough for some people because they are so desperate for acceptance."

For other students, the solution is simply to remain true to themselves.

"I try to not let my thoughts and opinions be affected by the thoughts and actions of others. If you're happy with yourself and the decisions you make, then the judgement of others really does not matter," sophomore Victoria Porter said.

However, peer pressure doesn't always have to be a negative influence. In fact, most students believe that peer pressure can be used in a positive manner, both in the classroom and in athletics.

"I notice the older athletes trying to push us to do better and do our best," freshman Joey Mills said.

With so many different types of pressure today, peer pressure can be considered a friend or an enemy.

-Jake Barren and Bailey Nairn
Parts to a Perfect Prom:

Prom Committee

Front Row: Emily Herre, Lynsey Ostman, Shelby Ney, Row 1: Taylor Reed, Flora Nyakatura, Brittani Littlejohn, Meg Fowler, Elizabeth Grinter, Bailey Nain.

Decorations

CLAPPING to the beat, junior Ryan Morris dances the night away. "I definitely got my money out of the night. I enjoyed dancing," Morris said.

ENJOYING the night, junior Christeen Coon dances with her date, junior Garrett Kruger.

King & Queen

Brittany Bennett and Lucas Tuckel

PROM ROYALTY. Front Row: Brittany Bennett, Erika Busch, Renee Drury, Monica Sorensen, Krystal Stanton.

Row 2: Julius Ellis, Zach Gharst, Ethan Isaacs, Lucas Tuckel, Adam Shirley.

GETTING their groove on, junior Brad Roush and sophomore Riley Mortensen enjoy the dance. "This was my second prom, but I have to say fondue at Taelor Falconer's house was the best part," Mortensen said.
STARING into each other's eyes, seniors Krystal Stanton and Adam Shirley enjoy a slow dance. "My favorite part of prom would actually be the music, and of course my date," Shirley said.

**An Evening of Enjoyment**

**Date of Prom:** April 18  
**Location:** Lake of the Forest Clubhouse  
**Cost to Enter:** $45 per couple for the early bird price, $50 per couple for the regular price  
**Theme:** "An Elegant Affair"  
**Colors:** Black, white, silver, and maroon.  
**King:** Lucas Tuckel  
**Queen:** Brittany Bennett  
**Attendance:** 240 students
An Elegant Affair

Seniors Isaac Mills and Brittany Bennett

Juniors David Katosh and Amber Priddy

Senior Amber Barnes and her date Hunter Fox

Junior Korey Sanborn and freshman Ashley Muldoon

Freshman Miranda Hackney and junior Zach Hunt

Senior Oscar Sanchez, juniors Cara Brown and Candice Standridge, and senior Jared Brailsford

Junior Emily Herre and senior Alex Soto
May 6
Meet E-mentor...

E-Mentoring: Ethan Isaacs (top) meets with his E-mentor while Lucas Tuckel (bottom) listens to his E-mentor tell a story as they wait in line for dessert.

May 8
Present Senior Boards...

Senior Boards (clockwise): J.P. Holley shows his restored car to his Senior Board panel; Amanda Couch explains her cake-decorating project while Joyce Hilario shows off the dress she made for her project.

May 12
Locker clean-out, Pick up cap and gown...

locker Clean-Out: Cherelle Henderson (far left) fights back the emotions as she cleans out her locker. Sykneese Fields (left) digs deep into her locker. Pick up caps and gown: Aubree Miller (top) and Jordan Fehd (bottom) receive their cap and gown on their last day of school.
May 14
Arriving...

Arriving: Samantha Zook and Shanna James (top) receive final instructions from senior sponsor Lisa Terrell. Jacyln Lira and Joyce Hilario (bottom) arrive at school.

Anticipating...

Anticipating (clockwise): Danny Nicholson and Bryce Peterson wait in their holding room. Nancy Garcia and Julius Ellis embrace before the ceremony begins. Anticipating (clockwise): Kaley Withers and Lacie Wood wait anxiously for their turn to walk across the stage. Hannah Burgess and Nancy Correa walk into the P.E. Center to their seats.

Graduating...


Graduating: Ashlee Harding (far left) walks off the stage, diploma in hand. Jacob Morris (left) receives his diploma. Celebrating: Nate Lloyd (top) enjoys riding the pedal car at the Project Grad party which was held at Paradise Park in Lee’s Summit. Cindi Price (bottom) has fun on the bumper cars also at Paradise Park.
Obama mania reaches peak on Inauguration Day

What did the Inauguration mean to you?

"Honestly, on one hand, it gave me a good sense of pride that an African-American was president. On the other hand, I would like to see what he does before I'm proud of him." - Alan Smith, 11

"The Inauguration of Barack Obama meant a lot to me because I had family that went through slavery. It makes me happy to know things are still changing; having our first black president gives a lot of people hope." - Lauren Groves, 10

"LISTENING" to the inaugural address, freshman Jake Carter leans in to contemplate the details. "The Inauguration was a reassurance of moving on. Given our past, who would've thought that an African-American man would be president of the United States?" Carter said. "For the most part, this reassures me that everything America has gone through was worth it."

WATCHING intently, students in John Makona's class view the Inauguration. "They were watching history that is probably going to take years to be repeated," Makona said.

SHOWING support for President Obama, senior Yeaulonne Waters packs her bag after class. "The Inauguration meant so much to my family because we got to watch history in the making," Waters said.
Class of 09

From top: Sandy Gomez, Anna Nelson, Nancy DeLeon and Krystal Stanton

Clockwise: Renee Drury, Joyce Hilario, Erika Busch
Julia Glenn, Kaley Withers, Alexis Crumrine

Lucas Tuckel and Nikkilas Burks
Brittany Winfield
Jeremy Walker
Jonathan Walker
Michael Walker
LeDrue Wall
Olivia Walterman
Jhavonne Waters
Yeaulonne Waters
Garron Wayne
Cole Wiedenmann

Not Pictured:
Chris Braswell
Ashley Collier
Olin Coones
Irene Hernandez
Jason Knight
Aaron Lugo
Jacob Morris
Anthony Null
Christopher Owens
Stephen Shores
Nickolas Waldo

Class of 2009
Most likely to return to BSHS to coach or teach:
Luke Terrell and Amber Barnes

Most likely to get caught trying to text in class:
Chris Smith and Sandy Gomez

Most likely to appear on a Wheaties box:
Cali Hackney, Jonathan Walker, and Amanda Trent

Most likely to star on Broadway:
Adam Shirley and Stefanie Sprenkle

Most likely to become President:
Monica Sorensen and Isaac Mills
Most likely to remain best friends forever:
Nancy DeLeon and Anna Nelson

Most likely to start their own fashion line:
Aubree Miller and Alex Soto

Most likely to remain best friends forever:
Matt Bille and Alex Sullivan

Most likely to start a charity:
Laura Rink and Seth Clements
Mandi Adams
Sabrina Adkins
Hugo Aguirre
Oscar Aguirre
Genesis Alvarez
Amy Anderson

Jeff Antill
Kerrriann Arnold
Elisa Arzabala
William Baker
Brooks Ballou
Jacob Barren

Max Barren
Ryan Bartels
Kevin Beashore
Chris Bickley
Bradley Brewer
D. J. Brooks

Major Brooks
Cara Brown
Jonathon Brown
Michael Brown
Justin Buehler
Brady Burton

Xavier Capalla
Jenna Caquelin
Christian Carter
Savannah Casteel
Anthony Catron
Brittany Caudillo

Priscilla Cerros
Jordan Chaney
Kelly Chastain
Tim Clark
Joseph Coffman
Jeremy Cook

Christeen Coon
Jason Cornett
Megan Crane
Kaleigh Crider
Jessica Cunningham
Maegan Deierl
Q: What was your favorite TV show as a kid and what is it now?
A: "When I was younger my favorite show was Barney, now it is One Tree Hill."
  —Emily Randolph

Q: What was your most memorable moment of your junior year?
A: "Mr. Caldwell's class because of all the fun things we got to do and the crazy things we talked about."
  —Chris Stites

Q: If you were famous, who would you be and why?
A: I would want to be Ellen DeGeneres, because she is hilarious, and I am hilarious. She also has her own talk show and that's what I want.
  —Mandi Adams
Name: Melissa Garcia  
Birth Place: Dallas, Texas  
Last good movie I saw: "Step Brothers"  
Pig-out food: Veggie Lasagna  
Can't stand: Ignorance  
I stay at home to watch: "One Tree Hill"  
Three words that describe me: Super, awesome, cool

Name: Justin Buehler  
Birthdate: Jan. 26, 1992  
Birthplace: Kansas  
Can't Stand: Loud noises in the morning  
Dream Car: Bugatti Veyron  
Three words that describe me: Crazy, funny, beautiful  
Favorite subject in school: None of the above  
Favorite thing to do outside of school: Unnecessary stuff

Nichole Horton  
Zachary Hunt  
Devin Hylton  
Christopher Jenkins  
Alysha Johns  
David Katosh  

Tyler Kelly  
Lyndie Kill  
Emily Kissinger  
Kourtney Kraft  
Jordan Kraus  
Garrett Kruger

Katie Lansdown  
Stephanie LaSage  
Mackenzie Lee  
Alyssa Leihising  
Blaine Lewis  
Brittani Littlejohn

Jake Loehr  
Sara Loeza  
Kayla Lofiss  
Vanessa Lugo  
Marcus Lunn  
Jordan MacDonald

Michael Marquez  
Andrea Marx  
Shaylene Mason  
Samantha Maxwell  
Alex May  
Cassandra McCorkendale
Name: Zach Hunt
Birthdate: March 15, 1992
Birthplace: Kansas
Favorite Sport: None
Stay at home to watch: Avatar
Three words that describe me: Lazy, quiet, ninja
Hero: Dr. House
Favorite Food: Ice cream

Name: Marissa Duarte
Birthdate: Feb. 5, 1992
Birthplace: Kansas
Pig-out food: Candy
Hero: My dad
Three words that describe me: Nice, funny, respectful
Best movie of all time: "Superbad"
Favorite Color: Blue
Profile:

Name: Persephone Hart
Birthdate: Oct. 4, 1993
Pet peeve: When people dislike reading
Favorite subject in school: Chemistry
I don't leave home without: My cell phone.
Favorite movie: "Rent"
Three words that describe me: Intelligent, nosy, creative.

Name: Tyler McMahan
Favorite food: Steak, potatoes, and salad
I stay home to watch: "American Idol" and "The Biggest Loser"
Favorite hobby: I have no idea.
I have always wanted to: Go out of the country.
Worst fear: Bugs
People don't know that I'm: A teacher at my church.
Profiles

Name: Jessica Brown
Birthdate: Sept. 8, 1992
Pet peeve: People with negative attitudes for no reason.
Favorite subject in school: Advanced 2-D Art
I don’t leave home without: My head.
Favorite movie: "Coraline"
Three words that describe me: Silly, sweet, organized.

Name: Luke Porras
Favorite food: Enchiladas
I stay home to watch: "George Lopez"
Favorite hobby: Football
I have always wanted to: Sky dive.
Worst fear: Snakes
People don’t know that I’m: Larry Fitzgerald’s No. 1 fan.
Profiles

Name: Katie Wecker
Birthdate: Sept. 4, 1992
Pet peeve: When people use "text lingo" when speaking in person.
Favorite subject in school: Spanish
I don’t leave home without: My cell phone.
Favorite movie: "She’s the Man"
Three words that describe me: Outgoing, crazy, unique.

Name: Joe Hilario
Favorite food: Fried chicken
I stay home to watch: NCAA football.
Favorite hobby: Sports and video games
I have always wanted to: Go to the Super Bowl.
Worst fear: The girl from "The Ring"
People don't know that I: Workout.

Alexis Moore
Destiny Moore
Robert Moore
Magen Morris
Riley Mortensen
Jacob Moulin

Jessie Mulich
Michael Mullens
Derrick Nangle
Jake Nay
Joslyn Nelson
Richard Nicholson

Logan Opat
Alicia Palcher
Branden Petersen
Juan Pichardo
Luke Porras
Victoria Porter

Zachary Povitzki
Jonathan Price
Alyssa Prince
Emily Pyles
Zachary Reed
Dustin Ross

Alex Russell
Katie Ryun
Michael Saldivar
Devene Salvino
Maria Sanchez
Chantell Scevers
Q: If you could have any superpower, what would it be? Why?
A: I would choose to fly. I think it would be really fun. Plus, you could see everything and you wouldn't have to worry about traffic or gas.

—Megan Ussery

Q: What is your most memorable moment from sophomore year?
A: "I have way too many memories to even try to narrow it down. I strive to make every day memorable and with great friends they make it easy!"

—Kathryn Clark

Q: If you had to lose one of your five senses, which would you chose? Why?
A: "Smell. Because sometimes it's better not to smell."

—Kris Lugo
Q: If you could spend a year in any place in the world, where would you go?
A: "I would spend a year in Europe and travel everywhere."
   — Cuthia Ebertz

Q: What have you enjoyed most about coming to the high school?
A: "I've really enjoyed everything because you have more freedom here, and they listen to your opinions more."
   — Katrina Houston

Q: If you could have dinner with anyone famous, whom would you choose? Why?
A: "Sully Erna (lead singer of Godsmack), because he is a really good singer."
   — John Rushing
Profiles

Name: Parker Miller
Birthdate: April 15, 1994
Pet Peeve: The sound of people scratching a chalkboard.
Favorite subject in school: World Geography
Favorite movie: "Step Brothers"
Three words that describe me: Fun, hard-working, silly.
I don’t leave home without: My cell phone.

Name: Jessica Carroll
Favorite food: Cheetos
Worst fear: Clowns
Favorite hobby: Photography
I have always wanted to: Travel to Italy.
People don’t know that I: Used to have a ferret.
I don’t leave home without: A pen.

Katrina Houston
Emily Hunt
Ramey Hunt
Jason Hutzel
Jenna Hutzel
Christopher Isenhour

Ashton Isas
Johathan Jackson
DeDric Johnson
Tyreka Johnson
J.R. Jones
Shawn Jones

Dallas Keller
Tharavin Khiev
Samantha Kiely
Kaleb Kivett
Jimmy Klingele
Jeffrey Knapp

Gary Knight
Rebecca Kumler
Carol Laster
Kelsey Leitner
Alexandria Lies
Jamie Loehr

Kelsey Loftiss
Mackenzie Lofton
Cody Mance
Allen Maness
Erin Marx
Danielle Matthews
Q: What was the most memorable moment of your freshman year?
A: "Being a part of Orange Crush at all the football games."
   —Katelyn Smith

Q: What have you enjoyed most about high school?
A: "The freedom—you're allowed to make your own choices and decisions. I love it."
   —Michael Yunker

Q: What are you most thankful for?
A: "A roof over my head and my wonderful sisters."
   —Salina Dearte
Name: Toni Stock
Birthdate: May 1, 1994
Pet Peeve: When someone walks by and says 'Excuse me' so you'll move, but there's really plenty of room.
Favorite subject in school: P.E.
Favorite movie: "The Notebook"
Three words that describe me: Funny, unique, loved.
I don't leave home without: My cell phone.

Name: Jose Contreras
Birthday: Jan. 14, 1994
Favorite Food: Chinese
Worst Fear: Being in the dark
Favorite hobby: Playing football
People don't know that I: Talk a lot.
I stay home to watch: "South Park"
I have always wanted to: Be like Superman and possess his superpowers.
Q: Whom do you admire the most in life? Why?
A: "My parents because they're successful and they've put up with me all these years."
-Jake Carter

Q: What was your most memorable moment from your freshman year?
A: "I liked being on the swim team and the tennis team."
-Jesse Anderson

Q: If you could have dinner with someone famous, whom would you choose?
A: "I would have dinner with Barack Obama because I've always wanted to meet him."
-Andrew Orea

Kayla Sullivan
Stephanie Sutton
Ashlyn Swan
Rachel Taylor
Breanna Tendick
Taylor Thoele

Christina Thrash
Rebecca Tilden
Kylee Timberlake
Alesha Tomasevic
Austin Travis
Nicholas Trischler

Joey Trotta
Elaine Turner
Kyle Turner
Kenneth Tyson
Ricardo Urriola
Sergio Valenzuela

James Waldo
Amber Wallace
Joy Wallace
Symone Warren
Dion Washington
Nicholas Whalen

Brandon White
Bryan Williams
Christopher Williams
Steve Williams
Cheyenne Wilson
Emily Wilson
JaVante Young
Aby Younger
Michael Yuncker
Bradan Zamora

Erin Wilson
Jordan Wilson
Kollin Wonnell
Arlando Young

Class of 2012

Clockwise: Joshua Oden competes at the WCYO Invitational; Katelyn Smith, left, and Lauren Callahan take part in the codeout at Freshman Orientation; Shawn Ellis writes a goal statement his first day of high school.
Profiles: Jennifer Schlicht

Q: You've traveled extensively with student groups since the summer of 2004. What makes these experiences so worthwhile? Why have you sponsored so many trips?
A: "Above all things, I love to travel, and I enjoy experiencing new foods, cultures, learning new languages, and navigating through new cities. When I was in high school, I would have loved the opportunity to travel abroad, but that wasn't available at my school. When you love something, you want to share it, and that's how I feel about traveling, I believe that we are all citizens of the world and the more we experience the better we are able to understand the world."

Q: What was the best part of your Spring Break trip to China? What surprised you about China?
A: "I enjoyed seeing the pandas at the Beijing Zoo and riding bikes around the ancient city wall in Xi'an. The thing that surprised me the most was all the Chinese people being so excited to see us."

WHILE at the Great Wall of China, Jennifer Schlicht poses for a quick shot. READY to go, the students who were a part of Mrs. Schlicht's Spring Break trip to China (from left): Brian Callahan, Melissa Garcia, Lucas Tuckel, Cindi Price, and Jared Brailsford.
Melissa Flint, Foreign Language
Debbie Foley, Student Services
Jeff Fouquet, Language Arts
Martha Gamble, Food Services
Carol Hahner, Paraprofessional

Jennie Hale, Food Services
Lesley Hancock, Special Education
Jim Hanson, Assistant Principal
Kathy Harding, Food Services
Cindy Hayes, Science

John Hilton, Athletic Director
Jill Holder, Language Arts
Linda Horvath, Art
Ryan Hull, Social Sciences
Lew Kasselman, Physical Education

Linda Kasselman, Secretary
Sarah Kolle, Mathematics
Cheryl Lacer, Mathematics
Joe LaCicero, Business
Lynn LaNoue, Technology Education

Q: When did you begin your career at BSHS? What were your previous teaching experiences?
A: "I began eight years ago in the 2001-02 school year as a social studies teacher. I taught in the Shawnee Mission district for 32 years where I was the head baseball coach for 24 years; I was also an assistant coach for football and wrestling."

Q: What have you enjoyed most about BSHS? What are some of your memorable moments?
A: "The student body; they are friendly and easy to work with. The school is just the right size; it's easy to get to know everybody better than in a big school. My first year at BSHS was the most memorable; it was much different than Shawnee Mission."

Q: What are your plans after you retire?
A: "To be totally honest, I have no plans. I want to be able to do whatever I want. This is my 40th year in education, and now it's time for something different."
Profiles: 

Susan Swabb

Q: What have you enjoyed most about your first year at BSHS teaching Spanish?
A: "The kids; they are really great."

Q: Last year, you lived in New York. What made this experience so interesting?
A: "New York is unique. My two youngest boys, my husband, and I lived on a boat. I hated it. There were way too many people in New York, and I missed the people back home. My husband still lives and works out there.

Q: Why is important for students to know a foreign language?
A: "The main importance is that it opens students' minds to other cultures. It also makes you realize that there are other ways of doing things other than the midwest Kansas type of way."

Birthday: Jan. 20, 1964
Birthplace: Amarillo, Texas
Subject area: Spanish
Family: Five children and her husband
Favorite movie: "Life Is Beautiful"
Favorite Spanish word: "Cacahuete"
Hobbies: Cooking, gardening, and scrapbooking.
Profiles:

**Barry Richards**

Q: What have you enjoyed most about your first year at BSHS?
A: "The students and the freedom to teach."

Q: What sport do you enjoy coaching the most?
A: "Baseball, baseball is my life passion."

Q: How have your experiences here compared to coaching at other schools?
A: "Similar; basically athletes are the same everywhere."

Q: Why are you so passionate about sports? Why are sports so important for high school students?
A: "Sports teach life long-skills important for survival in the real world. Sports are something that I shared with my father, and now I am sharing them with my kids."

Birthday: June 15, 1961
Birthplace: Altoona, Penn.
Subject area: Math
Favorite sports team: Penn State
Favorite sports movie: "Field of Dreams"
Hobbies: Golfing, camping, and kids.
RECEIVING her prize from counselor Lisa Terrell, senior Renee Drury is rewarded with an iPod Nano at the first Renaissance assembly. "I was crossing my fingers when they were drawing names," Drury said. "When they called my name, I jumped up from the bleachers and almost fell. I was so happy."

Toni Stock
"I was really surprised to win an iPod. I was happy because I had just broken mine a week before."

Chance Crawford
"I was excited to win a camera. It was good to be rewarded for doing the right thing."

Zach Povlitzki
"I was really surprised that I won, but I was also nervous to go out in front of everyone. I didn't go to the game because I like K-State."

Morgan Simpson
"It was a pretty cool thing to win. The flat screen has a much better picture."

ESCORTED by junior Mike Harmon, senior Tiara Jones walks down the court to play Plinko, in hopes of winning a prize at the second-quarter rewards assembly. "I was nervous to go down there," Jones said. "But I was glad to get something for free."
The goal of the new Renaissance program was to recognize students for good attendance, grades, and behavior by rewarding them with a wide variety of prizes during all-school assemblies.

"Some students are at the top and always excel while others are at the bottom and don't perform to their highest potential," assistant principal Joe Hornback said. "The Renaissance Program was targeted at the students who fall in the middle. Sometimes students just need a little motivation."

Four prize-packed assemblies were held throughout the year, with each event featuring some type of game.

The first assembly was highlighted by "Munsch's Wheel of Magic" while Plinko, "Deal or No Deal" and March Madness provided the inspiration for remaining assemblies.

Every prize was either donated or purchased from monetary donations. Sandwich sales on "Mr. Goodcents Fridays" were a major sponsor to the program, and all profits raised went towards the prizes.

At the end of the year, students and teachers were surveyed to evaluate the program as a whole and to explore what changes might be made in the future.

—Kaylie Holloway and Anna Nelson
ACADEMICS It ORGANIZATIONS

Being involved in school can mean different things for different people. For some it may be meeting new people through organizations; for others it may simply be interacting with their teachers and peers in class. Whether you’re trying to graduate as valedictorian or benefiting the community through an organization, the student body stays connected through clubs and classes.
What's Cooking?

Students learn skills for life after high school

School isn't just all about math and English. It's safe to say our elective classes help to make our long days at school go a little bit smoother. Students are given the opportunity to take classes that will help them with their life skills and expose them to new challenges.

Junior Mark Schmidt, shown right, is careful to make sure he doesn't burn anything while cooking in his fourth-hour foods class.

"I really liked the class; I enjoyed being able to cook," Schmidt said.

Senior Kathryn Christwell felt the same way about her cooking class.

"I liked taking the class because it taught me plenty of things I didn't know. Plus the different cultures helped to broaden my choice of foods instead of just eating American all the time," Christwell said.

All students enrolled in a cooking class learn how to make a variety of foods and desserts. Another important skill taught is how to work in a kitchen, along with the proper cleaning.

—Erika Busch

ABOVE: Junior Garrett Kruger and senior Cherelle Henderson fill their plates with pasta after preparing a meal in their fourth-hour class. "I didn't know anything about cooking," Kruger said. "I thought it would help me understand it a little bit better, and I learned that cleaning is a big issue in cooking."

LEFT: Senior Kathryn Christwell mixes all of her ingredients together in a foods lab.
CHECKING on the status of his egg, junior Brandon Eastland unwraps the box that he used in the experiment. "My egg broke, but I didn’t put much time into my project," Eastland said. BELOW: Physics instructor Carolyn Pearson explains the process that students will use for the egg drop experiment.

Real World Physics

For a third-quarter physics project, students were asked to create something that would protect an egg that was dropped off the top of the stairwell from cracking. "I love seeing how creative my students can be. This teaches them force and acceleration in a hands-on way," instructor Carolyn Pearson said. LEFT: Junior Shelby Ney checks for cracks on her egg after dropping it. "I believe it was rigged. I tested my project a lot at home, but after the second drop at school my egg broke," Ney said.

Was your egg drop project successful?

"Yes, I used a lot of padding to keep the egg safe."
-DeAndre Randolph, 12

"Yes, I used foam and bubble wrap to help with the shock from the impact."
-Alex Arquero, 11

"Yes, my egg made it. I used a plastic tomato container and suspended it in panty hose."
-Robert Plunk, 11

"Yes, my egg made it the first round, but broke when I tried for extra credit."
-Bailey Naim, 11
Student Council

Student government takes it to a new level

From planning dances to showing freshmen where to find their classes, Stuco members were committed to making a difference all year long.

After answering questions during a presentation at Freshman Orientation, Stuco members kicked off their regular activities by attending a regional leadership conference in Lawrence to get fresh ideas and new perspectives.

"I enjoyed meeting new people at the conference, and we got a lot of new ideas for the school," senior arbitrator Cali Hackney said.

After that, it was on to Homecoming where members designed the floats and banners for their respective classes.

A new activity came in December when Stuco members joined together with student leaders from Turner High School to promote breast cancer awareness with a variety of activities and fund-raisers.

"Coming Together for a Cure was a huge success. It exceeded all expectations, and we are planning on having the event again next year as a new tradition to BSHS," sponsor Adrianne Law said.

The year concluded with a pizza party to say goodbye to the graduating seniors and a discussion of major changes ahead in the election process.

—Shelby Ney

HELPING to prepare for "Coming Together For A Cure," junior class vice president Bailey Nairn paints the Pink Crush banner. "I thought that the fund-raiser was a great success. It really proved the potential of Student Council and other clubs to raise money for a good cause," Nairn said.

LISTENING intently, Student Council members pay attention to the day's agenda during a Connection Time meeting.
What are your responsibilities as the senior class president?
"I help to lead my class and make Stuco run smoothly. Monica, the executive president, and I also work together to come up with new ideas for Stuco."

- Julia Greene 12

Do you feel that you had more responsibility as Junior Class President than in previous years?
"Not so much responsibility, but definitely more authority."

- Jacob Barney 11

What is your favorite part of Student Council?
"My favorite part of Student Council is the Regional Conference that the class officers and seniors get to attend at the beginning of the school year."

- Chelsea Crawford 10

Why did you decide to apply for the freshman class president position?
"I applied to be freshman president because I wanted to get involved in Stuco and felt like it would be a fun and enjoyable experience."

- Adrienne Stuber 9
"I had four great years of the game, and this year was the best of all."
—Erika Busch, 12

"My favorite cheer was the one that we made up because we used creativity."
—Austin Anderson, 12

"I didn’t like the make-up. It was a pain to get off, but the skirts were very breezy."
—Alex Sullivan, 12

PUMPED up, senior Nikki Rittinghouse strikes the Heisman pose before the game. "Since we did shutout the underclassmen, it was more competitive than in other years. I’ll remember this game in years to come," Rittinghouse said.

THE night’s step-in cheerleaders make the infamous star formation (clockwise from top right): Austin Anderson, Brandon Mills, Alex Sullivan, Chance Crawford, Anthony Ellingsworth, J.P. Holley, Zach Dean, and Matt Bille.

LINING up, the Junior-Sophomore team gets ready. The Senior-Freshman team won 18-0 with touchdowns coming from Erika Busch and Julia Glenn. "It was pretty intense because the seniors were all so into it," said Alyson Espy, second from left.
OPENING a card, junior Emily Randolph thinks of what to write to a soldier at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. "I was writing the soldiers to thank them for everything they do for us," Randolph said.

FOLLOWING the lines during an October service project, senior Stefanie Sprenkle cuts the fabric while making baby blankets for Project Warmth. "It was fun to make them with my friends especially since it was for a good cause," Sprenkle said.

Connecting With

Kayettes

Number of members: 42
Sponsors: Jennifer Schlicht and Linda Orangkhadivi
President: Dani Green
Vice President: Celicia DeLeon
Major Activity: Powder Puff football game
Unique Fact: Kayettes is only known to Kansas
New Activities: Writing cards to soldiers at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and making blankets for Project Warmth.

"What I like about Kayettes is that there aren't any boys and we're all close, so we can talk about anything with Mrs. O and Mrs. Schlicht."

- Dani Green, II

"My duties as Vice-President were to plan meetings and upcoming events. My favorite part was our community service cause."

- Celicia DeLeon, II
Science Olympiad

Sponsors: Carolyn Pearson and Tim Ney
Number of Members: 30
Where they practiced: Science Olympiad met every Wednesday during Success Time in sponsor Carolyn Pearson’s room.
What they competed in: There were 23 events, including Forensics, Egg-O-Naut, Junkyard Challenge, Picture This, and Write-It-Do-It.
State Qualifiers: Juniors Kayla Zimmerly and William Rhodes qualified for state by winning first place in Write-It-Do-It at the regional competition. Unfortunately, they were not able to attend state due to a conflict with the ACT.

Competing in the Electric Vehicle event, junior Lynsey Ostman powers up her car. “Compared to the entries of the other competitors, our car didn’t do so well,” Ostman said. PREPARING for launch, juniors Tessa Seaton and Alex Argudo set up their rocket while competing in the Egg-O-Naut challenge at Shawnee Mission West. “Our launch went pretty good since our egg didn’t break, but we didn’t get first place,” Seaton said.
Academic Decathlon

**Sponsor:** Sarabeth Sack  
**Number of Members:** Eight  
**Major activities:** Two small meets and one large meet. They also attended two practice meets with the Bishop Ward team.  
**No one knows that...** There is a different theme for the competition every year. This year’s was Latin America.  
**Achievements:** The team won eight out of 24 medals at state and a third-place prize for Division Two schools.

LEFT: Mulling over a problem, junior David Katosh participates in a practice home meet against Bishop Ward. “I enjoyed Academic Decathlon because it helped me to improve my public speaking skills, and I placed second at state for the essay competition,” Katosh said.  
**BELOW:** Junior Xavier Capalla listens as sponsor Sarabeth Sack prepares the team for their upcoming meet.

Quiz Bowl

**Number of members:** 24  
**Sponsor:** Chris Wood  
**When do they meet?** The Quiz Bowl team meets every Thursday during Connection Time in Mrs. Wood’s room.  
**Events Attended:** This year Quiz Bowl attended 17 meets, two of which were hosted by the BSHS team.  
**No one knows that...** Mrs. Wood originated the Quiz Bowl team at BSHS in 1984, when two students came to her and expressed their interest in the competition.
Connecting With

Color Guard

Number of team members: Five
Sponsor: Cindy Hayes
Captain: Breanna Putnam
Major activities: Performing at all home football games and marching alongside the band at parade and festivals.
Nobody knows that they... do all sorts of team-building events like flag "jump-roping."
Also referred to as: An auxiliary unit
New Activities: The Neowallah Marching Band Competition at Ottawa on Nov. 25.

"I thought our best show was the last home football game when we performed in the "Tainted Love" halftime show. It was my last performance as a BSHS color guard member, so that gave it added meaning."

-Breanna Putnam 12

Talkin' Color Guard

Definition: A horizontal spin that goes over your head.
Trickiest aspect: "It's tricky to get your fingers right when you spin the flag in the air."

-Morgan Crane 11

Definition: Two-handed spin in front of your body.
Trickiest aspect: "Hand placement would be the trickiest aspect of the Drop Spin."

-Brittany McFaul 10

Definition: One-handed spin on your body and then behind your head.
Trickiest aspect: "The trickiest aspect of the Flourish would be learning how to use your wrist."

-Jamie Loehr 9
Who's your musical influence?

**Victoria Porter, 10**

**Musical Influence:**
Red Hot Chili Peppers

**Why?** "I consider them to be musical geniuses; they have been making amazing music for many years and continue to blow my mind with everything they create."

**Jonathan Price, 10**

**Musical Influence:**
Michael Cooper,
Class of 2008

**Why?**
"He is a great player, and he inspired me to go further in band."

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**Connecting With Jazz Band**

**Number of musicians:** Six

**What's new?** Director William Turley

**Instruments Used:** Typically trumpets, trombones, saxophones, percussion, bass, and guitar.

**Major activities:** Performing at the Black History Month Assembly and many local functions, such as the Candy Cane Promenade, Kiwanis Christmas Dinner, and the Delaware Ridge Assisted Living Veteran’s Day Celebration.

**Something no one knows about Jazz Band:**
When students play a solo, it is music that they have composed themselves.

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**BRUSHING up**, sophomore Collin Henry rehearses with the Jazz Band. "I really like the smaller numbers in the class and the music we're exposed to," Henry said.

**DURING** a sixth hour practice session, sophomore percussionist Clinton Beck rehearses for the Black History Month assembly.
Throughout the last few years, the BSHS choirs have made a comeback. Not only have class sizes increased, but concerts have become bigger, and contest results have jumped to the top. The choir program is thought of as a big family, with director Brian J. White as the father figure. TOP: Sophomore Kathryn Clark sings with A Cappella at the February choir concert. MIDDLE: Members of the A Cappella choir sing at the first concert of the school year. LEFT: Juniors Morgan Storey, left, and Vanessa Lugo sing the national anthem before the Homecoming game.
On Dec. 14, 2006, director Brian J. White decided that since his choirs had been doing so well he would add something new. This new venture was called Project X, a select group of singers.

Even though the group features an abundance of talent, they still practice at 7 a.m. every morning and on Wednesdays during Success Time. All their hard work and time pays off, though, as Project X has been asked to sing for many different events. Project X even assisted in Mr. White's proposal to Donna Davis by singing a jazz standard "My One and Only Love" at the English Landing Park in Parkville, Mo., on March 3.

What was your favorite thing about Project X?

"I like singing and knowing that my voice sounds good in the morning."

—Cordell Duncan, 10

"My favorite part is getting to start my day out by singing."

—Mackenzie Lee, 11
What was new? Director William Turley
Number of musicians: 36
Drum majors: Stanian Porchia, Morgan Tinsley
Turley’s Take: “I have really enjoyed watching the improvement of the band this year. We are constantly getting better.”
District Solo/Small Ensemble: Melissa Cisneros, clarinet; Morgan Tinsley, clarinet; Katie Tisch, flute; Zach Hunt, William Rhodes, Morgan Tinsley, clarinet trio.
Ratings: Baker, II; Newouah, II; Large Group Festival, III.
Director’s Goals: “We had two main goals: Having perfect rehearsals that led to perfect performances and restoring the pride and traditions of the band. We have been achieving both goals on a regular basis."

LEADING the band, senior drum major Stanian Porchia directs a rehearsal piece. Porchia shared the drum major roles with junior Morgan Tinsley.

PRACTICING for the upcoming winter concert, sophomore Jonathan Price and freshman Cullen Sager play their French horns with great precision and skill. RIGHT: Freshmen Allen Maness and Cody Mance perform seasonal music at the winter concert. BOTTOM: Playing up a storm, senior John Jenkins and junior Ryan Morris prepare for the heated Baker University festival.

RIGHT: Preparing mentally for the upcoming competition, junior D.J. Brooks, left, freshmen Drew Hern and Devon Schubert, and junior Clinton Beck gather up to go over their beats before performing in the Baker University competition.
As a senior what has been your favorite band memory?

“My favorite moment from senior year had to be Senior Night. Being the last ones off the field and finally getting recognized for our hard work over the last four years felt amazing.”
—Katrina Rollins, 12

While in band what has been your most embarrassing moment?

“When I was a freshman, I was getting ready for a performance and I was putting on my marching pants when a boy walked in. I was so caught off guard that I dropped my pants; I was so embarrassed.”
—Morgan Tinsley, 11

LOOKING off into the distance with intensity, freshman Madison Scott plays the national anthem before the football home opener against Basehor. “What I liked the most about band is the trips, the bus rides and the freedom,” Scott said.

“My favorite memory from senior year had to be going to Baker University and getting a rating of II. It just really shocked me that we were able to get a II.”
—Katrina Stogner, 12

“I never get embarrassed. Band rules!”
—Ryan Morris, 11
Peer Helpers

ENJOYING one of the activities during the September Peer Retreat, junior Carli Turner learns more about herself as well as other Peer members. "The retreat was a lot of fun, but I was disappointed that we didn't get to stay all night or do the challenge course that we were promised," Turner said.

PRACTICING a counseling situation at the PEER retreat, junior Jake Barren and sophomore Brian Callahan learn new ways to help their peers. "Putting on situations like that really put me on the spot and made me think. It always felt like a real situation. I'm more prepared now, but I haven't had to use my skills yet," Callahan said.

GIVING senior Ethan Isaacs a red AIDS awareness ribbon, senior Alex Sullivan greets fellow students at the door to announce the occasion. "AIDS Day was a good experience to teach the reality of AIDS to others around us," Sullivan said.

EXPLAINING events for AIDS Awareness Day on April 9, senior Meghan Miller, right, steps up as the school's BASE representative. The Peer Helpers were part of a group of area schools that came together to educate students on HIV/AIDS awareness. "I feel honored to have been chosen to represent our school. I had to give up a lot of Sundays with Steve, the leader of BASE, to plan the conference," Miller said.

The PEER Helpers also sent seniors Erika Busch, Julia Glenn, Laura Rink, and Kaley Withers, junior Steven Walker, and sophomore Erin Mills to assist in writing a grant for money to put on their own AIDS Day. "I think our work was important because sex education is usually ignored in schools," Miller said.
PUTTING on a Drug-Free ribbon, junior Flora Nyakatura plays her part in SADD’s Red Ribbon Week. “I really enjoyed being a part of SADD. We had a lot of student involvement in support of us,” Nyakatura said.

LISTENING to a speaker, sophomores Christina Ward, left, and Katie Ellingsworth participate in a Connection Time meeting in the cafeteria. “We mostly talked about good decisions and made promises to always do the right things,” Ellingsworth said.

RIDING on the SADD float made for the Homecoming parade, sophomore Stevi Scott helps to represent one of the club’s main themes: using seatbelts. “I liked the float this year. We were all a part of putting it together, and no one was left out. Our whole club became really close-knit,” Scott said.

LIFTING the recycle bin used to collect paper inside the school and then preparing to dump it into the Deffenbaugh pick-up container, seniors Chance Crawford and Syknese Fields participate in the main activity of Ecology Club. “It felt good to help the school do its part in the Going Green movement,” Crawford said.

LISTENING to sponsor Jaci Leib, juniors Karleigh Paine, and Daniel Hilliard, sophomore Santiago Garcia and senior Syknese Fields attend one of the many meetings during Connection Time for Ecology Club. “Being part of the club was a great experience,” Garcia said. “There are a lot of ignorant people around, and we need to stick together in helping the planet or it will end up looking like mud.”

MOVING paper between containers, sophomore Erica Smith smiles throughout the job. “We picked up paper to recycle from the teachers’ rooms during Success Time,” Smith said. “Who knew recycling could be so fun?”
Adapting to many changes, the BSHS chapter of National Honor Society has evolved into an even more elite group of students.

Unlike other years, the junior class was inducted on Nov. 19, and the senior class was inducted last spring. However, maintaining the status of a member in good standing was no easy task due to new requirements. Members were asked to attain seven individual points without sports and other clubs counting, one small group project (with four to ten people involved), and two large group projects that were organized by sponsors Marsha Nelson and Heather Campbell involving the entire chapter.

“We set the bar higher. For those on top of getting their points in, it wasn’t a problem. But the people that put it off were in a race on the last week. Not just anyone can be in NHS,” Campbell said.

Meetings were held during Connection Time on Thursdays. President Luke Terrell opened and led all meetings while Aubree Miller, secretary/treasurer, read minutes from past meetings and recorded current meetings.

In the fall, David Katosh was elected President-elect while Monica Sorensen was elected parliamentarian. Senior representatives were Laura Rink and Isaac Mills. Junior representatives were Tessa Seaton and Elizabeth Grinter.

—Kaley Withers
PASSING the flame, juniors Samantha Haas and Elizabeth Grinter participate actively in the induction ceremony on Nov. 19. "The induction ceremony was exciting and really felt like an honor, but I almost lit someone on fire," Grinter said.

FILLING a latex glove with flour, senior Kristina Tilden volunteers her time for the Head Start Harvest Fair on Oct. 14. "We used them to help kids recognize the sense of touch. It was really messy; they had flour all over the table," Tilden said.

PAYING close attention, seniors Adam Shirley and Krystal Stanton attend a required NHS meeting during Connection Time. "I appreciated being notified of opportunities to volunteer in the community, and it [NHS membership] looked good on my resume," Stanton said.

HELPING with childcare during Parent-Teacher Conferences, senior Brittany Bennett earns an individual point while working with Mary and Logan Sharpnack. "It was great to work with little kids. We had a fun time together," Bennett said.
Spreading the News

From the Tee Pee Talk to newspaper and yearbook, student journalists do their best to cover the news effectively and efficiently. In varying formats, each media source strives to record history and long-lasting memories.

WORKING together, juniors Alyssa Scott and David Katosh adjust a newspaper layout before the Pow Wow goes to press. "Being on the newspaper staff has helped my development as a writer and my understanding of writing for a larger, more substantial audience," Katosh said. TOP: At a work night, senior editor-in-chief Nancy DeLeon reviews pages for the March yearbook deadline. "Work nights really helped me meet deadlines and get ahead of the game plan," DeLeon said. RIGHT: Sophomore Zachary Reed and senior Brittany Logan edit a Tee Pee Talk episode during their fifth-hour class. "While on Tee Pee Talk, I have had the chance to make good quality shows and put on acts for the students to watch," Logan said.
Newspaper

Changing the layout of the newspaper in several sections, the Pow Wow staff’s goal was to create a newspaper that was both entertaining and informational. The staff also wanted to create and stir conversation—even a few debates—by choosing stories with high reader interest. In order to attain their goal, the newspaper added a popular back page photo feature and more opinion columns. Another thing the newspaper staff did in order to achieve their target was to make their layouts more catchy and eye-appealing and not bland and boring. All in all, the newspaper staff came together to create a quality publication. “It seems like people are starting to appreciate the paper more and the information that it provides,” senior editor-in-chief Kasey Stirling said.

—J.P. Holley

Yearbook

The memory book, the record book and above all the book that holds within its pages all the faces of the school. This is the job of the seventh-hour yearbook staff. With 19 hard-working students and 176 blank pages, the yearbook staff is responsible for covering all phases of student life. Few students realize how much work goes into the production of each year’s book and the many hours required of the staff—whether it meant standing on the sidelines covering all the games or checking and rechecking every name. Other than working hard during class, staff members also attended regular work nights after school. “I really enjoyed it,” said senior Erika Busch, a new staff member. “However, I didn’t realize I would turn into a photographer.”

—J.P. Holley

Tee Pee Talk

Making the transition to new teacher Lynn LaNoue, the Tee Pee Talk staff experienced change and growth. “My goal was to get organized and to do one broadcast per month,” LaNoue said. “I thought the Halloween broadcast was our best effort.” Along with a new sponsor, the Tee Pee Talk staff welcomed many first-year students. “My goal was to make Tee Pee Talk something people wanted to watch. I wanted people to be excited when Tee Pee Talk came on,” sophomore Victoria Porter said. “As the year wore on, each episode got better, and we came together as a team.”

—J.P. Holley
Artistic Expressions

Brandy Hoover

Grade: 12
Artistic influences: I don't really have influences; I just kind of fell into photography.
Preferred medium: Black-and-white photography
Why art is a passion: I think that the arts have helped people evolve into better, more responsible human beings. It helps them express how they see things or how they feel.
Most memorable work this year: The photos of my cousin (the ballerina) and those taken at a slave gravesite in Edwardsville.

Armando Herrera

Grade: 12
Artistic influences: One of my biggest artistic influences was my grandmother; she was a very artistic person, and I lived with her for some years. She was always doing something related to art. Also, I really like the paintings from Caspar David Friedrich, a German Romantic landscape painter. In some of my work, I like to do things related to his artwork.
Preferred medium: I like to work with every kind of medium, but what I enjoy and work with the most is charcoal.
Why art is a passion: I think art is a passion for the simple reason that it is everywhere, and because I am addicted to it, art is one of my favorite ways to escape from my routine.
Most memorable work this year: I haven't done a lot of artwork this year, but I like what I have done.
Isabel Herrera

Grade: 12
Artistic influences: My grandmother was a very creative person. When I would visit her, I would see her draw, and I liked it a lot. When I came to CMS, I took art classes with Miss Finger, and she helped me a lot, so I could enjoy art more.

Preferred medium: Although I enjoy working with many different mediums, I prefer to work with charcoal.

Why is art a passion: I like art because when I am working on a picture, I like to see how it looks when I am finished, especially when other people like it. I like to enjoy the work and the ideas of other people.

Most memorable work this year: My violin, because I am learning to play it, and it gave me more inspiration to draw it.

Erika Busch

Grade: 12
Artistic influences? I really don’t have one, I can appreciate a good artist; however, I don’t idolize anyone.

Preferred medium? I really enjoy working with oil paint, although it takes forever to dry.

Why is art a passion? Art is what you make out of it. The thing that I like most is that I get to do what I want and show a lot of people a side of me they didn’t know!

Most memorable work: In my Advanced 2-D class, all of my projects were due, and I was two projects short, so I took a canvas that I had pained with lines and just put some white circles on it. Everyone started telling me how much they liked it, and the funny thing is, it was just something I just threw together.
Club 121

Number of participants: Anywhere from eight to ten students.
Volunteer adviser: Shaun Jones, the youth pastor at Haven Baptist Church
Purpose: To give students a place to gather for fellowship before the start of school on selected Tuesday mornings.
Why was it formed? BSHS had a club like this previously, but it fell apart because no one could commit to it. Seniors Laura Rink and Katrina Rollins decided to get it going again at the start of the second semester.
Something no one knows about Club 121: "We have an amazing time every time we meet. It is nice to be able to get together and just relax and to learn something new about the Bible," senior Katrina Rollins said.

Forensics

Coach: Dan Streit
What is Forensics? Forensics is competitive acting.
Why it is called Forensics: According to coach Dan Streit, forensics is associated with medical science because "we break down pieces of poetry and acting to try to build it back up to get the true concept of it."
State Qualifiers: Xavier Capalla/ Alan Smith, Brandy Hoover/Olivia Walterman, impromptu duet acting; SyKneese Fields, Mackenzie Lee, Kasey Stirling, prose; Brandy Hoover, Olivia Walterman, humorous solo acting; Ariel Williams, poetry.
Earned a "I" at state: Ariel Williams, poetry; Brandy Hoover/Olivia Walterman, impromptu duet acting; Brandy Hoover, humorous solo act.

PRACTICING for regionals, juniors Alan Smith and Xavier Capalla review an impromptu duet acting performance, "We were acting out a script that took place in Alaska. Xavier was a cowboy who was on his way to a formal ball with Santa Clause. He wasn't well dressed and didn't know how to dance, so me (being the very well-dressed babysisster) taught him how to do the waltz," Smith said. SENIOR SyKneese Fields reads an excerpt from "Annie's Baby" by Barbara Sparks, a story about a girl who gets raped by her boyfriend and ends up pregnant. "I chose this story because I play more serious roles better," Fields said.

LEFT: senior Katrina Rollins and sophomore Megan Ussery share a Bible at a meeting before school. "I liked the fellowship and learning about God. I'm really happy Club 121 came back. It gives us a chance to show our faith," Ussery said. BELOW: Monica Sorensen and Nikki Rittinghouse, seniors, enjoy a Club 121 meeting. "I liked the fact that we could express our faith before school with others as a whole," Rittinghouse said.
REVIEWING a case, junior Jordan Kraus studies the information at an after-school practice. “Mock Trial was very interesting this year. I was a witness for the case. We were short on members, but we did well for what we had. The judge was very nice and gave us good pointers,” Kraus said. PLAYING the part of the lawyer, senior Olivia Waltermann, left, asks a question to junior Kayla Zimmerly, who played the part of a witness during a practice session. “I enjoyed becoming a different person and defending myself in an interesting case,” Zimmerly said.

Mock Trial

Number of participants: Seven
Coach: Jenny Myers
Coach’s comment: “We didn’t make it to state, but we did well for a young team.”
What was the case about? The mother of a deceased high school student sues the school and coach for negligence of her child’s steroid abuse.
When did they practice? After-school practices started in January and continued up until the competition on March 7 at the Johnson County Courthouse.
Something no one knows about Mock Trial: You can get a scholarship to go to college for Mock Trial.

Robotics

Number of participants: 30
Name of robot? The team didn’t have time to consider any name choices this year. Time was crunched at the end, and they had to send the robot off before they came up with a name.
Materials Used: Aluminum, steel, and PVC pipe.
When was the competition? The team competed at Hale Arena in Kansas City, Mo., on Feb. 22-23
Something no one knows about Robotics: You don’t have to know all of the mechanics of robotics. You just have to be willing to learn and ready to work.
Playing THE Part

Speaking out can give you butterflies

For many students, speaking in front of a class full of their peers is dreadful. We've all been through it, though. Everything is perfect; you know exactly what you want to say. Then it's your turn, and right as you get in front of the class, you no longer remember what you wanted to say. Brain dead!

However, that's not everybody. Some students love to be in the spotlight. Senior Seth Clements, for example, has no problem getting in front of a crowd and giving a speech.

"Presenting doesn't really bother me. I kind of like speaking in front of the class since I'm a pretty outgoing person," Clements said.

As a speech and English teacher, Dan Streit spends a lot of time listening to student presentations.

"I think that the hardest thing for anyone to do, rather it be a student or an adult, is just the fact that they are standing before their peers, and it's nerve-racking enough," Streit said.

Streit doesn't force his students to talk about anything they don't want to.

"People are people. I know that sounds strange, but we can all sense things about each other that provide us comfort. There is an invisible trust that exists in small groups. I, personally, don't make them or even suggest to them about some of these emotional things. But when you are the 'show,' and eyes are on you, sometimes the emotion kicks in," Streit said.

—Erika Busch

WITH Spanish teacher Melissa Flint, junior Max Barren participates in a "mock job interview" for his Preparing for College class. "I was told I was a good listener and had good body language. It was great practice," Barren said.

DURING his World Literature class, senior Luke Terrell presents what he did for his senior project, working with a kids' baseball team. Even though it's easy for Terrell to speak in front of others, he still admits to having bad habits. "The hardest thing for me is keeping my hands still and maintaining a steady posture. I always sway back and forth and feel awkward with my hands when speaking," Terrell said.
SPEAKING about his life experiences in his second hour Public Speaking class, junior Max Hileary tells his classmates some interesting facts. Hileary opened his speech with, "I'm a vegetarian, I didn't watch TV until I was 13, and my mom drives a car that runs off vegetable oil." With that, Hileary had capture his classmates' attention fully. Students in Dan Street's class had to have at least one prop to help as part of their first speech, which was an introduction to the class.

"At first, I was nervous and a bit shaky. After I got the hang of it, it was no big deal... just another day in Mrs. Wood's class."

- Stanton Vanhia '12

"I get really scared; I don't like being in front of people."

- Salma Diarte '12

What is your first thought when you find out you have to present something in front of your peers?

"I've been called the speech-bird of my generation."

- Seth Clements '12

"I'm never really that nervous until I get in front of my class. I also try to put more work into presentations."

- Brittany Benson '12

ABOVE: Senior SyKnese Fields talks to her speech class about the relationship she has with her father. LEFT: Freshman Nic Beilman reads the part of Juliet in Jennifer Stricherz's freshmen English class. "I find my students get more out of the play when we read aloud instead of reading silently at our desks," Stricherz said.
WHAT provided you with the greatest challenge?

"Bench press had to be the toughest because I didn’t really have a lot of upper body strength at the beginning of the year."

—Devin Dernovish, 11

"The yoga and the kickboxing had to be the toughest part for me. But it was also relaxing and got all of my anger out."

—Janel Mejia, 12

"Focusing hard enough to actually work out and not goofing around with my friends during class."

—Justin Buehler, 11

JABBING with precision, sophomore Laura Allbee practices her rhythm for a kickboxing unit in her seventh-hour class. "I liked kickboxing the best because it was really fun, but it was also hard to keep up with the fast-paced rhythm," Allbee said. BELOW: While in Aerobics class, senior Zandra Storms works her core during an abdominal workout. "I liked this class because I can lose a lot of weight with all of the hard workouts that we do. It was really a challenging class, but I am very happy that I took it," Storms said.
P.E. classes offer fitness with fun

Many students turn to Physical Education courses to stay fit, lose weight, and earn needed credits. With an increase in junk food and a decrease in exercise, it's obvious to see how hard it is to stay healthy.

"I like to work out and stay in shape during the school day because I don't do any sports," senior Hannah Burgess said.

Another senior, Christian Solis, sees similar benefits.

"For me, it helps to build muscle, and I feel more self-confident," Solis added.

Still others see P.E. classes as a way to build for their future.

"I took weight training to better acquire the skills to assist me physically, mentally, and emotionally in the Marine Corps," senior Zach Gharst said.

In addition to required courses for freshmen, the P.E. department offers elective courses such as Aerobics, Advanced P.E. and Weight Training. According to department chair Kerri Jennings, teachers do all they can to make the instruction fun yet meaningful by making sports-related and fitness-related equipment readily available and by inviting guest instructors to classes in specialty areas such as Zumba, kickboxing, and yoga.

-Matt Bille

WORKING her obliques, senior Ashley Guggenheim uses an exercise ball to get in shape. "I loved the yoga portion of the class because it was really fun, and Mrs. Jennings is the bomb. This class was a really good way for me to stay healthy," Guggenheim said. LIFTING with concentration, senior James Canada does a power-clean in Weight Training. "I loved the days that we did bench press because when I am on the bench, I really just relax and forget about all of the things that have been angering me lately," Canada said.
What did you do TODAY?

First Hour:

Third Hour

Fifth Hour

Seventh Hour

During first hour, students show their creative sides. From left: Junior Carli Turner makes a ring in her jewelry class; seniors John Jenkins, left, and Oscar Sanchez write a one-sided phone conversation for their third-quarter final; junior Harley Ruszala plays Monopoly in her Accounting I class.

Students work hard while in third hour. From left: Senior Teran Holter does research for a project in Jennifer Schlicht’s class; junior Melissa Garcia struggles to get the top screwed off her paint jar in her Printmaking class; junior Christian Carter carefully cuts a straight line into the wood in Wood Technology.

Students step out of the box and try something new in fifth hour. From left: Senior Brittany Bennett jumps into dissecting her cat in Anatomy and Physiology; sophomore Kyle Day tries to be careful while using the saw in Wood Technology; senior Seth Clements is amazed with his first print in photography.

Students finish up a busy day. From left: Junior David Katosh puts the final touches on his Rube Goldberg Physics project before presenting it to the class; freshman Miriah Bailey takes a test in John Makona’s class; sophomores Cody Duncan and senior Julius Ellis search the web in Advanced Computer Applications.
While you were at school...

6:46 time of sunrise

6:14 time of sunset

513 number of students who ate lunch

101 number of students who ate breakfast

79 day's high temperature

59 day's low temperature

12 number of students tardy to first hour

youtube

Lil Wayne—Prom Queen, most viewed video

lunch

Spaghetti with meat sauce, nachos, potato soup, hamburger on bun, chicken patty, chef salad, cold sandwiches, and yogurt.

gas prices

Increased to $1.79

daily cosmic

If your intuition is sharp and you are sensing a change in the psychic atmosphere regarding love, the arts social and cultural ties and money-making potential, then chalk this up to your turning into motion of Venus. Meanwhile, this should be a day for brainstorming.

—Source: Yahoo
Chorale Choir


Front Row: Michelle Hicks, Ashley Nachbar, Kayla Zimmerly, Krystal Stanton, Lindsay Johnson, Santiago Garcia, Logan Opat. Row 2: Chris Jenkins, Adam Shirley, Stefanie Sprenkle, Stephen Crump, Kaleigh Crider, Cullen Sager, Josephine Freeby, Jordan Kraus.

Front Row: Alan Smith, J.P. Holley, Brittany Logan, Victoria Porter, Kevin Beashore. Row 2: Zachary Reed, Lucas Tuckel, Aubree Miller, Rocklan Waggoner, Justin Salmons.


Front Row: Kristan Arnold, Kimber Patterson, Rebecca Pena, Sidni Sprenkle, Jessica Bown. **Row 2:** Ashley Muldoon, Mekyla Morrison, Samantha Pearson, Taylor Theole, Shane Crosby, Tanner Matthews. **Row 3:** Jacob Palmer, Amber Stephens, Ariel Mellies, Adriana Rodriguez, Kayla Sullivan.


Front Row: Sponsor Sarahbeth Sack, David Katosh, Katie Tisch, Scintila Capalla, Caitlin Hilliard. **Row 2:** Zachary Reed, Alan Smith, Xavier Capalla, Blaine Lewis, Jeffrey Lynch.


From left: Tiara Jones, SyKnese Fields, Flora Nyakatura.
A Cappella


Kayettes


Mock Trial


Color Guard


Forusco's

Some go out for athletics to show their talent, to make new friends, to have fun, or to compete at the highest level possible. Each sport offers the opportunity to come together as a team to win a game or meet. Whether in practice or during intense competition, athletes push themselves to become the best they can be, never forgetting that they are connected by the goal of winning and pursuing excellence.
TRYING to knock the ball loose, junior Jake Barren tackles a Highland Park runner with assistance from senior Brandon Mills and freshman Johnathan Jackson. Barren led the team with 97 tackles while Mills added 66 tackles. RUNNING an out route, senior Jeremy Walker works to break free in a 35-14 victory over Basehor.

Scoreboard

Bishop Ward 29 28
Basehor 35 14
Lansing 13 19
Mill Valley 7 12
Piper 35 13
Turner 35 14
Highland Park 8 20
Shawnee Heights 16 27
Topeka Seaman 17 43

Overall Record 4-5

DROPPING back, junior Brandon Eastland eyes his target against Lansing. In his first season as the Braves' quarterback, Eastland completed 68 of 158 passes for 951 yards.

PUSHING ahead, senior Jonathan Walker works his way through traffic against Lansing. Walker finished the night with 181 yards on 27 carries.

After a strong start, Braves finish 4-5

With 15 seniors, the Braves started their season strong with back-to-back victories over Bishop Ward and Basehor. The win against Ward was the most dramatic, due to a successful last-second field goal made by senior Chance Crawford.

"The first couple of kicks I was a little shaky," said Crawford, who hadn't kicked since middle school.

"After that, I decided that I was going to kick the ball just like I did in practice and that's what I did. I knew I made the winning kick right when I hit it."

It appeared the Braves were well on their way to duplicating last year's magical season. However, their third game took them to Lansing, where they lost a frustrating, 13-19 heartbreaker.

"I let the kids decide the game, not the officials," head coach Lew Kasselman said. "But I have never in all my years of coaching had three touchdowns called back in a game."

The Braves notched two more victories to finish at 4-5. On the offensive side, senior Jonathan Walker led the team in scoring with eight touchdowns and 1,192 rushing yards while senior Jeremy Walker was the leading receiver with 24 catches for 452 yards.

-Emily Herre

**WHILE** blitzing, junior Max Barren sacks the Shawnee Heights quarterback in the final home game of the season. One of the Braves' key defenders, Barren finished the season with five sacks and 65 tackles. Barren and his brother, Jake, were both named to the all-KVL honorable mention team. **PUSHING** the ball up the field, senior Garron Wayne returns a kick-off in a 35-13 victory over Piper. Usually a defensive back, Wayne finished his career with 28 tackles.
Braves work hard, but fall short

The boys' soccer team kicked off the season with impressive victories over KVL rivals Lansing and Tonganoxie.

These wins helped prepare them for one of the year's biggest comebacks against a 6A opponent, Shawnee Mission North.

Down 3-0 in the first half, the Braves found themselves trying to force opportunities to score. Finally, they got on the scoreboard with a header from freshman Shawn Jones and eventually seized control to capture the win, 4-3.

"Beating Shawnee Mission North was definitely the highlight of the year," head coach Mike Moulin said. "I was really proud of the way we came out in the second half after getting behind."

Although they struggled throughout the regular season, the Braves still had a chance to win the KVL title in their final game against Turner.

"I think we came in too big-headed, expecting to win this game with little effort. It would have helped if we would have known we were playing for the title. We had no idea," senior Garrett Parker said.

Offensively, the Braves were led by Shawn Jones with 10 goals and senior Alex Soto with 9.

—Erica Smith
“Champions are made when the stands are empty.”

—From the Booster Club sign of Chance Crawford

CROSSING the ball, senior Garrett Parker attempts to give a teammate a chance to score while sophomore Connor Harrington looks on. Parker earned All-KVL second team midfield honors for his work this season.

PASSING the ball, senior Alex Soto makes a move against his Tonganoxie opponent. Soto was named to the All-KVL first team as a utility player to cap off his final season.

Q: How many years have you been goalkeeper?
A: I played it all four years and started every game.

Q: What drove you to keep playing?
A: I drove myself to keep playing this position, although my coaches tried to get me to switch to other positions. I stuck to what I knew best and that was keeping the ball out of the goal.

Q: What are your thoughts on this season?
A: I’m sad because it was my senior year, and I won’t get to play with my friends ever again. But this was a very frustrating season, and once we hit rock bottom, we never seemed to recover. Starting the season so strong and ending so weak was not how I wanted to end my soccer career.

Q: What was your ultimate career highlight?
A: It would be stopping Basehor’s Austin Knipp from scoring the state record-setting goal my sophomore year. He scored the state record-breaking goal, and they stopped the game and asked him if he wanted that ball, and he said, ‘No, I’ll get the next one in a few minutes.’ So not letting him score that goal was the best feeling ever.

SURVEYING the field, freshman Shawn Jones looks for an opportunity to pass against Lansing.
HOlJlNG for an ace, junior Emily Herre prepares to serve the ball against Santa Fe Trail at home. Herre was one of the team’s outside hitters, a position that she felt catered to her abilities.

RESTING on the sidelines, senior Amber Barnes looks out over the court awaiting the next substitution. "I will really miss all the little things we did to build a family atmosphere that was about more than playing volleyball," Barnes said.

GOING up for the return, sophomore Jessie Kelly tips the ball over the net against Turner. "Before all the games when we would warm up, I would try and just hit the ball as hard as I could and that would put me in a good mood for the game," Kelly said.

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Making a save, senior Starian Porchia keeps the ball in play against Basehor. "My most memorable moment was at sub-state. Everyone left it all on the court," Porchia said. DIGGING up the serve, freshman Kylee Timberlake stops her Basehor opponent from getting an ace while fellow freshman Bobbi Allred backs away.
Behind its seniors, young team rebuilds

The Bravettes opened the season with a new head coach, Kerri Jennings, who was a member of the 1985 BSHS state championship team. With her help, the Bravettes improved their skills, drive, and team unity.

"I feel the girls responded well to my style of coaching and philosophy," Jennings said. "We focused on the fundamentals, improving every day, and becoming good teammates."

The season meant the team had to say goodbye to their long-time core of seniors: Amber Barnes, Nancy DeLeon, Cali Hackney, Anna Nelson, and Starian Porchia. These five left behind a lot of heart, leadership, and love for the game.

At the end of the season, Barnes received all-KVL Honorable Mention, a major achievement since this was her first year to play on the varsity squad.

"I was very surprised considering I was the libero," Barnes said. "But I was very excited to know that my effort on the court was noticed and that my last year in volleyball ended well."

Barnes also led the team in passing and digs. Other statistical leaders were Starian Porchia in sets and assists and sophomore Chelsea Crawford in kills and blocks.

— Lynsey Ostman
We surprised people," POISED for the gunshot, members of the boys' team set their watches before competing at state. The Braves finished 11th overall at the meet, which was held at Rim Rock Farm.

Q&A

Q: What do you do to prepare for your races?
A: I prepare for a race by listening to music and doing a two-mile warm-up run around the course.

Q: How did you get your start in cross country?
A: I got into cross country after eighth grade track. I was decent at that, finishing in the top four of every race, and I broke the two-mile record. After playing football freshman year, Isaac (Mills) talked me into running with the prospect of a KVL Championship.

Q: Have you thought about running in college?
A: I plan to run in college, hopefully for Baker University or Kansas State University. It would be a stretch, but I would also like to run for Arkansas. The Razorbacks have one of the most winning coaches in NCAA history and produce many Olympic runners.

Q: What is the best pre-race meal?
A: An apple and a banana. Any more and my stomach feels heavy and it's easy to bog down.

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The best determination, junior Tessa Seaton competes at the KVL meet. "My favorite race was league because the scenery was so different, and you couldn't see anybody watching you run," Seaton said.

NEARING the finish line, senior Kaleb Black speeds up at the WVCO Championships. He finished the race in 12th place with a time of 20:16.
The expectations were high for the 2008 Braves cross country season. The Braves had qualified for the state meet the past three seasons and were looking forward to their fourth trip in four years. With many returning lettermen, and an eager freshman class, they seemed to be well on their way.

Kicking off the season in wondrous fashion at the Hayden Invitational, junior Brooks Ballou took first place with a time of 17:05, closely followed by senior Isaac Mills, in sixth place at 18:05. The pair led the boys’ team to a fourth-place finish overall.

When asked about the team’s achievements this year, Mills attributed the success to hard work in the off-season. “We worked real hard over the summer and at practices. That hard work carried over to the races, and we ran good times,” Mills said.

Led by Ballou, Mills, and fellow senior Bryce Peterson, the boys performed solidly throughout the season, placing third at the Kaw Valley League race and were runners-up in the regional race, which qualified them for state.

At state, Ballou ran “the race of his life,” finishing 10th overall with a time of 16:54. Mills followed Ballou’s example, finishing 37th and Peterson was close behind at 61st.

On the girls’ side, junior Tessa Seaton, sophomore Erin Mills, and freshman Scintila Capalla led the team with a consistent string of impressive times throughout the season. Seaton qualified for state, her second trip in two years.

“I loved running at state,” Seaton said. “It really seemed to make my hard work pay off.” Due to injuries, the girls could not field a full team for the league or regional championships.

RUNNING uphill, senior Isaac Mills competes at the Ottawa Invitational. A team leader, Mills recorded his best time at the KVL Championships with a 16:54. BELOW, senior Anthony Ellingsworth gives it all he’s got as he chases Mills at Ottawa.

Q: What did it feel like to play on the varsity team your freshman year?
A: "The experience was great and really unexpected. I was the first freshman to letter since 1995, so I was very happy to be on varsity."

Q: What made you decide to play tennis?
A: "I was just doing a fall sport to have fun with my friend, Toni."

Q: What was your most memorable moment of the season?
A: "The first match I played on the varsity team, the other varsity girls said I had to run around the courts like a chicken and buy everyone dinner, but they were just kidding."

Q: Did you have any special warm-up techniques?
A: "Nope, just hitting the ball back and forth."

Q: What was the best match of the season for you?
A: "At regionals, I was the only person on our team to win a match, and it is a moment I will remember forever."

LOOKING for the win, senior Teran Holter hits the ball while staring her opponent down. "It was different to be the only returning varsity letterman, but we had a lot of fun playing together as a team while teaching each other different techniques," Holter said.

SWINGING with power, senior Meghan Miller attacks an opponent at the Bonner Springs Invitational. "My favorite memory was when Caitlin Hillard threw her clear retainers away at the Popeye's Chicken in Leavenworth. We had to turn around, so she could dig in the trash to find them," Miller said.
Behind its seniors, young team rebuilds

With just one returning letterwinner and a team full of players who had never picked up a racquet, seniors Renee Drury, Joyce Hilario, Teran Holter and Meghan Miller knew they had to step up.

"We realized that we might not have the best record because of our limited experience, so we [the seniors] decided to focus our energy on activities to build team spirit and unity, something we had lacked in the past," Drury said.

Improving consistently, the young team took some big steps forward at their own invitational where the doubles team of senior Teran Holter and junior Emily Randolph captured a second-place medal and freshman Breanna Tendick placed third in singles.

"Breanna was our most improved player," head coach Bill Scott said. "She went from being a beginner to one of the top varsity competitors."

Another younger player, junior Samantha Haas, won the team's "Hustle Award" for her all-out play in every match. Despite their youth, the team had fun growing and learning together.

"The four seniors really served as good leaders for our young squad. We'll really miss them," Scott said.

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SLICING the ball, senior Renee Drury competes at the Borner Springs Invitational. "This season wasn't the best for our record, but we all bonded as a team. It was my favorite season by far," Drury said.

WAITING for the serve, freshman Toni Stock puts a death-grip on her racquet. "I played tennis because I thought it would be fun. Everyone was nice, and the team got along really well," Stock said.

FOCUSING intently, sophomores Persephone Hart, left, and Riley Mortensen battle it out at a home junior varsity meet.
AFTER a talented crossover, freshman Yessenia Hernandez beats her defender down the lane. "My biggest challenge was being responsible with the ball," Hernandez said.

By The Numbers

46 Team free throw percentage
35 Number of Lynsey Ostman steals
40 Assists by Erica Smith
712 Total team points
18 Number of blocked shots by Anna Hutchison

IN mid-leap, sophomore Erica Smith goes up for a lay-up during a home game against Lansing. "I'm proud of my dedication to the team this season," Smith said. "I always pushed myself and my teammates." PULLING down a rebound, junior Malia Williams dominates in the paint against Savannah.


DRIVING to the basket, junior Lynsey Ostman breaks past a Lansing defender. "I'm proud of the hard work and effort I put into this season, even though it wasn't a winning one," Ostman said.
Illness-strewn season frustrates young team

The Bravettes can describe their season as one plagued by illness and injury. In a year with only four wins, and half as many seniors, a team dominated by underclassmen struggled to perform to past standards.

There was rarely a day after winter break where every Bravette was in good health for practice, and the health status was so serious that multiple starters missed entire games.

"It's hard to get a good rhythm going when the whole team is out sick. We really struggled with consistency this year," head coach Clay Oakes said.

However, despite a lopsided 4-17 record, the team did improve steadily, coming within 10 points of victory in four of their last five losses. The growth was most noticeable with the underclassmen, who gained confidence and experience in their new roles.

The standout performers for the team included sophomore Erica Smith, a second-year player who led in assists; junior Malia Williams, who battled injuries for the majority of the season, but still led in points per game; and junior Lynsey Ostman, the leading scorer.

Ostman was rewarded for her efforts with an honorable selection all-KVL nomination. "When Coach Oakes called me after the league meeting, I was surprised, yet pleased," Ostman said.

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RACING against her opponent, senior Anna Hutchison gets her fingers around the ball against Mill Valley. "I feel like we played together as a team, even though we didn't bring home a lot of wins," Hutchison said. "So far it was the best year I've played."
HOLDING off his opponent, senior Anthony Ellingsworth competes at the KVL tournament which was hosted by the Braves. "I was excited and ready for state," Ellingsworth said. "But I am going to miss Coach Burns next year."

WITH concentration, sophomore Brian Callahan flips his opponent during Senior Night. Callahan finished with an 18-20 record.

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- KVL Tournament: 9th
- Dick Burns Mat Classic: 5th
- Basehor Tournament: 22nd
- BVNW Tournament: 14th
- WyCo: 3rd
- Regionals: 4th


STRUGGLING to take down his opponent, junior Brooks Ballou locks arms while looking for an opening at the Dick Burns Mat Classic. "The highlight of my season was taking third at our own invitational," Ballou said.
Experienced team enjoys state success

Sending seven wrestlers to the state meet in Wichita this season was one for the books for the Braves’ wrestling team.

“Early on in the season, I didn’t expect that many to make it. But later on, they improved,” head coach Dan Burns said. “They were more focused in the end.”

Sophomore Caleb Seaton earned a fourth-place medal and senior Tanner McCleary captured a third-place finish at state.

“It was my senior year,” McCleary said. “I figured that I had nothing to lose, so why not go all out?”

Burns believes McCleary created his own success, but part of it was due to the special significance of this particular season, which was dedicated to the late Dick Burns, father of Dan Burns and the program’s founder.

“We did things the way he would have done them,” Burns said. “The things we did were different every day, and we had more old-fashioned training.”

According to Burns, practices were not always enjoyable. Looking at the statistics, it’s easy to see the wrestlers worked their hardest to make the season memorable as the team had at least two wrestlers medal at each tournament.

“I’m really happy with how my season went. It ended strong,” said McCleary, who finished 38-6 in the 285-pound weight class.

—Lynsey Ostman
SPRINTING alongside a Louisburg opponent, freshman Jonathan Jackson recovers on defense. "Being put as point guard in mid-season as a freshman is tough," coach Ryan Hull said. "To be honest, we were very happy with how he did."


PUSHING the ball up the court on a fast break against Anderson County, senior Chance Crawford looks to get a quick lay-up while sophomore Austin Laing fills the outside lane. Crawford was the only returning lettermen for the Braves. LOOKING up the floor, senior Isaac Mills gets an outlet pass and starts to advance the ball past Perry Lecompton. "For Isaac to come into the first game against Lansing as a first-year lettermen and have a lights-out, 24-point game was awesome," coach Ryan Hull said.
Team unleashes new Grinnell offense

Threes, threes, threes! Going into the season knowing that his team wouldn't have much height, head coach Ryan Hull decided that he needed a new game plan.

That's where the Grinnell system came into play. The Braves turned to this fast-paced, run-and-gun style to help equalize their size disadvantage.

"I recognized that this system was a great option based on this year's personnel. If we were going to struggle, then we might as well put up points instead of just taking it on the chin," Hull said.

The Braves even took a trip to Iowa early in the season to see the Grinnell offense at work.

"It was definitely unlike any other style I had played before," senior Isaac Mills said. "It gave us a lot of freedom and brought a lot of excitement to the program."

The Braves soared to new heights in three-point shooting, breaking two school records with 18 threes in a game, as well as nine different players hitting at least one three-pointer in one game.

Because of the quickness and intensity in this system, the Braves rotated fresh players in every minute.

"It was cool to see 15 guys letter," Hull said. "This system gave more kids the opportunity to play at a higher level."

—Erica Smith

LOOKING to score quickly, sophomore Kyle Day pulls up for a jumper. "The season was better than expected, but there were games that we should have won," Day said.

CENTER: Sophomore guard Juan Pichardo takes the ball up strong in the paint. "Juan's role on the team shifted between primary shooter and point guard depending on the situation," coach Ryan Hull said. "He did a great job." LEFT: Judging the defense, senior Chris Smith looks to shoot a three-pointer in a home loss to Lansing. TOP: Driving to the basket, senior Jared Brailsford lays it in for two. Brailsford averaged over 10 points and six rebounds per game.
Q&A
Matt Bille

Q: What responsibilities did you face as a senior that you didn’t face in the past?
A: “I had to lead the team and be responsible for their actions, and I was an unofficial team leader.”

Q: What is your favorite stroke?
A: “Freestyle, because I seem to excel in it the most.”

Q: Do you have any pre warm-up rituals?
A: “Our team cheer because it’s the loudest and most obnoxious of all the other teams.”

Q: Where did you swim the best this season?
A: At Lawrence Free State where I had a 54.84 in the 100-yard freestyle.

Q: How long have you been swimming?
A: “Since my freshmen year because my mom made me participate in a winter sport.”

Q: What was your most memorable moment during all of your four years of swimming?
A: “Probably screaming down the hallways during the basketball practice, lane wars, and playing freeze tag in the K-State locker rooms.”

Q: What are you going to miss the most?
A: “All the fun times with the team members and all of the goofing around during practices and meets.”
The Braves' swim team started the season off with many new swimmers. Even though they didn't break any records, you could tell they had great chemistry.

"They were a lot more faithful about being sportmen," head coach Lynn LaNoe said. "This was demonstrated by greeting and congratulating competitors and by being more visible in their support of each other."

In terms of individual accomplishments, senior Alex Sullivan became the first swimmer in school history to compete in the "Ironman" with a time of 23:39.31 for all 12 individual events. When swimmers do the Ironman, they don't receive any points or medals for their team, just the opportunity to compete.

"It was fun being the first to do the Ironman because no one can take that away from me," Sullivan said.

Another senior leader was Matt Bille, who led the team with 171 points in a variety of events and relays.

As a team, the Braves' best finish came at the WyCo meet, where Blaine Edmondson (100 free), Ryan Holcomb (50 free) and Nate Mitchell (100 backstroke and breaststroke) all finished first. The 200-yard medley and 200-yard freestyle teams of Matt Bille, Edmondson, Mitchell, and Holcomb also captured gold medals.

"I was really excited about how we performed," LaNoe said.

—Emily Herre
KEEPING time, freshman Ashley Muldoon dances to the sound of the band at the homecoming game. "My first football season of dancing was fun, and it was an exciting experience," Muldoon said. FINDING a way to please the crowd, senior Janel Mejia, left, and freshman Miriah Bailey lead the team in a dance at the fall pep assembly. "The experience on the dance team was exciting; I got to hang out with new people while getting to perform," Bailey said.

Small squad enjoys strong relationships

The Orange Dazzlers finished out their two astonishing seasons (football and basketball) as a small team consisting of only nine members.

"I feel that the team worked better together when it was smaller because it seemed that everybody was able to put forth their ideas, and they received the dances better," head coach Whitney Mitchell said.

To get ready for the season, the dance team attended a camp at McPherson College. The team responded strongly at camp and created a close bond intertwining everyone together.

“Our girls had a great time and were able to learn so much while they were at camp. It definitely made our team stronger and more prepared for the season,” Mitchell said.

Although the team was small, they had four strong senior leaders (Alexis Crumrine, Julia Glenn, Janel Mejia, and Cindi Price), who helped build the program into a positive direction. They led the team in learning the dance moves and bringing new dancers on board.

“I always tried to keep the team working hard and focused during practice, so we could perform well,” Captain Alexis Crumrine said.

—Cali Hackney

"My favorite part of the season was the time we spent at camp. We all got a lot closer."

—Alexis Crumrine

"The easiest dance we had was ‘Can’t Touch This’ because everyone came together to learn it."

—Cindi Price

"We started out with a big team and by the end of the year it was small, so we all became a lot closer."

—Julia Glenn

"I loved most of the dances, but my two favorites were the hand clap and the senior dance."

—Janel Mejia
All-American Effort

Squad wins “Top Team” at camp

Working hard to learn and perfect more complicated stunts than ever before, the cheerleading season was very successful.

"The season was great because these girls were much more productive than past squads," Head Coach Jennifer Schlicht said.

To better prepare for the year ahead, the squad attended a summer team camp at Emporia State where they won the "Top Team Award."

"It was awesome because we did stunts that no one had ever seen before, and the judges were really impressed," Schlicht said. "Seeing the girls attempt and perfect a stunt they had never achieved was a real highlight."

Individually, seniors Kathryn Christwell and Aubree Miller won All-American honors along with junior Harley Ruszala and freshman Emily Hunt.

Building on their summer skills, the squad worked hard to encourage the crowd to show the most spirit possible.

"Homecoming was my favorite game because there were tons of people, the weather was nice, and everyone was really excited," sophomore Lindsay Hunt said.

—Erica Smith

SHOWING lots of spirit, senior Kathryn Christwell cheers at a home football game. "My favorite game to cheer at was the last football game because watching them lose and seeing the seniors on the bench in the last two minutes was a very emotional time," Christwell said. PERFORMING "The Dog" as a halftime show at Mill Valley, the varsity cheerleaders get the crowd pumped. This pyramid was reintroduced over the summer at cheer camp when the squad needed something to jazz up their routine.

PULLING off an Arabesque, junior stunter Harley Ruszala overlooks the crowd at a home football game. Ruszala was the squad’s main flyer.
The PERFECT Stunt!

Step 1: Preparing

"The key to a perfect back handspring is to lock your arms."

Step 2: Back Handspring

"I try not to think about falling because that will mess you up more."

Step 3: Being Caught

"You really have to trust the people catching you, and I trust them completely. They haven’t dropped me yet!"

Step 4: The Prep

"With a prep, you have to lock your knees, focus on the audience, and smile."

DANCING to their famous chant "The Way We Get Down," the cheerleaders get the Orange Crush section involved at a home football game. This cheer is known to get the crowd dancing. CELEBRATING a made free throw, senior Aubree Miller intently watches the next shot. Miller was the only four-year letterman on the squad.


Bravettes shatter previous records

The swimming season was anything but unproductive as the Bravettes brought a whole new meaning to the program.

“It was a very successful season,” Head Coach Tierney Thompson said. “The girls were more of a team this year. We had four leaders, and they all shared the responsibility.”

Not only did great leadership play a strong role in the Bravettes’ accomplishments, but hard work and dedication led to numerous new school records.

Seven records were broken to be exact, with the 100-yard butterfly demolished twice. Junior Emily Herre capitalized by breaking six of her own individual records and also received state consideration for the first time in the program’s history.

“I think it will help me set better goals for next year,” Herre said. “I will work hard in the off-season and hope it pays off.”

Freshman Toni Stock also enjoyed the limelight by breaking Herre’s 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:10.41. The Bravettes’ 400-yard freestyle medley relay team consisting of Herre, Stock, and seniors Kaley Withers and Jaclyn Lira also put a new record on the board at the ILC championships.

“The girls were all hard workers and put forth their best efforts,” Thompson said. “They never got down on themselves; they just got more determined.”

—Erica Smith & Lynsey Ostman
Q: How do you think, as a whole, your senior year ended?
A: "It ended and went well. We were all more dedicated to the team than previous years."

Q: What would you have changed?
A: "I wouldn't have changed a thing, it went perfectly."

Q: What was your favorite moment/memory?
A: "At our last meet when we pushed Coach Thompson into the water."

Q: What will you miss the most?
A: "The family-like environment we had on the team."

Q: Did you have any personal goals this season?
A: "I wanted to break the school record for the 500-yard freestyle."

Q: What did you do to try to reach this goal?
A: "I worked really hard and had a lot of discipline in practice."
LOOKING behind him, sophomore Camron Callahan receives the baton from freshman Johnathan Jackson while competing in the 4x400 relay at the league meet. The team placed third with a time of 3:31.80. PREPARING to throw, sophomore Bridgett Bradley weighs her disc at the league meet at Piper where she placed third. Bradley qualified for the state meet for the second year in a row, placing sixth with a toss of 120 feet, six inches and establishing a new school record.

Running for Glory

Boys' team finishes 12th at state

After placing second at state last year, the boys' track team had high expectations coming into the 2009 season. The returning lettermen and state qualifiers fulfilled these high expectations throughout the season, but the real surprise came from new runners in the distance events.

"It was a good season," Head Coach Jim Mitchell said. "We found some young talent that will help us in the future."

After placing second at league and fourth at regionals, the boys' team set their eyes on a first-place finish at state. Unfortunately, the realities of the meet brought individual success but heartbreak for the 4x100 relay team in the preliminaries.

"It was somewhat disappointing," Mitchell said. "We missed the exchange, and we had the fastest time in the state going in."

Medalists included sophomore Bridgett Bradley, sixth in the shot put; senior Jeremy Walker, second in the 110 hurdles, third in the 100 meters, and fifth in the long jump; and senior Jonathan Walker, first in the 110 hurdles and fourth in the 100-meter dash.

Other state competitors included junior Jake Barren, shot put and discus; junior Brooks Ballou, 3,200 meters; sophomore Josie Freeby, shot put; and freshman Emily Wilson, 200 meters. The 4x100 relay team consisted of Jeremy and Jonathan Walker, senior Garron Wayne, and sophomore Camron Callahan.

Although the season's end wasn't the expected outcome, it was still a year of great competition for all athletes involved.
PACING himself, freshman Michael Waite runs his leg of the 4x400 relay at the league meet. TAKING a deep breath, senior Garron Wayne eyes the finish line while competing in the 100-meter dash at the Bonner Invitational. Wayne placed third with a time of 11:06.

WITH all her strength, sophomore Josie Freeby competes in the shot put at the Bonner Invitational where she placed fourth. Freeby earned the right to compete at state after a fourth-place finish at regionals.

LEFT: Senior Jeremy Walker competes in the long jump at the Bonner Invitational. In addition to being the league champion, Walker placed fifth in the long jump at the state meet with a leap of 21 feet, 8 1/2 inches. ABOVE: Senior Jonathan Walker clears a hurdle on his way to first place at the Bobcat Invitational. Walker finished his career with an amazing three state championships in the 110 hurdles. "They're terrific athletes," Head Coach Jim Mitchell said. "It will be tough to replace them."
Team adjusts to numerous obstacles

It was an up-and-down season for the Bravettes' softball team. For starters, the team had to adjust to an unexpected coaching change and then battled inclement weather almost every week. Despite this, they evolved into a tight-knit family.

"This year's team was awesome," new Head Coach Kara Wardlow said. "Not only were they good athletes, but they were so coachable and an absolute pleasure to work with. They were a great bunch of girls."

All agreed that the team played its best softball at the Turner Invitational on May 9 where they placed third with a 2-1 record.

"We didn't leave as many runners on base, and we got some great, timely hitting," Wardlow said.

This year's team was led mainly by senior Starian Porchia and freshman Breanna Tendick.

"Starian was the physical leader of the team; her athletic ability speaks for itself," Wardlow said. "She led in on base percentage, fielding percentage, and also had the fewest errors on the team."

Tendick had the team's best batting average at .350 and was rock solid defensively as a shortstop.

"Bre only committed four errors with 82 putouts and that is basically unheard of in our conference," Wardlow said. Both Porchia and Tendick were rewarded with all-KVL honors at the end of the season.

"Out of all four years, I think that this team was the closest," Porchia said.

—Erica Smith

TAKING aim, junior Kelly Chastain tries to strike out a Piper opponent. "The best part about being the pitcher is helping my team out in more than one way," Chastain said.
FOCUSING hard, sophomore Kaylie Holloway gets a hit in a home game against Turner. "The hardest thing about the season was losing a coach in the middle of it and having to work through that as a team," Holloway said.

-I enjoyed team bonding, like the dinners at Jose Peppers."  
-Anna Nelson

"I liked the way we came together and played as a team in our last game against Lansing."  
-Nancy DeLeon

"My favorite part was playing at the Turner Invitational and taking third."  
-Anna Hutchison

"My most memorable moment was when the bus left me at the Lansing regional game."  
-Starian Porchia

HELPING her team, freshman Kylee Timberlake takes a swing against Basehor at the Field of Dreams. Timberlake drove in two runs with a single to right field in the second inning. "We had to battle through bad weather and injuries, but we kept fighting," said Timberlake, who played third base.

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Overall Record: 2-19
RETURNING a serve, junior Daniel Hilliard forces a tie-breaker which he won 8-0 at a home junior varsity meet. "My season highlight was when we went to King Buffet after a meet in Lawrence," Hilliard said.

Q&A
Cordell Duncan

Q: How long have you been playing tennis?
A: "I have been playing tennis since I was a freshman."

Q: What was the highlight of the season?
A: "The highlight of my season was playing for spots on the ladder."

Q: Do you have any pre warm-up rituals?
A: "I chug a bottle of water to get me ready to play."

Q: What did you do to improve your game this year?
A: "I played every weekend with Lucas Isaacs and Santiago Garcia."

Q: What was your number one goal to accomplish during the season?
A: "My number one goal was to make varsity."

Q: What do you think was your greatest accomplishment this year?
A: "Getting first place in No. 2 doubles at Leavenworth with Jacob Moulin."

Q: If you could, what would you change about the season?
A: "I would change it so Moulin and I got to go to regionals."
Building for the Future

Young team gets the chance to grow

Although wins were difficult to come by, the boys tennis team stepped up and played to their highest potential.

The team turned in its best performance at the Leavenworth Invitational on April 22, where they placed third out of eight teams. Senior Kaleb Black led the team with a third-place finish in No. 1 singles while sophomores Jacob Moulin and Cordell Duncan captured a championship in No. 2 doubles.

“We really played smart and had a much better net game that day,” Duncan said.

The season marked Bill Scott’s 30th year as the team’s Head Coach. Although there were no state qualifiers for the first time in many years, Scott said the season was a success and provided younger players with the opportunity to develop their game.

In fact, Scott said the play of his junior varsity squad was one of the year’s highlights.

“The JV team had a 5-4-1 record and did really well, especially Kevin Beashore, Spencer Bush, and Lucas Isaacs. Overall, it was a great year in spite of the few victories. They were a great bunch of guys to work with,” Scott said.

—Emily Herre

LEFT: Sophomore Jacob Moulin hits the ball at home against Sumner Academy. BOTTOM LEFT: Freshman Spencer Bush returns a serve in the final home meet against Shawnee Mission West. “Getting to play No. 2 doubles at regionals was the highlight of my year,” said Bush, a newcomer to tennis.

Q: How long have you been playing the game?  
A: "I have been playing since I was four, so 14 years altogether."

Q: What is your favorite part about being a catcher?  
A: "Being the leader on the field and talking to the umpires."

Q: What do you consider to be the hardest thing about being a catcher?  
A: "During batting practice because I don’t get to hit as much, I have to catch."

Q: What was your ultimate career highlight?  
A: "When I made first all-tournament team at the Butch Foster Classic."

Q: What are your thoughts on this season?  
A: "It didn’t turn out the way I expected it to, but I had fun. I wish it could have ended a bit better for my final year, but overall it was good for me."

Q: What will you miss most about playing on the high school team?  
A: "All of the bus rides to the away games and of course Coach Foster."

READY to apply the tag, senior first baseman Austin Anderson and sophomore Dalton Vitt protect the bases in an away game at Bishop Ward. REARING back, senior Chance Crawford aims for the strike zone in a home game. Crawford finished his senior year with a 2-3 record and 29 strikeouts.

SWINGING away, sophomore Dalton Vitt gets a piece of the ball. "I think about my last at bat and the pitches I was given and concentrate on the situation that we are in when I am up to bat," Vitt said.

AFTER a successful home run by senior Chris Smith, the Braves huddle up to celebrate. Smith finished his senior year with a .268 batting average. FAR RIGHT: Laying down a bunt, senior Luke Terrell does his best to advance a runner. A four-year competitor, Terrell finished his final season with 12 singles and two doubles.
Strong group of seniors lead the way

If you wanted to sum up the 2009 season for the Braves' baseball team in just one word, it would be "tough."

Even though they had a strong group of six experienced seniors leading the way, the Braves found themselves battling game after game in a five-win season.

"We played a lot better than our record showed," Head Coach Rick Moulin said. "We lost several games by one run."

Moulin said the team played its best baseball at the Butch Foster Memorial Classic held at the Community America ballpark. The Braves opened the tournament with a tough, one-run loss to Holton and then lost to Tonganoxie in the second round. Hungry for a win, the Braves faced Perry-Lecompton and came away with an impressive 10-0 win behind a no-hitter from senior Chance Crawford. Crawford and fellow senior Luke Terrell were both named to the all-tournament team for their strong play.

In terms of highlights, Moulin said it was a thrill to see Chance Crawford break the school record for stolen bases with 36.

The season had a bittersweet ending as it represented the end of Moulin's career as the Braves' head coach.

"I will miss the relationships that I built with this great group of guys. They were fun to coach, and I know they will be successful in life and not just in baseball," Moulin said.

—Lynsey Ostman

Big surprise from hard-working team

Expectations were shattered this season when the Bravettes’ soccer team tripled their number of wins since the program’s creation three years ago.

This success can be attributed to the team’s experience, but also to the contribution of new players. Seven lettermen from this season had never played high school soccer before.

“We had more athletic talent this season, and it really helped our team that so many girls chose to play soccer,” team co-captain Cali Hackney said.

The main highlight of the season came after a 3-0 defeat of Tonganoxie, which sparked a five-game winning streak.

“I think the win against Tongie was a turning point. We showed ourselves that we could win,” Head Coach Mike Moulin said.

With such a significant jump in performance, the future of the program looks very bright; several freshman lettered this season and their experience should contribute next year.

“I think this team worked very well together and that was largely due to everyone’s unselfishness. Whether it was offense or defense, everyone was willing to play the position they were best at. This is a team sport, and we played as a team,” Moulin said.

—Jake Barren


LAUNCHING a corner kick, senior Cali Hackney puts the ball into play. “As the season went on, we realized what to do in game situations, and we started performing better,” Hackney said. CHANGING direction, freshman Yessenia Hernandez takes the ball across the field. Hernandez contributed greatly to the team in her first season on the soccer team.

FIGHTING for ball control, junior Tessa Seaton bodies up to her DeSoto opponent. Seaton was the team’s leading scorer this season with eight goals.
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Tonganoxie 0 3
Gardner 0 8
Ottawa 3 2
K.C. Christian 0 1
Schlage 10 0
Lansing 0 5
Maranatha 1 0
Tonganoxie 3 0
Basehor 4 0
Wyandotte 11 1
Piper 4 3
Bishop Ward 6 1
Immaculata 0 6
Spring Hill 2 3
DeSoto 5 0
Mill Valley 3 0
Tonganoxie 2 0
St. Thomas Aquinas 0 10

Overall Record 9-9

Working around her opponent, senior Amber Barnes (above) helps lead her team to a victory against Tonganoxie. Barnes was one of six seniors on the team.

Weaving her way through two defenders, junior Alex Argudo pushes the ball up the field. Argudo earned first team All-KVL honors for her strong play at the end of the season. Playing solid defense, senior Krystal Stanton stops her Immaculata opponent from advancing down the field. "Krystal was an exceptional example of a senior leader," Head Coach Mike Moulin said. With her eyes on the ball, sophomore Chelsea Crawford (top right) prepares to kick it to safety at a home game.
Team steps up to qualify for state

Led by freshman Parker Miller, the boys golf team did something they hadn’t done for a very long time: they qualified for the state meet in Emporia.

“We started doing better as a team late in the season and we had the opportunity to go to state, so they all stepped it up and played their best to make it there,” Head Coach Jacob Beck said.

Miller led the Braves at state with a 77, good for 30th place, while senior Steven Shores fired an 80.

“It was an awesome experience,” Miller said. “All of the regional champions got to lead the pack in the last group, so it was amazing to be with them. For my first time at state, I was pleased with my performance.”

The Braves’ journey to state came after a stellar performance at the regional tournament, which was held on their own home course at Sunflower Hills. Miller shot a 76 to capture his first championship of the season, and the rest of the rest of team (Shores, Blake McMahon, Logan Opat, Jonathan Price, and Steven Walker) stepped up to place third and earn a coveted trip to state.

“Parker is mature beyond his age,” Beck said. “He is very coachable and sets a wonderful example for his teammates. His demeanor kept the rest of the team calm in tournaments.”

—Cali Hackney

Ready, aim, fire!
TAKING aim, senior Stephen Shores prepares to take a shot at the Sunflower Classic. Shores finished the season with an 84.6 stroke average and a trip to state. "It was fun to get to go to state with the whole team," Shores said. "I really enjoyed the course and the competitive atmosphere there."

SETTING the ball back in place, freshman Parker Miller studies the green before putting. "Sycamore Ridge in Spring Hill was my favorite course because it is difficult and is very appealing to the eye," Miller said.

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PERFECTING his stroke, junior Steven Walker practices before the Sunflower Invitational on April 4. Walker fired a 92 to place 10th.
Braves return from state well-decorated, send two to Nationals

In the program's third year, the Braves' powerlifting team mirrored the success of previous seasons.

As an alternative to other winter sports, powerlifting, or competitive weight lifting, offers students a chance to increase their overall athletic performance by growing bigger, stronger and faster.

The powerlifting team travels across the country annually to compete in sanctioned USA Powerlifting meets in order to qualify for the high school national competition.

After sending eight lifters to the Ozark Open in St. Louis, the Braves returned five individuals with first-place finishes and took first place as a team.

Junior Clarence Forshey and senior Julia Glenn qualified for national competition at the Ozark Open. They then traveled to Killeen, Texas, to compete against some of the best lifters in the country.

"This achievement required incredible dedication," said sponsor Justin Howe.

- Jake Barren

Most powerlifting meets run in the same fashion; competition starts with the squat, followed by the bench press, and concludes with deadlift. Competitors are allowed three attempts at each lift, but if they fail at one attempt, they cannot try a lighter weight. The category in which you lift is determined by body weight, and the lighter weight classes lift first.

Each lift is completed by flights, much like in track. Twelve or 15 lifters will complete all three attempts of one lift in the same flight, making it easier on competitors when warm up.

When lifting is complete, the maximum completed attempt from each lift is added together, giving each lifter a total, which is used to rank the competitors.

FLEXED in a locked-out position, junior Clarence Forshey deadlifts 200 kilograms or 440 pounds.

"I'm proud of the way I came in from wrestling season and still qualified for nationals," Forshey said.

"I hadn't lifted for months before the meet." AWAITING the judge's signal, senior Julia Glenn prepares for her first squat attempt. Glenn was the first Bravette to qualify for Nationals.
**Athlete Profiles**

**Starian Porchia**

**SENIOR**

**Sports:** Volleyball, basketball, and softball.

**Most memorable moment:** "The game against Tonganoxie when I had two diving catches, and we got a double play because the girl thought I dropped it."

**Favorite famous athlete:** Candice Parker

**Favorite college team:** University of Oklahoma women's softball team

**Favorite Quote:** "Basketball is like ballet going full speed with a ball."

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**Ryan Morris**

**JUNIOR**

**Sports:** Football, basketball, and baseball.

**Most memorable moment:** "Getting it up by tackles in every football practice this season."

**Favorite famous athlete:** Alexander Rodriguez (A-Rod)

**Favorite team:** Kansas City Royals (MLB)

**Favorite Quote:** "Good guys are a dime a dozen, but an aggressive leader is priceless."

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**Yessenia Hernandez**

**FRESHMAN**

**Sports:** Basketball and soccer.

**Most memorable moment:** "During the soccer season when we were playing Basehor, and I scored my first goal."

**Favorite famous athlete:** Kevin Garnett

**Favorite team:** Denver Nuggets (NBA)

**Favorite Quote:** "The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender."

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**James Canada**

**SENIOR**

**Sports:** Football, swimming, powerlifting, and track.

**Most memorable moment:** "Every football game, playing with my fellow senior teammates since I have been here at Bonner."

**Favorite famous athlete:** James Laurinaitis

**Favorite college team:** University of Oklahoma

**Favorite Quote:** "May God have mercy on all my enemies because I won't."

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**Josephine Freeby**

**SOPHOMORE**

**Sports:** Volleyball, basketball, and track.

**Most memorable moment:** "When I broke my wrist in basketball and the first game I played after the injury I scored the first 7 points of the game."

**Favorite famous athlete:** Cole Aldrich

**Favorite college team:** KU men's basketball team

**Favorite Quote:** "Never look down on anyone unless your helping them up."

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**Drew Hern**

**FRESHMAN**

**Sports:** Football, swimming, and track.

**Most memorable moment:** "When the freshman football team came back and won the Mill Valley game."

**Favorite famous athlete:** Michael Jordan

**Favorite team:** St. Louis Cardinals (MLB)

**Favorite Quote:** "Don't be afraid to stick it to the man."
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**Fall Honors:**

**FOOTBALL. Jonathan Walker:** Team MVP Award, Team Offensive Award, First-Team Defensive All-KVL, Second-Team Defense All-KVL, Wichita Eagle, Topeka Capital Journal, All-State, Defensive Back. **Jake Barren:** Second-Team Defense All-KVL, Honorable Mention Defense All-KVL. **Jeremy Walker:** Team Big Hit Award, Second-Team Offense All-KVL, Honorable Mention Defense All-KVL. **Max Barren:** Team Defensive Player Award, Honorable Mention Defense All-KVL. **BOYS SOCCER. Alex Sotol:** First-Team All-KVL, Garrett Parker: Second-Team All-KVL. **VOLLEYBALL. Amber Barnes:** Team Defensive Player of the Year, Team Newcomer of the Year, Honorable Mention All-KVL. **Starian Porchia:** Team MVP, Team Offensive Player of the Year. **Chelsea Crawford:** Team Offensive Player of the Year, Team Most Inspirational. **Cali Hackney:** Team Most Improved. **CROSS COUNTRY. Brooks Ballou:** Honorable Mention All-Metro, First-Team All-State, First-Team All-KVL, First-Team Regional. **Isaac Mills:** First-Team All-KVL, First-Team Regional. **Bryce Peterson:** Second-Team All-KVL.

**Winter Honors:**

**BOYS BASKETBALL. Jared Brailsford:** All-Tournament Team Baldwin Invitational. **GIRLS BASKETBALL. Lynsey Ostman:** Honorable Mention All-KVL. **WRESTLING. Brooks Ballou:** Honorable Mention All-Wyo. **Brian Callahan:** First-Team All-Wyo. **Anthony Ellingsworth:** Second-Team All-Wyo. **Tanner McCleary:** Second-Team Academic All-State, First-Team All-Wyo, First-Team All-KVL, Third All-State. **Caleb Seaton:** First-Team All-Wyo, Second Team All-KVL, Fourth All-State. **Adam Shirley:** First-Team Academic All-State, Second-Team All-Wyo. **BOYS SWIMMING. Matthew Bille:** Leadership and Integrity Award, Honorable Mention ICSC 400-Yard Freestyle Relay. **Tyler Dubin:** Honorable Mention ICSC 200-Yard Freestyle; Honorable Mention ICSC 400-Yard Freestyle Relay. **Ryan Holcomb:** Honorable Mention ICSC 400-Yard Freestyle Relay. **Alex Sullivan:** NAIA Champion of Character Award. Honored as first swimmer in school history to swim "Iron Man."

**Spring Honors:**

**BASEBALL. Brian Callahan:** First-Team All-KVL, outfield. **Chance Crawford:** First-Team All-KVL, infield; Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic All-Tournament Team. **Luke Terrell:** Butch Foster Memorial Baseball Classic All-Tournament Team. **SOFITBALL. Starian Porchia:** First-Team All-KVL, Team Most Valuable Player, Team Braves Award. **Breanna Tendick:** Honorable Mention All-KVL. **Team Offensive Player Award Team Defensive Player. Kylee Timberlake:** Team Best Newcomer. **Kelly Chastain:** Team Most Improved. **GIRLS SOCCER. Alex Argudo:** First-Team All-KVL, forward. **Cali Hackney:** First-Team All-KVL, mid-field. **Krystal Stanton:** First-Team All-KVL, defense. **Amber Barnes:** Second-Team All-KVL, utility. **Tiffanie Burgoon:** Second-Team All-KVL, goalkeeper.
WATCHING the crowd, senior Amber Barnes thinks back on all her memories since freshman year. "I always loved the team dinners because we would come together and enjoy ourselves as a team," Barnes said. LOOKING at the next senior coming towards them, seniors Kathryn Christwell, left, and Tiara Jones reflect on their time cheering in the District PE Center.

SEEKING her mother's eyes, senior Anna Hutchison smiles with joy in the last few moments of Senior Night recognition. Seniors who had participated in basketball, band, dance and cheerleading were honored during halftime of the Courtwarming game against Mill Valley. PROUDLY standing with his parents, David and Lisa, senior Luke Terrell enjoys his final home basketball game. "I thought it was a great atmosphere for the seniors to go out with, but I was sad to play my last game with my senior teammates," Terrell said.

"You want your seniors to go out with a bang, so you want to play hard for them and you would want someone to do the same for you," junior Lynsey Ostman said.

Senior Night traditions vary from sport to sport. For example, the girls basketball and volleyball teams usually get together the night before and make little gift bags for all the seniors on the team.

"I liked making gifts for the seniors because it showed our appreciation for them and how much we are going to miss them next year," junior Meg Fowler said.

The Booster Club started a new tradition this year which included the purchase and presentation of senior banners. The banners hung in front of all the fans at every home game and when the season was over they were displayed at the District PE Center and presented to the seniors at the first annual Varsity Awards Banquet.

"I liked the senior banners because they recognized all senior athletes no matter if they were on varsity or not," senior Alex Sullivan said.

"Senor Night was awesome. It was our night, and no one could take it away from us," Smith said.

—Cali Hackney

STANDING in front of his parents, Kristy and Jeff, senior Chris Smith enjoys his last home football game against Shawnee Heights. "Senior Night was awesome. It was our night, and no one could take it away from us," Smith said.
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- Starian Porchia & Chance Crawford

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- Monica Sorensen

John Philip Sousa Award

- Starian Porchia & Katrina Rolls

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- Starian Porchia & Chance Crawford

Monica Sorensen

- Starian Porchia & Katrina Rolls
Coming in during the summer to finish pages isn’t the easiest thing to do for normal high school students, but for this yearbook staff it wasn’t a problem at all. I couldn’t have asked for better dedication this year, especially from the sports section (Cali, Jake, Emily, Lynsey, and Erica) who were willing to come in, with a little bribery of food from Mrs. Holder, of course! In the beginning of the year, when the theme was decided and the strip of pictures was agreed upon, the whole staff knew we would need dedication from everyone to get enough pictures. A big thanks goes to Meg Fowler for organizing the weekly photo schedule and to Jake Barren for organizing all of our many photos so efficiently. A big thank you to all staff members who gave up their free time to cover sporting events and other activities. Another huge thanks goes to Sandra Gomez and Alyssa Leihsing for an incredible job on all the ads. Thanks to Anna and Kaylie for doing all the “sweatshop” work like the names book and all of the panels. Thank you Erika Busch for all the times you took pictures when no one else could; we couldn’t have made it without you! J.P. and Matt: Thanks for actually finishing your pages and for taking pictures when needed. Bailey, Andrea, and Jessica: You brought a new look to your section and always led the way by always finishing your pages early. Another thanks goes out to Kaley and Shelby for your commitment to creating a more reader-friendly section. (Kaley, thanks so very much for volunteering to do the index; it’s a time-consuming and thankless job.) Cali, we’ve been in yearbook together for the past two years together and even though we couldn’t escape the end of this year with a trip to Europe, it actually wasn’t too bad. You have always provided me with a joke during the stressful deadlines; thank you so much. Lastly, a huge thanks to the one and only Mama Holder for providing the food and a random funny moment at the weirdest times as well as for never pulling all of your hair with all of our great stories we made about you. Honestly, I think that other yearbook staffs are jealous that they don’t have a look alike of Ellen DeGeneres as their yearbook advisor, but seriously thanks for everything you do. Finally, a great big giant thanks to the whole yearbook staff for your dedication and hard work this year; I couldn’t have asked for a better staff.

—Your best friend and editor, Nancy DeLeon
Cali Hackney

Cali:
We are so proud of you. Your determination and willpower will take you anywhere you choose. Keep your faith and high standards. You are a girl with goals.
We love you,
Mom, Maggie & Miranda

Luke Terrell

Luke,
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments! You are an amazing young man. You are such a joy in our life. Keep up the hard work, and you can accomplish anything you set your mind too!
We love you.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Logan & Chase

Alex Sullivan

Alex,
You truly possess all the traits that make a fine young man. Thank you for sharing your love of life and your gift of humor. We love you so much and are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad & Taryn

Katrina Rollins

Katrina,
From the day you were born, you have brought so much joy to our lives. You have grown into such a lovely lady and we are so proud of you. Keep your faith in the Lord and continue making the right choices.
We love you
Mom, Dad & Bubba
Jaclyn,  
You will always be “my brown-eyed girl.”  
“In my daughter’s eyes  
Everyone is equal  
Darkness turns to light  
And the world is at peace  
This miracle God gave to me  
Gives me strength when I’m weak  
I find reason to believe  
In my daughter’s eyes.”  
Love,  
Mom

Nancy,  
Que dios te ilume y te de vida y salud y la fuerza para seguir adelante en la vida. Tus padres siempre van a estar para ayudarte, estamos muy orgullosos de ti. Siempre vas a ser nuestra vida niña chiquita.  
Tus padres,  
Gustavo y Tomasa

“You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself any direction you choose.”  
—Dr. Seuss  
We love you,  
Mom & Bink

Seria,  
We are very proud of you and love you very much. We wish you the best of luck in whatever you do. We will always be here for you.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Bryant
Starian, Porchia

I'm so proud of your many achievements and the strong, compassionate, and loving young woman you've become. Keep focused on your goals for the future and continue to believe in yourself. Thank you for the many, many joys you've brought to my life.

I love you,
Mom

Nicole Rittinghouse

Nikki,
From the day you were born you have been a beautiful part of our family. As you have grown you have become a beautiful addition to the world. We are so proud of the person you are. Always follow your heart. We love you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brad and Bridget

Isaac Mills

Isaac,
You can never reach your potential by making excuses and taking shortcuts; the best path towards success is through hard work. You've always worked hard, so don't stop reaching for your goals.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Erin

James Paul Holley III

JP
Our hearts are soaring with pride as we watch you grow into an amazing young man. You have overcome so many obstacles and surpassed every milestone set by others. Keep believing in yourself knowing we believe in you!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Sean

You have and always will be one of my greatest teachers. Thank you for being my son!

Love,
Mom
Monica E. Sorensen

Monica,
Congratulations!
You are simply a joy!
There are so many words
to describe you: amazing,
bright, caring, wise, fun,
powerful, special, a true
blessing. Keep being you!
We wish you only the best! “GO BIG RED”
Love,
Mom & Dad, Bret & Sara

Cara Jean Poe

Cara,
You have grown into
a wonderful young
woman.
We are very proud of
everything you do.
Follow your heart and
do great things
You are our life, our
everything...

Love,
Mom, Dad, Ryan & Abbi

Nathaniel Lloyd

Nate,
I am so very proud
of you and your adult
decision to join the
Army to serve our
country. This will be
a great adventure!
Remember – take
advantage of all your
opportunities.
Love,
Mom

Sandy Gomez

Sandy,
Felicitades por
siempre ser muy
estudiosa, con
esfuerzo as podido
sacar tus estudios
adelante y ojalá que
así sigas siempre. Que Dios te bendiga, te
deseamos lo mejor y te queremos mucho,
Tus Padres, Edgar & Bryant

James Edward Canada

We are all so proud of you and the
man you have become. You have given us
many memories that we will always be able to
look back on and smile. Good luck with whatever road
you decide to take. We’re sure you’ll be successful.
Dad and Aimee
WE LOVE YOU!!!
Mom and Rob
**Meghan Miller**

Meghan,  
You came into our world as a bubbly blue-eyed brunette, and filled our world with laughter and love. You light up a room when you enter it and have always been our jewel. Our wish for you is a future that holds much health, happiness and joy.

Love, Mom, Dad and Sara

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**Erika Busch**

Erika:  
You are the inspiration in our lives. Always being yourself: Strong, bold and outspoken. The smile you give: Mischievous but beautiful. Your love for challenges: Settle for only the best. Life has a lot to offer you! XO! XO! XO! XO! XO! Proud of you: WE ARE. Love you: WE ALL DO  
“Live the moment.”

Dad, Mom, Nikki

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**Cori Stapleton**

Cori,  
Childhood passed too quickly but the memories last forever. You’re a beautiful young woman inside and out and we are so proud of you. Be true to yourself. Keep your beautiful smile and your eyes always on God, and He will bless your future.

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Cody

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**Zach Dean**

Zach —  
You have been a complete joy and we want you to know how proud we are of you. You have an amazing personality, so let it always shine. Listen to your heart as God speaks to you and you will accomplish your dreams.

We love you very much,  
Mom and Grams

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**Christopher Smith**

Chris,  
We have cherished every moment of your life so far and are excited to see what the future brings as you start the next step in your journey. We wish you happiness, success and much love in your life. We love you!

Dad, Mom, Katelyn and  
Grandma and Grandpa Adkins
Adam Knight

Adam,

I used to call you my little man, and now you are all grown up. I am so honored and blessed to be your mom. I could not ask for a more honest, considerate, kind, and loving son. I see a lot of Grandpa in you. You bring joy to your family. May the force be with you.

Love,
Mom

Ashlee Harding

Ashlee,

You are a strong and beautiful young lady that I am proud to call my daughter. I hope you find much happiness in life and may all your dreams come true.

We love you always,
Mom & Dad

Kaley Withers

"Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts."

Kaley, Congratulations!!
You did it! I'm so proud of you!

Love,
Mom

Hannah Burgess

We have enjoyed watching you grow into the beautiful and strong Christian woman you have become. Continue to be strong in your faith and let it lead you. Our prayer is that you will find much love and happiness as you begin following your dreams. You mean the world to us. We are very proud of you.

All our love,
Dad, Mom and Lee
Matthew Bille

Matthew,

Your kind heart, free spirit, and great sense of humor have made you a true "Gift from God." You are destined for greatness. Always remember we are here for you.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, and Michael

Chance Crawford

On the day you were born, we couldn't even imagine the experiences we'd share with you. You've exceeded our hopes and our dreams, and we know that you will continue to shine in the years to come.

We're very proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad

Tanner McCleary

Tanner,

Wow! What a wonderful journey it has been to watch you grow from an adorable little boy into the delightful young man you are today. As your journey through life continues, set your goals high and follow your dreams. I wish you much love, happiness and success.

Love,
Mamma

Alexis Christine Crumrine

"I did not plant you, true, but when the season is done, when the alternate prayers for sun and for rain are counted, when the pain of weeding and the pride of watching are through, then I will hold you high, a shining sheaf above the thousand seeds grown wild. Not my planting but, by heaven, my harvest, my child."

–Judge John Steketee

Alexis, today as you graduate, I celebrate you for the beautiful young woman you have become. I am so proud of how you have handled the challenges in your life. Stay focused on your goals in life, give it your best effort and enjoy the journey.

Love, Mom
Kasey Stirling

Kasey:
Your passion for life is so exciting for us to watch. Your creativity knows no bounds. We are so proud of the young woman you have become. We know that with your drive and determination all your dreams will come true.

We love you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Bobby, Collin, Shawn, and Dalton

Kathryn Christwell

Kathryn,
We are so proud of you, you have worked hard to accomplish all of your goals. Keep God 1st in your life, and everything will be added to you.

Congratulations,
Mom, Dad, Regina, Mark, Sedric Sr., Rosie, Davion, Jalen, Sedric Jr., Cecil III, Kenya, Cecil IV

Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)
"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."
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Maybe the connection came during Powder Puff...

Or maybe it came when you shared a class...

SENIORES Nikki Rittinghouse and Meghan Miller (top) await the start of their final Powder Puff game while senior cheerleaders Alex Sullivan, Austin Anderson, Chance Crawford, Brandon Mills, and Zach Dean (left) get ready to dazzle the crowd.

WHILE studying the sine function in Pre-Calculus, junior David Katosh and Jaclyn Lira extend their knowledge in the "Bottle Project." TEAMING up, juniors Katie Lansdown, left, and Amanda Puckett participate in a dissection lab in Biology II.
Or possibly you felt a bond when you teamed up with others to meet a common goal...

ALONG with other selected art students, senior Katrina Stogner paints an Oak Street storefront in preparation for Marble Days. PICKING up trash, juniors Tessa Seaton and Bailey Nairn work together during a large group project for NHS.

Or perhaps you banded together while competing...

Or maybe you didn’t even make the connection until it was almost too late...
But no matter what, there is no denying that we are all—in some way or another—united, linked, unified, enjoined, bonded, CONNECTED.