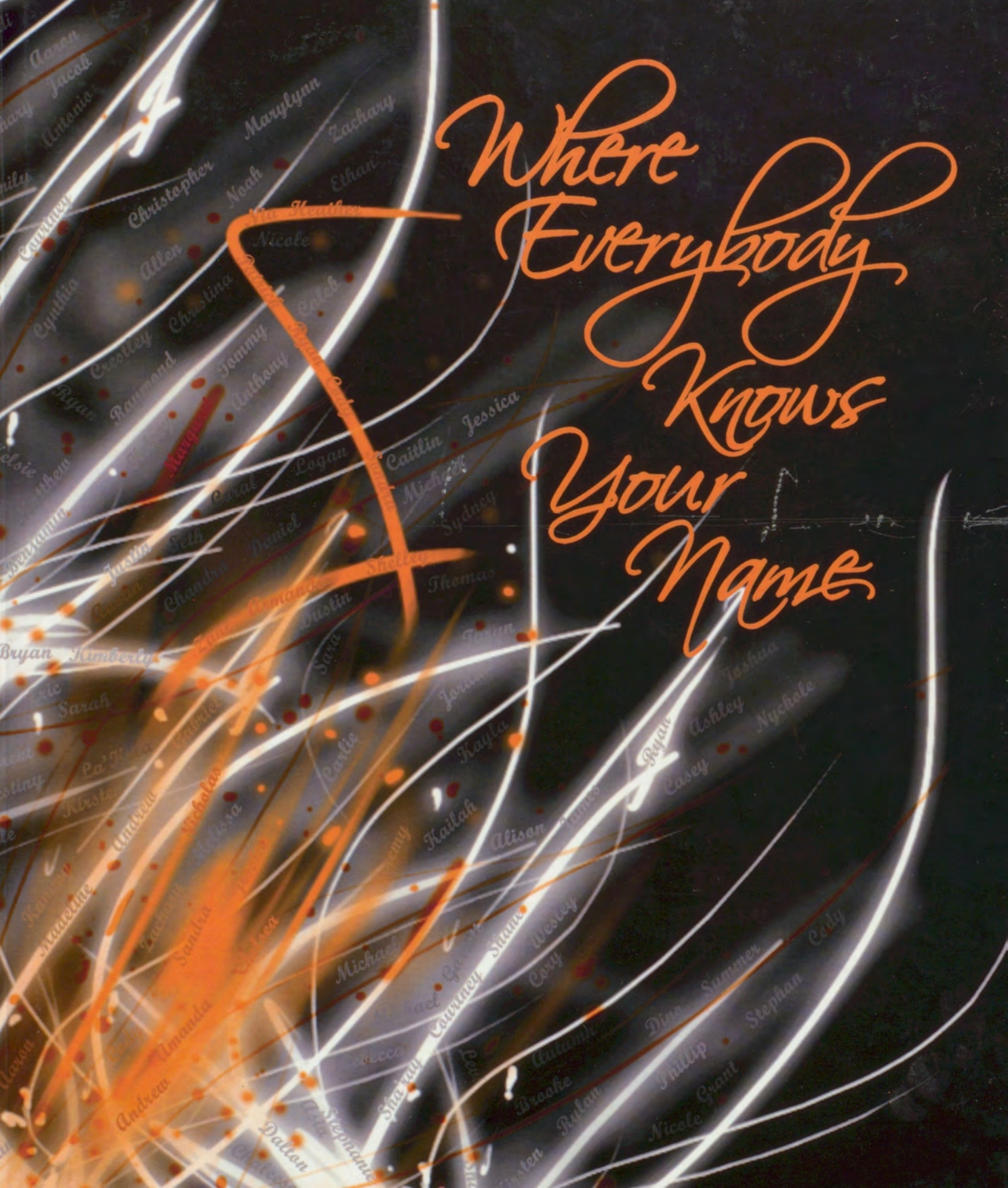
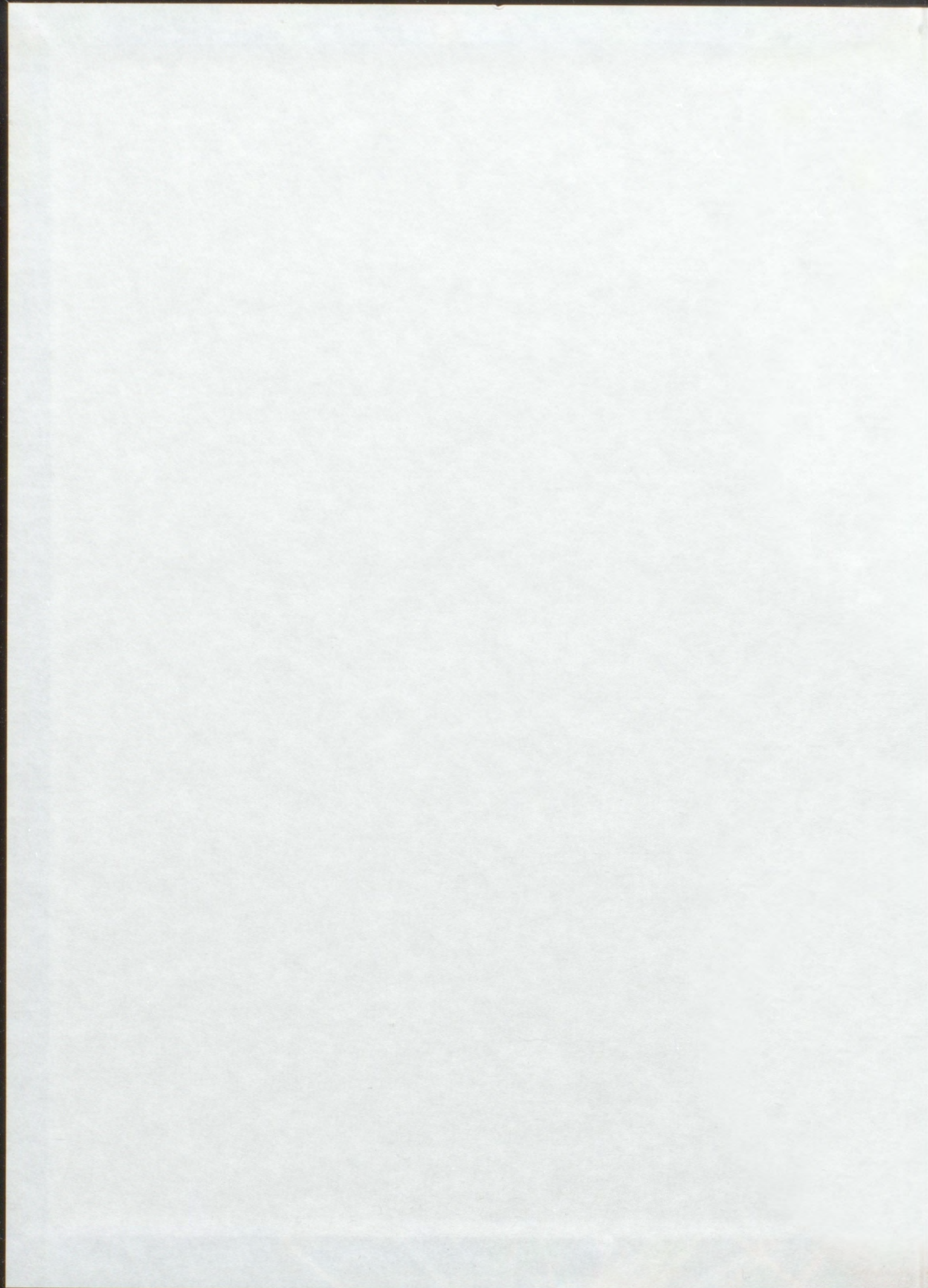
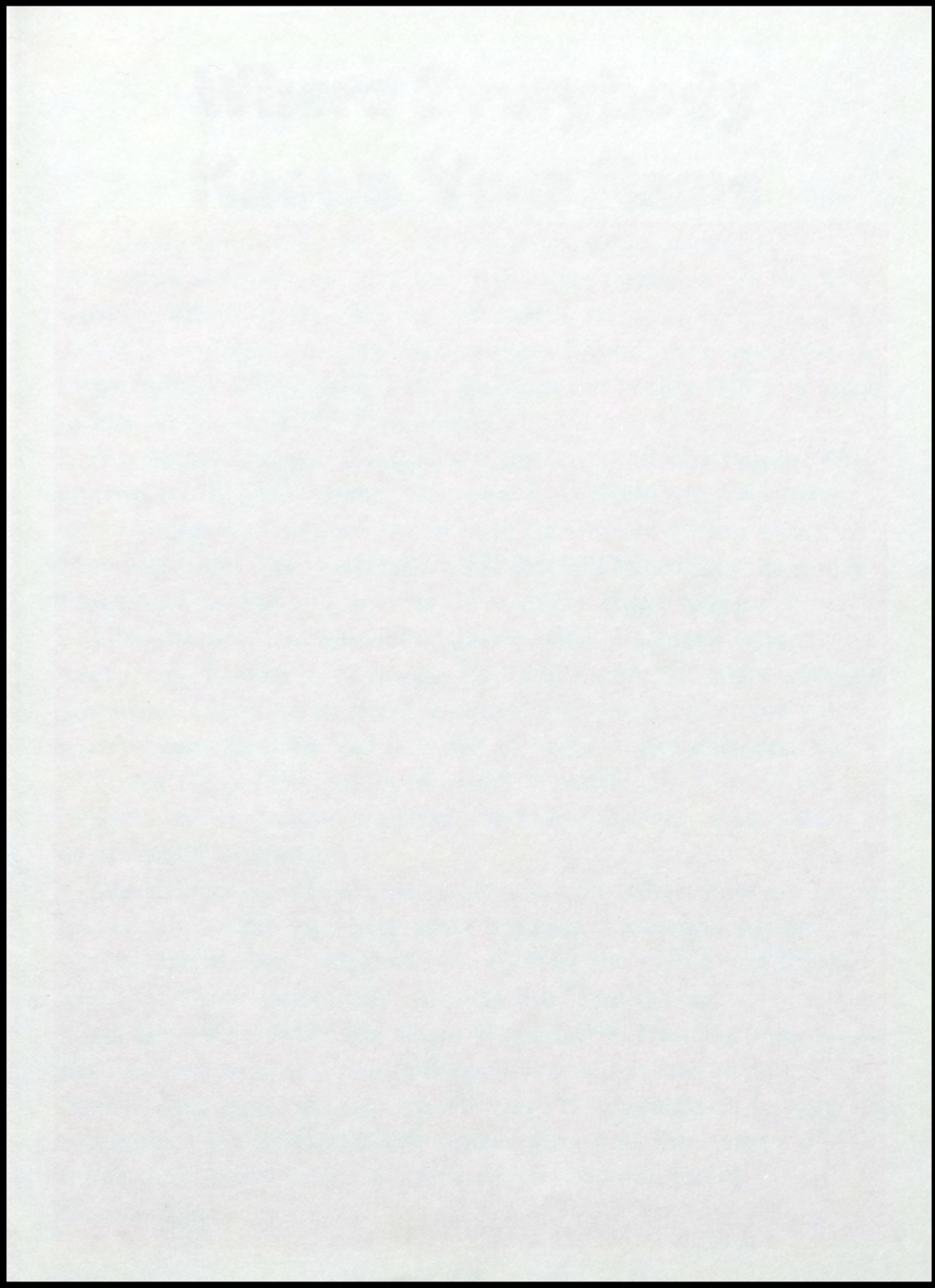


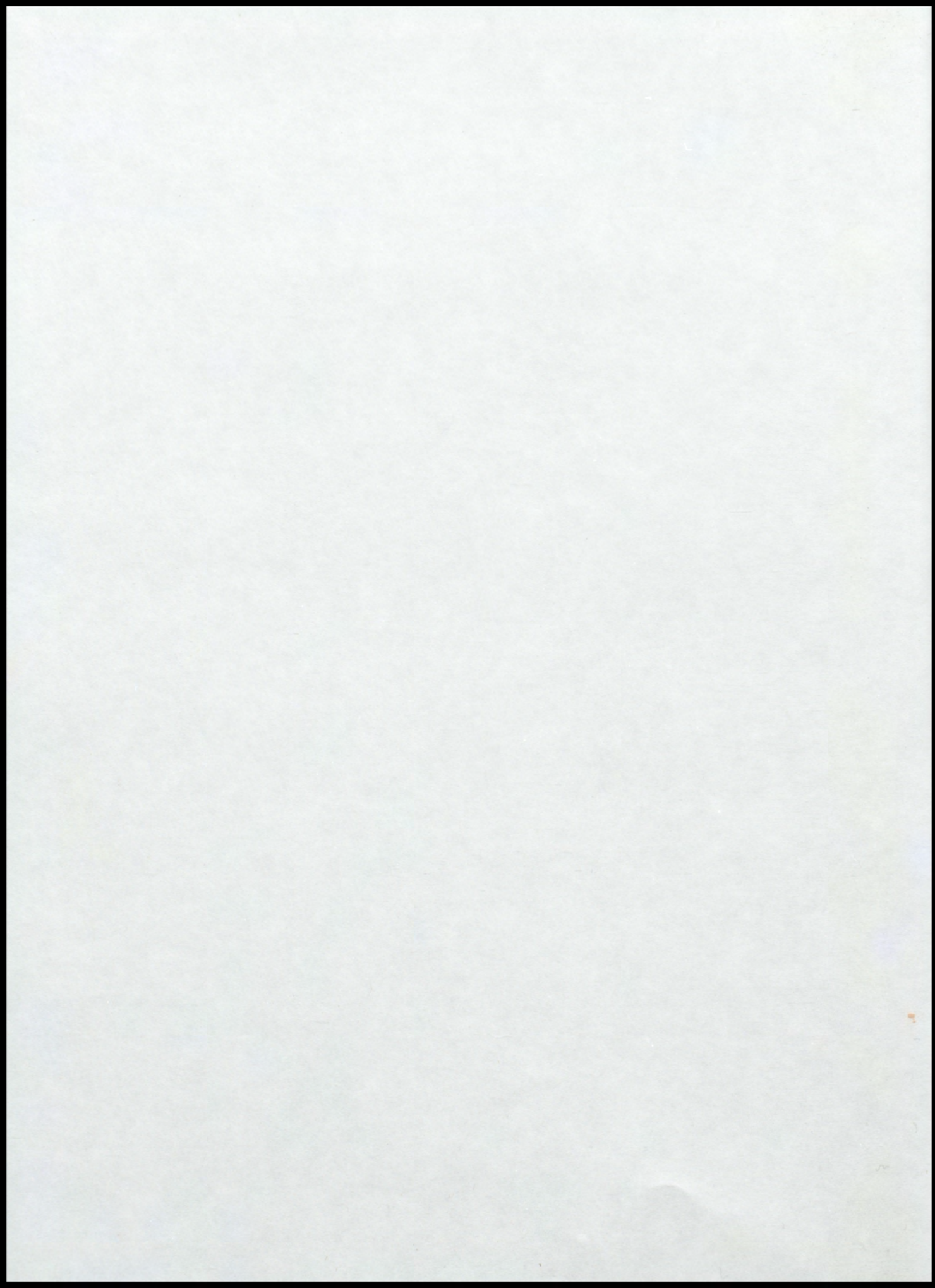
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Where
Everybody
Knows
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Name









Where Everybody Knows Your Name

Selecting a theme is one of the first tasks for every yearbook staff. It can be a daunting task because the theme should reflect the school and its students.

While to many Independence High School may seem like a large school with nearly 700 students, in reality IHS is a large family with nearly 700 members.

The 2009 Orange & Black is a chronicle of our family. We shared many good times this year. And while the memories and names are fresh on our minds right now, all too soon, they will fade. The yearbook staff worked to include as many faces and names as possible throughout these pages.

Like *Cheers*, the television series, IHS is a place when everybody knows your name. You can't walk the halls without someone speaking to you by name, and you don't have to worry about getting lost in a sea of faces in the classrooms.

There's a certain sense of comfort within our family. We have to learn to work together, and we celebrate when we experience success.

We picked up a few new faces this year when new students joined our ranks, but they soon became a member of the family. No longer outsiders, we enlarge the circle and invite them in. Their names join ours on the "family tree."

As we walk across the stage at Memorial Hall, we may leave the nest, so to speak, but we know we will return to our family. And when we do, we will have this yearbook to help us remember the 2008-2009 school year and the names of those who made this year, as well as previous years, memorable.



Zachary Storm Abildgaard



Shelley Martha Allen



Brent Joseph Alvarez



Regan Gabriel Anderes



Kimberly Amelia Banzet



Jacob Bilski



Matthew Alex Blankenship



Destiny Chantell Bohr



Nicholas Hayden Boyle



Aaron Britt

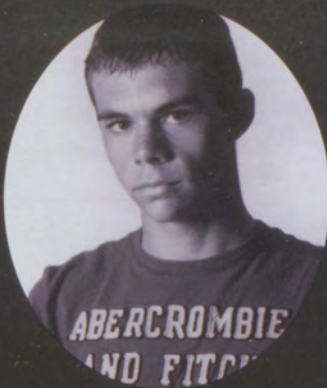


Sha'ray De'Von Britt



Joshua Logan Bromley

Class of



Zachary Lee Bryant



Patrick Aden Burden



Courtney Lynn Burns



Phillip C. Byrd



Nia Dyane Castillo



Andrew Rex Catlett



Courtney Elizabeth
Chambers



Stephanie Lorraine Chaput



Benjamin Clark



Bryan Leslie Clubine



Amber Lynn Coatney



Marylynn Joy Craig

2009



Christopher Logan Dent



Ryan Christopher Dierks



Justin Wade Doub



Sandra LaShe Dungey



Anthony Antonio Dunn



Omar Elshabassy



Noah Alexander Estes



Zane Sperry Evans



Shane Allen Ferguson



Armando Flores



Taryn Liane Freeman



Dalton Luke Friesen

Senior Trivia!

1. What's the most common girl's name in the senior class?
2. What are the 3 longest last names?



Jordan Gaddy



Jessica M. Gillespie



Caleb Hadley



Casey T. Hadley



Margaret Hancock



Eric William Hardy



James William Hart



Summer D. Hashagen



Ryan Michael Hayes



Cody Heape



Nyckole Marie High



Lane H. Hoffmeister

3. Who has the shortest first name?

4. What's the most common girls middle name?

5. How many girls have this middle name?

6. Which 2 people have the most unique names?



Asia Hogan



Brent Michael Howland



Cynthia Howland



Madeline Clare Hunter



Jacob Kyle Jabben



Raymond Jacob Jesse



Cody J. Johnson



Crestley Rachelle Jones



Jessica N. Kebert



Michael A. Kebert



La'Krea Sheree Kendrex



Wesley Lawrence

Senior Trivia Answers:

1. Jessica

2. Pendergrass, Blankenship, and Hoffmeister



Austin Kenneth Leake



Rebecca L. Lewis



Alison Cady Lybarger



Michael Glen Lyon



Amanda Marie Matthews



Kelsey Jo Mayes



Allen Lee Meacham



Kelsie Kay Meier



Kirsten Michelle Miller



Emily Nichole Mills



Logan Alan Null



Dustin Ray Parker

3. Nia

4. Marie

5. 8

6. Sha'Ray and Coral



Melissa Joan Parrett



Andrew Payne



Michael Dale Pendergrass



Garrett Russell Perry



Shane Cyrus Perry



Chelsea Rae Peters



Nicole Lyn Peterson



Coral Marie Pinon



Daniel Ray Porter



Seth Levi Prather



Aaron Michael Price



Sarah Nicoel Purdunn

Names to remember:

Valedictorian: Thomas Trombold

Salutatorian: Dan Porter



Chandra K. Pursley



Gabriel Jordan Rakes



Cory Alan Reyes



Sara TaNae' Reynolds



Christina Marie Riggs



Brooke Mercedes Rollison



Rylan Lee Romans



Jeremy Alan Rousey



Cale David Shepard



Caitlin Grace Shire



Carlie Ann Shire



Dino R. Smith

Citizenship Award:
Courtney Chambers
Dan Porter



Sondra Nicole Smith



Ethan Tyler Speicher



Kirsten Danielle Steinle



Autumn Rose Stroble



Kayla Leann Taylor



Nicole Ashton Taylor



Ryan Clark Taylor



Thomas Calvin Trombold



Antonio Vargas



Sydney M. Wagner



Zachary Watson



Kailah R. Weaver



Grant Matthew Webster



Jessica Lyn Welch



Levi W. Winebrenner



Ashley Marie Wright



Brandi Marie Wright



Chaleese Symone
Saucier-Wright



Auntray Dunn

Senior Class Officers

President:

Logan Null

Vice President:

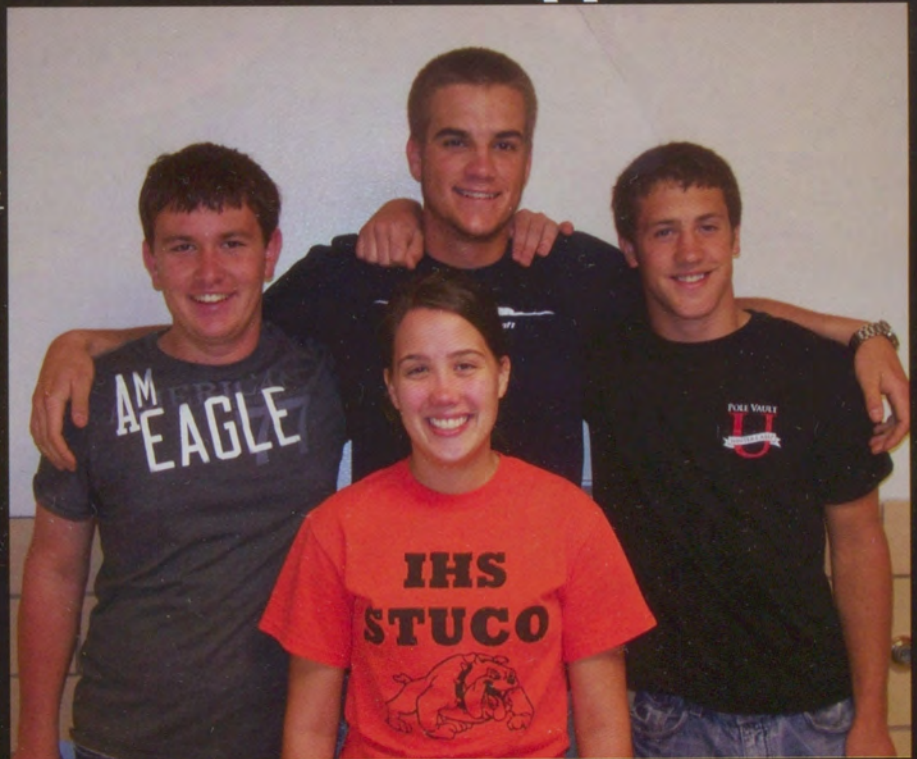
Jake Jabben

Secretary:

Courtney
Chambers

Treasurer:

Ryan Dierks



Seniors 2008-2009



Senior Life





DAWGS GRADUATION





Johnny Ainesworth
 Michael Allen
 Shanice Allen
 Nicole Amos



Andrew Baker
 Samantha Baumgartner
 Morgan Baxter
 Shiella Bean



Lauren Boulanger
 Nicholas Bright
 Klersten Britain
 Teresa Brown



Tori Brown
 Jessica Brulington
 Kirsche Bryant
 Jessle Burns



Jessle Burns
 Jared Carpenter
 Michael Castillo
 Anthony Coleman



JUN 10RS

Bayley Conner
James Connors
Mollie Connors
Cole Cranor



Savannah Cromwell
Connor Cushing
Kendra Darrow
Anthony Davis



Laken Davis
Dennis Dellmarschl
Jonathan Dierks
Julie Dovu



Dominique Edwards
Camille English
Gage Erling
Christina Evans



Spencer Fañler
Michelle Farris
James Faust
Scott Flenen





Ríett Flood
 Jeffery Fowler
 Cassandra Goodman
 Taylor Goodman



Wesley Goodrich
 Nancy Guan
 Michael Gudmonson
 Aubrey Hancock



Andrew Hare
 Dillon Harris
 Erika Harris
 Damone Hatch



Maddie Hawn
 Aaron Hayse
 Danielle Heape
 Kristopher High



Ariana Hills
 Jonathon Hogge
 Brandon Howland
 Emma Jackson



Cody D. Johnson
 Tequilla Jones
 Hannah Kays
 Meagan Kebert



Dylan Kemp
 Kyler King
 Micañ Knight
 Katherine Knoles



Grace Kyle
 Bailey Lewman
 Katherine Loveless
 Vanessa Lowdon



Sara Lyon
 William MacRae
 Lashay Malone
 Gabriel Marceleno



Haley Marchant
 Zachary May
 Danielle Medlock
 Ethan Messner





Brittany Meyer
Stephanie Miller
Christopher Myers
Aubrey Near



Nicholas Novotni
Nicholas O'Daniel
Meghan O'Shields
Hanna Ostrander



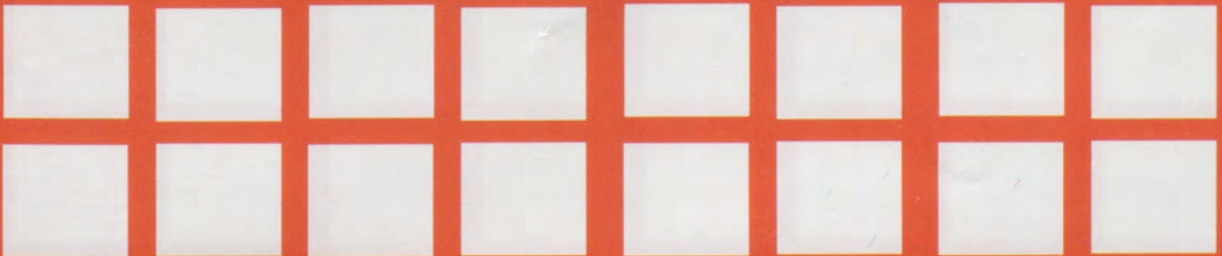
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Ryan Perreira
Christopher Perry
Lauren Peyton



Kaitlyn Porter
Mason Posch
Christina Powell
Melanie Quinones



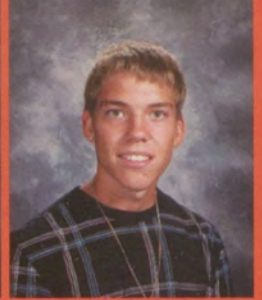
Kaitlin Quinton
Alejandro Ramos
Ashley Reed
Brandyne Rigby



Charisma Roberts
 Percy Rogers
 Marla Rood
 Airyel Rosenhoover



Kayla Ruiz
 Natasha Sack
 Amber Schafer
 Cameron Schicke



Austin Schroeder
 Bryce Smith
 Dylan A Smith
 Talor Smith



Clanne Spradling
 Tyler Sprague
 John Stafford
 Brandon Stein



Amber Stroble
 Candice Tarkington
 Shelby Therrien
 Bry Thomas





Nicole Thompson
Jason Truitt
Thaddeus Tuck
Andrew Tucker



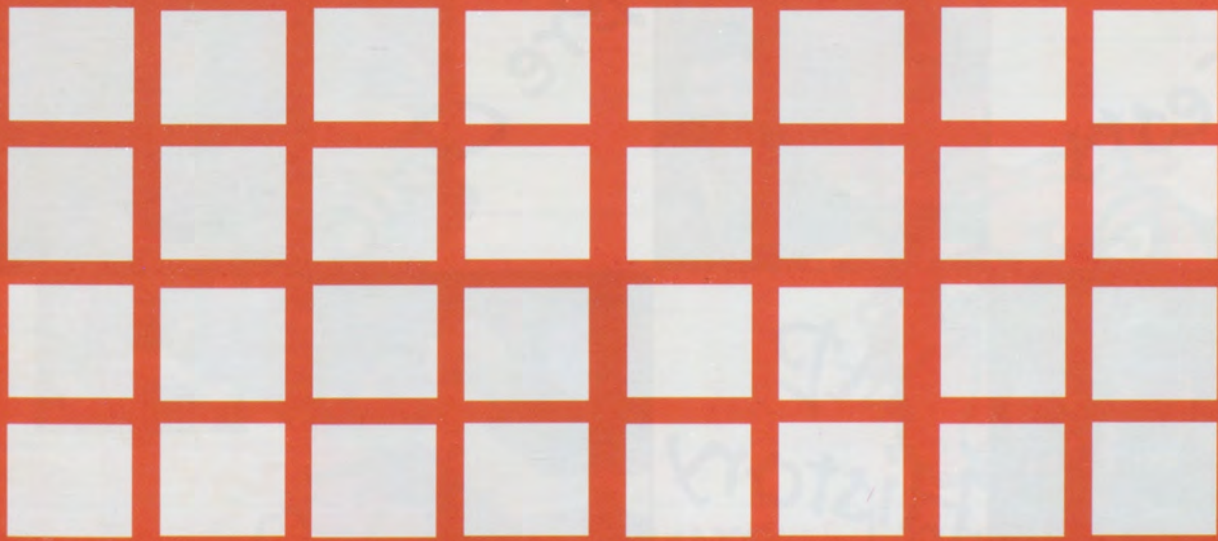
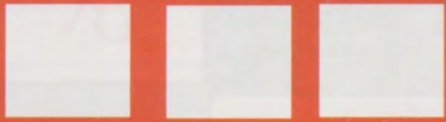
Heidi Tucker
Sierra Tucker
Matt Walls
Jennifer Wehmeler



Lauren Whitson
Terry Whittet
Samuel Williams
David Wilson



Kensy Wilson
Marcus Wright
Lakan Ysusi



Junior Life

2008-2009



Home-
work



Chemistry

Prom



Clubs



Class
of 2010



Friends

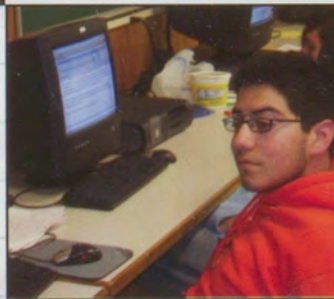
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Pre Calc



AP
History



Sports



One year more... I can't wait!

Class

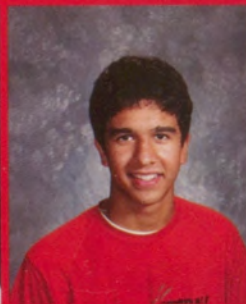
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Beau Allson
Danielle Allson
Benjamin Babcock



Trevor Bayless
Gretchen Beaver
Kaitlyn Bennett
Drayton Blumer



Aaron Boñr
Peyton Botts
Seth Boyer
James Brocaw



Matthew Bromley
Christian Brown
Mark Bryant
Shayla Burnett



Christopher Burnside
Ashlee Carr
Abby Chicradonz
Luis Chona



of 2011



Cameron Christian
Elainna Christlieb
Nathan Cushing
Ashleigh Daniels



Marking Daniels
Roger Daniels
Shianna Davidson
Tyler Dreger



Kassandra Duff
Tamika Dunn
Alexander Ferm
Taylor Flenen



Endesha Flanigan
Lucas Freeman
Kenzie Froebe
Spencer Frolde



Gordon Gartner
James Gibbons
Garrett Gilstrap
Tanner Goad

Katelyn Golligntley
 Randy Guan
 Shyanne Guyot
 Hallie Hernandez



Jaime Herrmann
 Kelsey Hignight
 Brianna Hilger
 Theodore Honan



Evan Hoover
 Chance Housel
 Lakesha Hunter
 Allcia Jones



Mark Kebert
 Victoria Kebert
 Nicole Key
 Delon Knight



Michelle Knopick
 Judith Kyle
 Crystal LaForte
 Stephan Lantz



Samantha Lewis
 BreAnna Linden
 John Long
 Stephanie Lyon





Marshall Madlson
Lexis Mangan
Molly Mangan
Craig Marshall

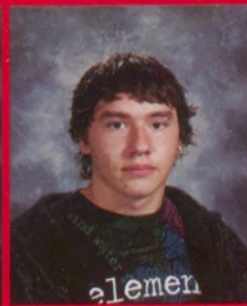


Samantha Mayes
Daniel McDill
Kelby McGrath
Shannon Mears

President:
Nathan Cushing
Vice President:
Joel Simwinga
Secretary:
Brianna Hilger
Treasurer:
Daniel McDill
STUCO Rep:
Kenzie Froebe &
Dalton Mott



Gunnar Mlesner
Hannah Mills
Dalton Mott
Chelsea Mundy



Cody Neurauter
Matthew Newman
Krista Newton
Elizabeth Nickle

Henry Nickles
 Call Nutt
 Samantha Oliver
 Dillon Packard



Tarah Patchett
 Joshua Paugh
 Yamilka Pereira
 Alexander Petersen



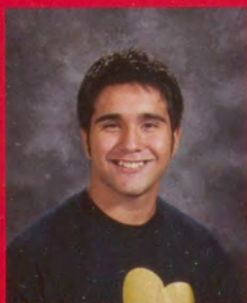
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 Vige Quinones
 Jesse Raney
 William Rayl



Dani Relster
 Katherine Rice
 Angela Riggle
 Nicholas Romans



Bobble Rousey
 Derek Rumpfelt
 Shane Samora
 Roberto Sanchez



Emily Seeley
 Brandy Simmons
 Joel Simwina
 Dylan Smith





Rachel Smith
 Destiny Stafford
 Julla Stafford
 Kayla Steinle



Scott Strycker
 Jöinna Sutton
 Dominique Taylor
 Michael Teats



Michael Trombold
 Audrey Tucker
 Dakota Tucker
 David Turplin



Sierra Watts
 Garrett Webster
 Angelina White
 Chris Williams



Matt Wilson
 Sandi Wilson
 Ashley Winkleman
 Tregor Wiziarde



Cory D Wright
 Jeremy Wright
 Patrick Wuerdeman
 Andre Ysusl

11 Letter Names for Class of 2011



N	O	F	A	C	O	H	T	T	E	N	Y	N	I	B	E	X	I	W	O
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ALICIA JONES
BEAU ALLISON
BLAINE BROWN
DAVID TURPIN
DELON KNIGHT
EMILY SEELEY

HANNAH MILLS
JAMES BROCAW
JOSHUA PAUGH
JUSTIN FRITZ
LEXIS MANGAN
MARIAH HATCH

MOLLY MANGAN
PEYTON BOTTS
RACHEL SMITH
SHANE SAMORA
TYLER DREGER
WILLIAM RAYL



What color are you and your classmates?

In each row number each adjectives one to four. (one being least like you four being most like you) Next add up your totals for each column. After that match the color of your box with the color boxes below and learn about yourself. Then see if you can guess what you friends are!

Playful/Fun Loving
Risk Taker
Quick Witted
Spontaneous
Energetic
Optimistic
Independent
Competitive
Multi-tasker

Loving
Harmonious
Sensitive
Peacemaker
Spiritual
Unifying
Mediator
Caretaker
Motivator

Always Thinking
Visionary
Intellectual
Perfectionist
Always Asks "Why?"
Collected
Thorough
Complex
Logical

Punctual
Values Family and Tradition
Conservative
Predictable
Responsible
Loves to Plan
Values Others
Loyal

ORANGE

BLUE

Freedom

Your leadership style is:

Competitive; action-oriented; physical; fun; energizing; exciting; dramatic; flexible; risk-taking; humorous; plays to win; productive; and attracts a large following.

Expectations:

Quick action; make it fun; flexible/adaptable; focused in the "here and now"; challenged by and likes change.

Your leadership style is:

Concerned; relaxed; all-inclusive; cooperative; harmonious; caring; democratic; participatory; enthusiastic; and inspirational.

Expectations:

All should express their views/opinions; everyone's ideas should be respected; assumes cooperative approach/"family spirit;" all should develop their full potential; sensitive; less structured approach.

Relationships

Intellectual Competence

Your leadership style is:

Calm; cool and detached; logical/unemotional; analytical; futuristic in nature; intellectual; competent/intelligent; clarifying.

Expectation:

Intelligence and competence; task relevancy; analytical approach; consider the future implications of change; likes and encourages change for improvement; expects people to follow-through and do their part.

Your leadership style is:

Tried and true; conservative; traditional; trust-worthy; disciplined; decisive; detail-oriented; no-nonsense; task-oriented; time conscious

Expectations:

Punctuality; order; loyalty; respect for tradition; rules should be obeyed/followed; detailed and thorough approach; accepts change if/when proven "right/necessary;" believes change should be initiated over time/gradually.

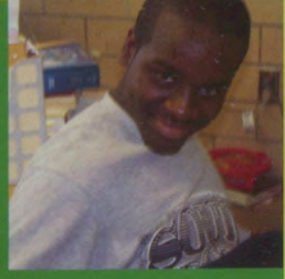
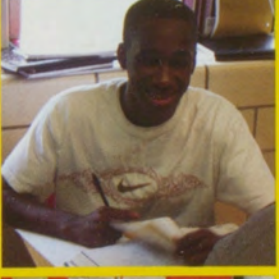
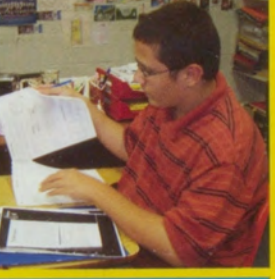
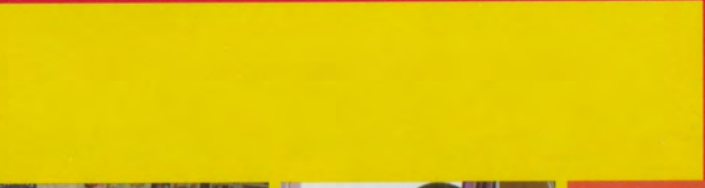
Duty & Responsibility

GREEN

GOLD

Class of 2011





Class

Summer Abildgaard
 Sydney Adey
 Casey Ainesworth
 Elizabeth Allen



Autumn Ashlock
 Scott Augustine
 James Bally
 Erica Banks



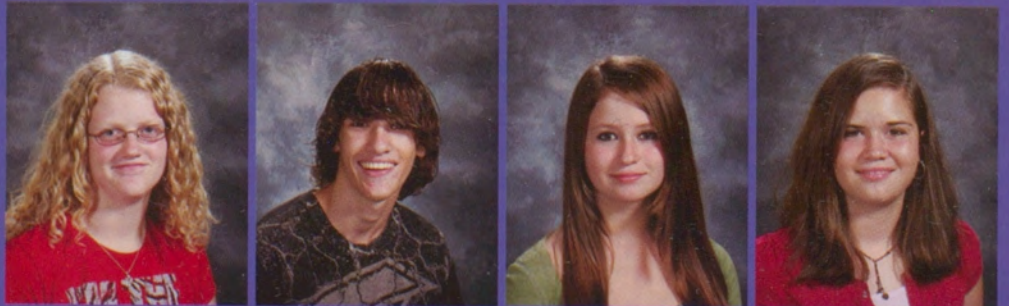
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 Joshua Belt
 Macy Blankenship
 Blake Borovetz



Markie Bos
 Jhamaica Boyd
 Elizabeth Brennan
 Scott Britain



Emily Brooks
 Zaccary Brown
 Zoe Bryant
 Bailey Burnett



of 2012



Joshua Cahill
Chance Cargile
Kyle Cheshier
Demonta Clark



Shaylee Clarkson
Ashley Clift
Danielle Cooley
Amanda Creamer



Adam Cudney
Brittany Daniels
Jacob Davis
Shawn Delano



Lexi Dent
Cody DeVore
Morgan Dodson
Sarah Doring



Errion Dungey
Raquel Dungey
Ashley Dunn
Shamika Dunn

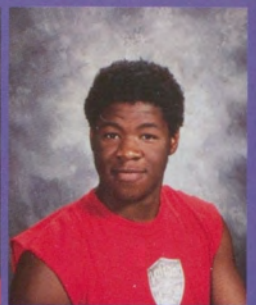
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 John Ellis
 Shelby Enlow
 Tim Erbe



Logan Farmer
 Caisla Fienen
 Hank Florio
 Keely Foster



Sarah Fowler
 Ashley Frith
 Andrew Gibson
 Marcus Goodspeed



Matthew Grant
 Blaine Hale
 Madeline Hamlin
 Taylor Hancock



Breanna Havener
 Shelby Hawk
 Cameron Heape
 Eric Hinkle





Samantha Hinkle
 Craig (CJ) Hitt
 Caleb Hogge
 Dawn Hole



Margaret Htwe
 Riana Hutchinson
 Emily Jabben
 Jessica Jaimes



Demarko Johnson
 Easton Julian
 Sean Keath
 Cole Keller



Dallas King
 Shawn King
 Cortney Knight
 Levi Leiker



Kenyon Leopard
 Rebecca Lewis
 Bryan Lewman
 Nicholas Long

Julianna Loveless
 Michelle Lowmaster
 Stephen Main
 Sergio Martinez



Jace McCabe
 Timmire McDonald
 Alyssa Meadows
 Alec Medlock



Devin Mendoza
 Cheyenne Merro
 Dayna Miles
 Brandon Miller



Shane Moore
 Jessica Morris
 Hannah Morrow
 Kellie Muller



Taylor Murdock
 Ashley Neeley
 Nicholas Newton
 Chelsea Niver





Dustin Oliver
Gage Osburn
Benjamin Parker
Meghan Pennington



Brandon Perreira
Cayla Peyton
Kashay Pouncil
Trisha Powell



Taryn Prather
Garrett Pruett
Rachel Rakes
Connor Rawls



Larkin Rawls
Taylor Reed
Kassie Reister
Kevin Reister



Perayshu Rogers
Sid Rutland
Adan Sanchez
Dalton Shaffer

Diane Shelton
 Darah Sherwood
 Dustin Shields
 Ashton Simmons



Crystal B Smith
 Ethan Smith
 Victoria Smith
 Zachary Snodgrass



Dade Spradling
 Levi Sprague
 Skylar Stacy
 John Paul Stafford



Carl Stinson
 Tyler Strange
 Sebastian Strobelt
 Angel Stroble



Taylor Thomas
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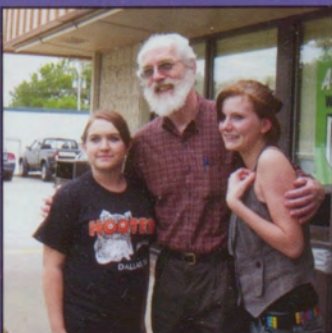
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Caden Westerfield



Alexis White
Tyler Whitson
Selene Wilson
Heather Wright



Nikki Yakshaw
Tony Zamora



FRESHMAN

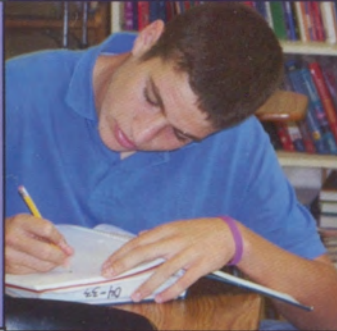


HOME
WORK



CLUBS

SPORTS



STUDY



SCHOOL



WRITING

EXPERIMENTS



TEAMWORK

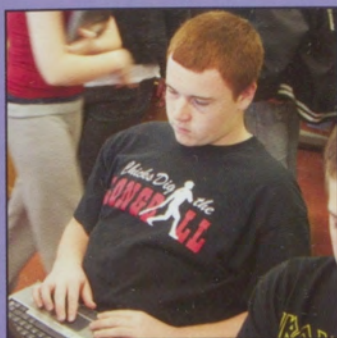


CLASS OF 2012

TEST



FRIENDS



CLASS



ART

MUSIC



CAN-OPENER



LIFE



Joyce Aiello
 Larry Annable
 Jason Armitage
 Theresa Barnhart



Cindy Beshears
 Jamie Beyer
 Carl Bolora
 Max Bradbury



Roni Burris
 Beth Capps
 Gayle Chapman
 Whitney Chism



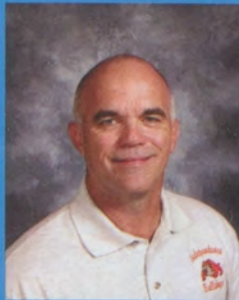
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 Keith Confer
 Kelly Cox
 Waneta Cox



Shelley Davis
 Landon Diveley
 Julie Dunham
 Carl Edwards



Bulldog



Glenda Ellis
 Brad Fredrickson
 Marilyn Goad
 David Harlin



Jean Harsin
 Trish JuAire
 Emmi Knight
 Tim Knoles



Jack Kyle
 Michael Long
 Rene Long
 David Lovelace



Mary Mani
 Anna May
 Janice McBride
 Laura McClure



Brian Melchiori
 Carol Mooney
 Cheryl Moor
 Debbie Moore

Staff

Jim Moseley
 Karen Newkirk
 Becky Prather
 Gloria Price



Phyllis Pruter
 Lynn Reddy
 Collette Reichenberger
 Dale Reynolds



Bill Rhiley
 Colleen Rollings
 Jamie Savage
 Mitch Shaw



Erin Shelton
 Lea Shepard
 Coylene Speer
 Nancy Sprague



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 Sherry Staton
 Kerri Stevens
 Ronda Taraboletti



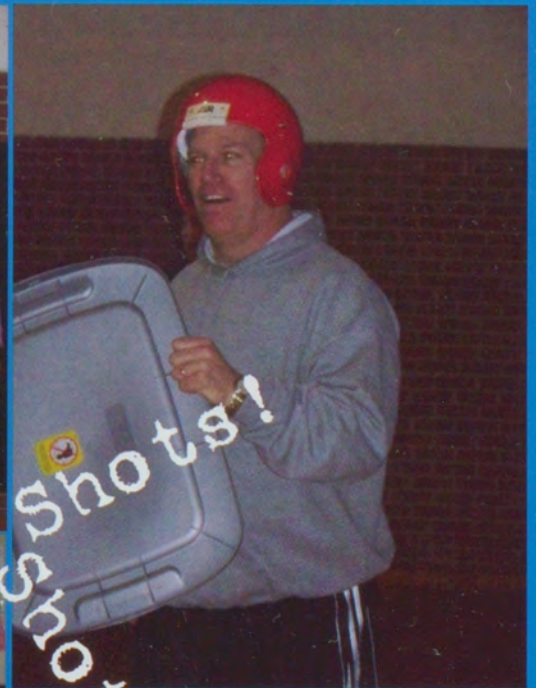
Bulldog



Jan Taylor
 Rebecca Timmons
 Suzie Wadsworth
 Bo Watters



Scott Webb
 Dennis Williams
 Eldon Woods
 Lee Yoakum



Staff

faculty life



Faculty Retirement



When Keith Confer graduated from Independence High School, he likely didn't believe this would also be the location of his retirement. But it was.

Mr. Confer actually taught English at both IHS and Independence Middle School. He began teaching at IHS, and then moved down to IMS for several years, only to return to the hallowed halls of IHS for the final three years of his teaching career.

His last teaching assignment included English 11 and Accelerated English 11, and students thoroughly enjoyed his teaching. How do we know? Well, Mr. Confer has his own Facebook fan club!

"Mr. Confer has the greatest taste," said Mrs. Mani, English Department chair. "He always looks like he just stepped out of *GQ*."

Mr. Confer and his wife, who's also a retired teacher, are the parents of Chris, a graduate of IHS and practicing attorney.

Mrs. Colleen Rollings retired after many years with Tri-County, the local special education cooperative.

Mrs. Rollings taught several levels of classes and was a respected member of the IHS staff. She was an NCA co-chair for several years.

"If I ever needed help in working with a student, Mrs. Rollings was my go-to person," said Mrs. Kelly Cox. "She could find works of literature that would work with a student's reading level, and she always had great advice on how to work with students."

Mrs. Rollings' classroom was a favorite hangout for her students. She would welcome them with her easy smile and a pat on the back.

"I knew Mrs. Rollings always cared about me," said a student. "When she asked how my day was going, I knew I could tell her the truth, and she really cared to know what kind of day I was really having."







Teamwork

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IHS Soccer Finishes Season at 13-2

Entering the 2008 season as defending State Champions, IHS soccer had high expectations. The team began the season playing in the McPherson Invitational Tournament where they finished second out of eight teams, for the third straight season and have won the SEK title ever since its creation in 2003. The varsity squad finished the regular season with a record of 13-2. The junior varsity squad finished with an undefeated record of 11 wins and 3 draws. This feat was matched by the JV scoring an IHS JV record 48 goals and only allowing 9.

As the varsity continued into the post season, they hosted Spring Hill in Coffeyville for the first game of Regionals. A slow start to the the game 3-0. In the Regional final, IHS hosted Ottawa. Two goals mid-way through the first half were all they needed to win their third straight Regional championship, something that had previously not been seen since 2001.

In the State quarter-finals, the Bulldogs traveled to Wichita to face their out-of-conference rival, Wichita Trinity Academy. The game saw the two teams deadlocked 79 minutes, where both teams missed scoring chances. Unfortunately, with 40 seconds remaining in regulation, Trinity slotted a ball into the Bulldog net. Despite the heart-breaking loss in the quarter-finals, the Bulldogs had a fantastic season yet again, and continued to impose their right to be considered one of the top teams in Kansas soccer.





"This year's JV team was incredible! Never did I expect to have a team as skilled and game ready the first game out as this group of players. Finishing the season with an undefeated record of 11 wins and 3 draws, scoring 48 goals and only allowing 9, set them up as the best JV team IHS has ever had. As these players continue their careers with the team, I can only see this translating into success at the varsity level."

-Coach McBride

"We didn't reach all our goals this year, but we are still thankful that we were able to make it to the quarter finals."

-Austin Schroeder

"When I heard that I was starting as the left defender in the huddle I felt so proud that I was going to be a member of the varsity soccer team."

-Jace McCabe



First Row: Assistant Coach Nick McBride, Maddie Hawn, Brent Alvarez, Phillip Byrd, Matt Wilson, Chase Cushing, Cole Keller, Shawn Delano, Head Coach Eric Haislett. Second Row: Wes Goodrich, Cameron Schicke, Tyler Sprague, Mason Posch, Garrett Webster, Patrick Wuerdeman, Austin Schroeder, Ryan Hayes Shane Ferguson, Connor Cushing, Lane Hoffmeister. Third Row: Matt Wallis, Devin Mendoza, Levi Sprague, Marcus Wright, Garrett Gilstrap, Josh Bromley, Tony Vargas, Bry Thomas, Caleb Hogge, Logan Farmer and Jace McCabe.



Football 2008

IHS students and the Bulldog faithful were happy when the Bulldogs won their season opener against Labette and simply ecstatic second game when the team pulled off an unbelievable shutout against SEK powerhouse, Fort Scott. It was almost too much to ask, but when the IHS football team came up with their third win of the season in their match-up with Parsons, the Bulldogs stood with a 3-0 record for the first time since 1994.

Sadly, the first defeat on Homecoming, to the Iola Mustangs, 21-24. The Dogs suffered through two more losses to Chanute and Columbus, but still had hopes for winning districts. However, it wasn't to be as the game ended with a heartbreaking loss to rival, Coffeyville 42-41. Independence needed to win the next 2 games to get to the playoffs and succeeded, which sent IHS to play against Columbus, where the Dogs lost a close game at 39-33.

"The guys played their hearts out this season, and the seniors will never forget riding high after their first three wins," said Coach Boldra.

Varsity Football

	Us	Them
@LCHS	16	14
Vs. Ft. Scott	20	0
Vs. Parsons	27	6
Vs. Iola	21	24
@Chanute	13	50
@Columbus	7	34
@Coffeyville	41	42
Vs. Fredonia	32	22
@Neodesha	42	6
@Columbus	33	39



Honors:

1st Team All SEK:

Ethan Speicher
Grant Webster
Rhett Flood

2nd Team All SEK:

Nic Boyle
Andrew Payne

Honorable Mention:

Zach Bryant
Damone Hatch



Ethan Speicher #73
All-State
Offensive
Line



"Talent will take you to the top, but character will keep you there. If you have talent it will get you there, but becoming a team will keep you there." Cale Shepard #66

"Going 3-0 was the greatest feeling in the world. I felt on top."
Grant Webster #8

Don't Stop Believing



Live to Run...

First Row: Sondra Smith, Kelsey Mignight, Jon Hogge, Haley Marchant, and Julia Stafford. Second Row: Coach Bradbury, Nick Romans, Tucker Kyle, Ryan Taylor, Andy Tucker, Anthony Davis, Carl Stinson, John Stafford, Grace-Kyle, and Coach Hurford. Third Row: Randy Guan, Aaron Hayse, Coty MacRae, Jonny Dierks, Nick Newton, Isaac Hilgen, Logan Papan and Vanessa Lowdon. Not Pictured: Raquel Dungey and Joel Goodwater.



The IHS Cross Country team had to take big steps to accomplish all they wanted to by the end of its season. The girls' team wanted to go back to State, while the boys' team goal was to become better pack runners. "We run in a pack to help each other when we want to quit and to be that much closer to medaling as a team," Coach Bradbury said. Both teams were challenged by new head coach, Bradbury, to "beat their best individual times." "Like every team we had our ups and downs,

fortunately our ups were greater than our downs," Bradbury said. "Our seniors really kept us going this year," commented Vanessa Lowdon. Sondra Smith was voted by the whole team as Most Improved from the girls' team with Logan Papan from the boys' team. "Jonathan Hogge had many great races and his work ethics at practice were good so he was awarded the Prefontaine Award along with Julla Stafford," Bradbury said. However, both Coach Bradbury and Assistant Coach Evan Hurford were proud of everyone and always encouraged each member. According to several IHS runners, "You're doing great! Now run faster!" seemed to be one of their favorite sayings during the races.



...Run to Live

Independence High School Cross Country

"As a first-time head coach for cross country, Bradbury did a great job! He made us faster individually and as a team and closer as a family. Coach made practices fun and different everyday," said Ryan Taylor. The team ran a total of 4,225 miles and an average of 301 miles per team member this year!

The girls did not make it to State as a team, but they did send Julia Stafford, sophomore, and Raquel Dungey, freshman, to represent IHS as individuals at State. Julia finished 32nd while her teammate, Raquel, came in close behind her finishing 42nd. The boys did improve on pack running and are planning to come back as "The Dream Team" next year. Bradbury said he was very pleased with all the minutes cut off the individual times and the "big steps taken," but he was even more proud of how the team came together as a family.



Match Point



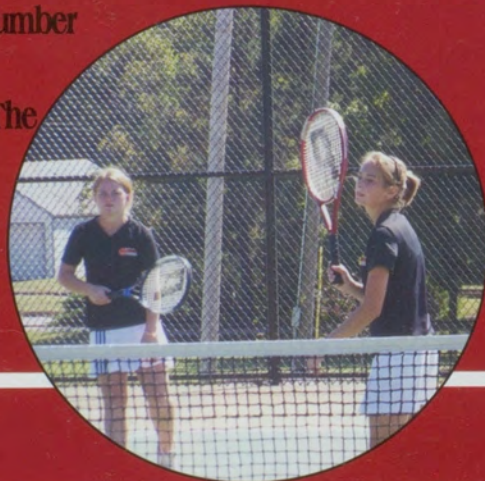
After two consecutive State championship seasons, the girls tennis team had every reason to feel secure about the 2008 season. However, with the retirement of the former coach, the team was a bit apprehensive about its new coach and a new crop of freshman players.

It didn't take long for the team's apprehension to melt away. Coach Ken Brown brought with him a long history of State championships with the boys teams and the freshman players brought a new depth to the entire team.

"We have all had lessons from Coach Brown," said Katie Porter. "In fact, he was the person who taught most of us to play tennis. But aside from team tennis in the summer, we were sure how he would be as a coach." Coach Brown did bring a different style to daily practices. Each day he gave the team motivational quotes from famous tennis players. He also ran many drills during practice. "We ran a lot," said Talor Smith. "He wanted us to be in the best shape ever."

Sophomores Kelby McGrath and Ashlee Carr played number one doubles, while the sister act of Kelsey and Sammi Mayes took the number two spot. Juniors Katie Porter and Bayley Conner played number one and number two singles, respectively.

The team swept SEK and won Regionals. The six players then capped off the season with a third place finish at State.





2008 Lady Bulldog Tennis Team Back Row (left to right): Coach Ken Brown, Bayley Connor, Kayla Steinle, Molly Mangan, Sarah Fowler, Lexi Dent, Kirsten Miller, Coach Gina McLenon. Middle Row: Morgan Baxter, Ashlee Carr, Lexy Mangan, Kelby McGrath, Aubrey Near, MaryLynn Craig, Brianna Hilger. Front Row: Katie Porter, Lizzy Brennan, Talor Smith, Cali Nutt, Taylor Murdock, Kelsey Mayes, Sammi Mayes, and Jessica Jaimes.



Wanted

IHS Swim Team



Austin Leake
Senior

Attention! Six boys have been seen running around in skimpy clothing. These special six are Independence High School's first swim team members. They were last seen at Osawatomie where the free relay made consideration time for State. Dallas King also made consideration time for the 100 free earlier in the season. Indy had a contract with Coffeyville's swim team this year allowing them to swim competitively.

This was an exciting year for the boys as they worked with and against the Golden Tornadoes. Dallas said, "Working with our rivals wasn't that big of a deal after the season got started. They just seemed like they were our own teammates and friends."

Practices were at the Ash and at FKHS's indoor pool. "The practices were harder than any other sports practice I have ever done but they were still fun," Austin Leake said. He also said the coaches pushed him and helped him get in the best shape ever.

The IHS coaches included Kathy Clapp and Kurt King. With the help of FKHS Coach Tracy Childress, the boys shaved several seconds off their strokes.



Jon Hogge
Junior



Kyler King
Junior



Carl Stinson
Freshman



Dallas King
Freshman



Caleb Hogge
Freshman



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Boys Tennis



Whose **name** do
you remember?



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Front Row (left to right): Skylar Stacy, Joel Simwinga, Sid Rutland, Andrew Payne, Kyle Cheshier, Omar Elshabassy.
Middle Row: Coach Ken Brown, Scott Augustine, Austin Schroeder, Mason Posch, Shane Ferguson, Anthony Davis, Nick Romans, Coach Gina McLenon.
Back Row: Wesley Goodrich, Rhett Flood, Seth Boyer, Michael Gudmonson, Dan Porter, Isaac Hilger, and Logan Papen.

Senior Dan Porter



Senior Shane Ferguson



Volleyball



The IHS volleyball squad had its best season in more than a decade, finishing with a 27-6 record overall. Things started off well with hard work on the practice court and two returning seniors: Kelsie Meier and Amanda Matthews.

The season began with four matches in the win column at the Pittsburg quad. "We started the season strong and knew we were off on the right foot," said Jessica Bruington, junior.

The squad continued its winning ways through the regular season.

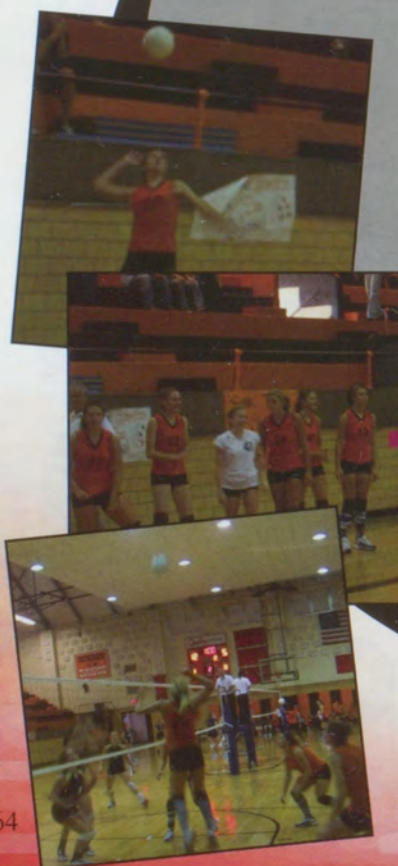
"I was very pleased with our efforts as a team this year. We worked hard every day in practice and played our butts off in the games. I was very proud of the team," said Kelsie Meier.

According to Coach Speicher, IHS went up against some tough teams through the season. "We played Circle, and they're good. El Dorado had some intimidating height this year. And Field Kindley is just tough to beat."

Although the squad tied for second in the league and went into the Class 4A Sub-State tournament as the number one seed, it was unable to maintain the momentum and suffered 25-5 and 25-14 losses to El Dorado.

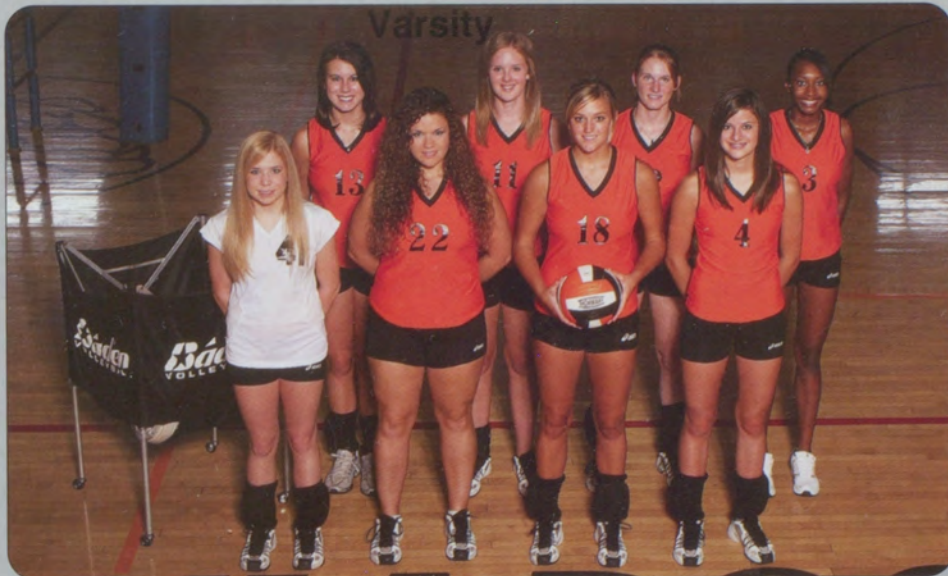
Meier and Bruington earned post-season honors as first team All-SEK and All-Area, while Amanda Matthews was named as third team All-SEK.

Coach Speicher was named SEK volleyball's "Coach of the Year." Speicher commented, "It's nice to have the other coaches acknowledge my efforts this season."



Bump, set, spike!

Varsity



Front Row: (L to R) Amanda Matthews, Michelle Knopick, Kelsie Meier, and Sandi Wilson. Back Row: Lauren Whitson, Chelsea Mundy, Jessica Bruington, and Keisha Hunter.

Junior Varsity



Front Row: (L to R) Melanie Quinones, Vigié Quinones, Johnna Sutton, Shay Dungy. Back Row: Alicia Jones, Gretchen Beaver, Brianna Lawson, Kaitlin Quinton



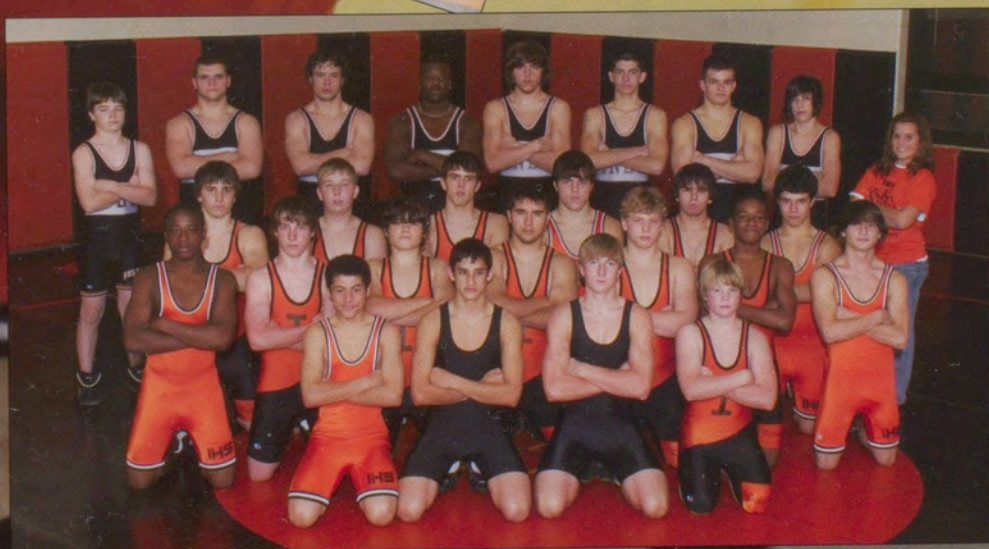
INDY BAD BOYS



This year the IHS wrestling team had a good season with a record of 12 wins and 6 losses. IHS sent four wrestlers to state including Jonny Ainesworth at 171, Tim Erbe at 130, Damone Hatch at 285, and Delon Knight at 189. Coach Melchiori said, "The team had a positive year sending four of the wrestlers to State. I was pleased with their performances."

Another big event that our wrestlers went to was the Kan-Okla Tournament. The team went on to beat Caney to become the champions of the Kan-Okla Tournament. After winning the tournament, the team went to the Anderson County Invitational. IHS wrestlers went on to place second at the invitational and finished the year with a 12-6 record.

Photos courtesy of Janelle Null



Back Row: Jacob Davis, Delon Knight, Johny Ainesworth, Craig Marshall, Dillon Packard, Cody Adkins, Ryan Taylor, Matt Threlkeld. Middle Row: DeMarko Johnson, Levi Leiker, Chase Cushing, Ethan Smith, Alec Medlock, Micah Knight, Bobby Sanchez, Mike Lyon, Kenyon Leopard, Devin Mendoza, Errion Dungey, Dustin Oliver, Joe VanDyne. Front Row: Matt Grant, Cory Wright, Garrett Gilstrap, and Kevin Reister. Not Pictured: Damone Hatch.



BOYS BASKETBALL



School

Score

Chanute	50-32
Parsons	47-51
Iola	61-39
Ft. Scott	49-61
FKHS	59-52
Pittsburg	44-55
LCHS	43-50
Girard	40-50
Columbus	64-52
Interstate Classic	57-43
Interstate Classic	50-54
Interstate Classic	60-50
Parsons	43-56
Iola	34-46
Ft. Scott	42-59
FKHS	42-53
Pittsburg	40-39
LCHS	47-48
Columbus	58-46
Chanute	58-53
Sub-State	47-56



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Back Row: Coach Matt Brumley, Logan Papen, Peyton Botts, Henry Nickels, Jonny Dierks, Ethan Speicher, Demonta Clark, Coach Landon Diveley. Middle Row: Ryan Hayse, Jimmy Connors, Easton Julian, Dan Porter, Lane Hoffmeister, Garrett Webster, Josh Belt. Front Row: Grant Webster, Andre Ysusi, TJ Reed, Austin Schroeder, Logan Null, Chris Burnside, Josh Bromley and Dominique Taylor.



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Back Row: Coach Matt Brumley, Gage Osburn, Demonta Clark, Easton Julian, Zach Snodgrass, TJ Reed, Dustin Shaffer. Front Row: Josh Belt, Nick Long, Dalton Thorpe, Shane Moore, Logan Farmer and Kyle Cheshier.

All action photos of Janelle Null

The 2008-2009 Varsity Boys Basketball team started out with a win against Chanute, played hard throughout the season, and ended with a 9-11 record.

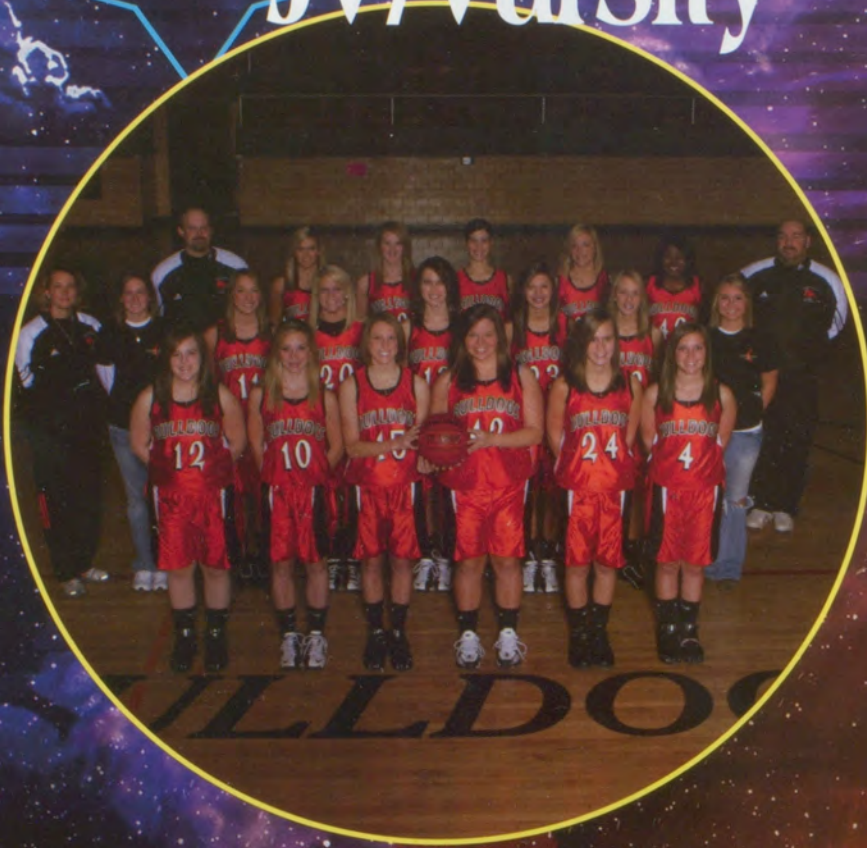
"It was disappointing to finish under the .500 mark, but we had some good wins this season," said Coach Brumley. "The wins over Field Kindley and Pittsburg were memorable."

IHS had six seniors who saw varsity action this season and provided essential team leadership. "We will sure miss the seniors and what they brought to the team: aggressive ball handling and depth. That said, I look forward to next season," said Brumley.

Girls Basketball JV/Varsity

Head Coach
Dale Renyolds

Assistant
Troy Smith
Gina McLenon



Front Row: Hannah Kaye, Julia Stafford,
Kelby McGrath, Alicia Jones, Kelsey
Hignight, Talor Smith
Second Row: Maddie Hawn, Lexis Mangan,
Kayla Steinle, Lauren Whitson, Sandi
Wilson, Molly Mangan, Morgan Baxter
Third Row: Kelsie Meier, Chelsea Mundy,
Vanessa Lowdon, Kirsten Steinle,
Endesha Flanigan



Wells Done!



"I expect the seniors to be leaders, guide the underclassmen, be leaders on & off the Court. I also want them to finish with winning records, make it to state and compete for the SEK Championship."

Coach Reynolds



The IHS girls basketball team finish their season, 2nd in sub-state with a record of 15-8 after their 64-52 loss to Girard. Having a seven win streak the girls had a lot of confidence. With the season over, it has also ended with the high school girls basket ball careers of Kirsten Steinle and Kelsie Meier the two seniors on the basketball team.

Kirsten Steinle Q&A

How did it feel when you scored your 1000th point?

"Honestly, I didn't feel much at all. My body went into shock. I didn't know what to think, but it was a great feeling."

How did it feel going to SubState your senior year?

"It was a great accomplishment as a team. It was a goal we all had and it couldn't have been done without a team effort overall."



Kelsie Meier

Three time All State
Honorable Mention
1071 Career Points
Kirsten Steinle

Shooting for the Stars



CHEERING FOR THE DOGS



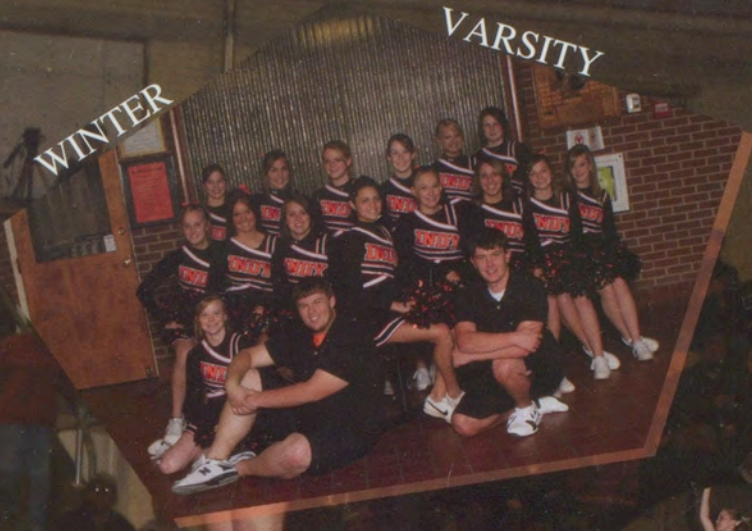
Heading into the 2008 cheer camp at McPherson College, both squads had high expectations to succeed. The Varsity squad earned blue superior ribbons on the nightly evaluations as well as the Spirit Stick Award. They also took one out of four possible superior trophies for outstanding squad. With already meeting their high expectations the squad was chosen by the UCA staff as the "Top Banana" award for their display of enthusiasm, hard work, leadership and overall best presentation of their school. Senior yell leaders Nic Boyle and Jake Jabben were named to the All-Star squad.

Going into their final year of cheering at the high school, co-captains Brandi Wright and Chelsea Peters were given the duty to keep the squad in order at the football games and "keep the flow of things going."

Ms. Laura McClure and Mrs. Janice McBride coached the two squads and enabled the cheerleaders to show support for all IHS athletic teams.

WINTER

VARSITY



WINTER

JV



Home of the BULLDOGS

INDY'S BEST DANCE CREW

The IHS Dance Team started off another great year winning first place with their home routine. They also won four superior trophies at camp. They had three of their members selected for the UDA all stars: Brooke Rollison, Jessica Kebert, and Cassie Goodman.

During football season the girls entertained IHS fans with new music and new dances. "We worked hard to choreograph our dances and then perfect them through the week to ensure we brought a quality performance at each halftime," said Brooke Rollison, captain.

Jessica Kebert said, "I enjoyed each of the four years I was a member of the dance team. However, I will never forget how rewarding it was to be a part of the senior leadership of this year's squad."





Back Row: Lizzy Brenan, Lexy Mangan, Nikki Yakshaw, Chelsea Mundy, Bailey Lewman, Elizabeth Allen, Molly Mangan, Vigie Quinones. Middle Row: Becca Lewis, Cortney Knight, Aubrey Near, Brittany Meyer, Cassie Goodman, Macy Blankenship, Lindsay Pratt, Sarah Doring. Front Row: Brooke Rollison, Tina Riggs, and Jessica Kebert.



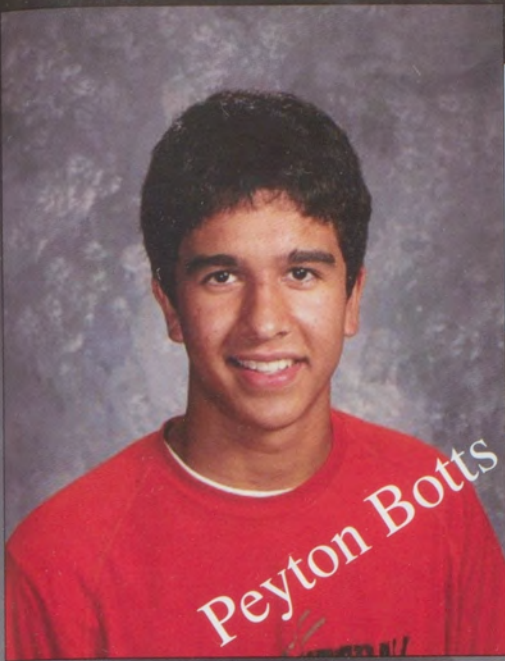
Front Row: Avery Barker, Ashley Neeley, Scott Strycker. Second Row: Andre Ysusi, Tanner Goad, Levi Leiker, Dalton Mott, T.J. Honan. Third Row: Nick Newton, Kyler King, Peyton Botts, Garrett Webster and Tyler Dreger.

IHS Golf Team



○ Coach Coder ○

"We made steady improvement throughout the season, and capped the season off with a second place finish at Regionals to qualify for State."



Peyton Botts

"A sophomore averaged team, that qualified for State, reveals the maturity of our young players."

- Kyler King



Kyler King

"I think we surprised a lot of people with our successful year. Just shows what's to come in the next spring season."

- Peyton Botts



"I was happy with the overall performance of our team. We had a lot of young players step up for us this year."

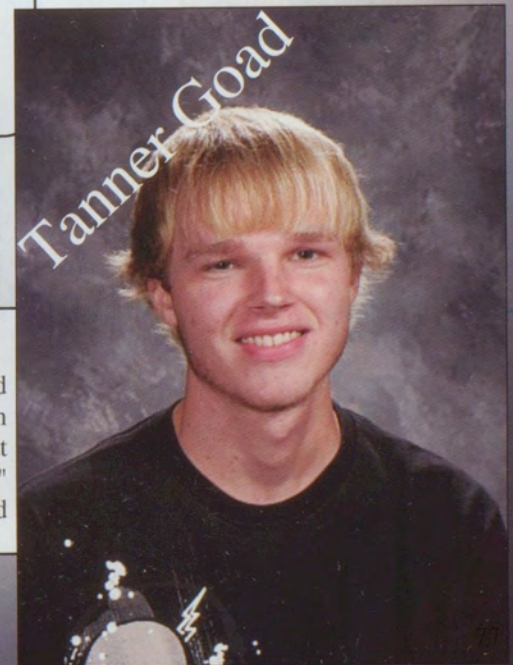
- Garrett Webster



Garrett Webster

"I had a fun and successful year and fun messing with Chanute at State in the hotel."

- Tanner Goad



Tanner Goad

Track & Field



The IHS track team had an exciting season this year with eight seniors competing, including Kayla Taylor, Ryan Taylor, Zach Bryant, Coral Pinon, Logan Null, Ethan Speicher, La'Krea Kendrex, Sondra Smith, and Shay Dungey. Three of these seniors represented Independence at the State track meet. At the State meet, Kayla went as a leg in the 4x8, Logan competed first time at State in pole vaulting, and Ethan qualified to put the shot at the State meet for the first time.

Two school records were broken this year including the girls pole vault by junior, Haley Marchant, who vaulted a record 9' 6" and the girls mile by sophomore, Julia Stafford, who ran it in a record 5:41.

"I was beyond happy when I realized I had broken the school record," said Haley.

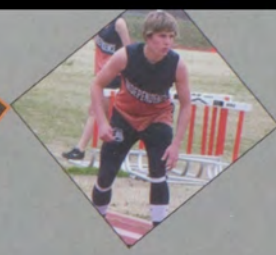
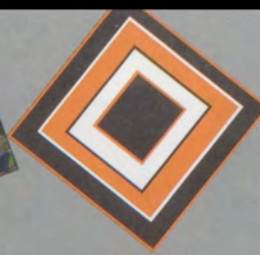
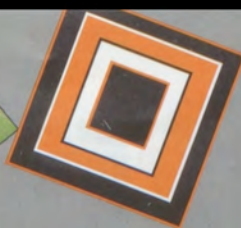
Coach Harlin said, "In all, it was the successful season I anticipated."

State Qualifiers



Sondra Smith, Logan Null, Julia Stafford, Kayla Taylor, Molly Mangan, Kelby McGrath and Haley Marchant. Not Pictured: Ethan Speicher.





**Independence
High School
2009 Track Team**

Indy Softball

The Lady Bulldog softball team's most important goal for the season was to have a winning season. Mission accomplished. The team started the season off slow, but managed to pick up the pace and reached its goal.

This year's team consisted of just four seniors, but each contributed needed leadership in such a young team.

"All the seniors are great leaders," said Doug Rinck, varsity head coach. "They are all competitive and don't like to lose, so they're always keeping the other players' spirits up."

"We may not have won the important games we needed to," said BreAnna Linden, sophomore. "But we still had a successful season. As individual players, we improved throughout the course of the season. I think we'll be a force in the league next year."



Hannah Kays, junior, watches for the catcher's signal for the pitch that could strike out the batter.



Kirsten Steinle, senior, waits for a ball to come her way.



Jessica Kebert, senior, prepares to catch the next pitch.

2009 All SEK

Talor Smith
Johnna Sutton
Brooke Rollison
Jessica Kebert

Scoreboard

FKHS	10-0/8-3
Iola	0-1/1-9
Columbus	5-3/1-2
Ft. Scott	0-7/14-4
Chanute	7-4/15-3
LCHS	2-1/5-2
Pittsburg	12-4/10
Parsons	10-1/12-4
1st round of regional against	
LCHS	4-16

"This was a great season. It put to the topping on the cake for my senior year. I couldn't ask for a better team. We were all very encouraging to each other and that was a key to making this a goal reaching season."

- Brooke Rollison



SCOREBOARD



<u>Game</u>	<u>Score</u>
v. Washington(Tulsa)	5-3
v. Bartlesville	7-16
v. Coffeyville	14-6, 7-1
v. lola	8-6, 8-6
v. Columbus	12-2, 12-2
v. Ft. Scott	7-4, 7-6
v. Chanute	14-5, 7-0
v. Altamont	10-4, 20-5
v. Pittsburg	14-5, 12-7
v. Parsons	3-2, 13-1
v. Altamont (Regionals)	9-3
v. Columbus (Regionals)	12-2
v. Girard (Regionals)	7-13

2009

Bulldog Baseball





Front Row (left to right): Zach May, Cole Keller, Andrew Hare, Spencer Fahler. Second Row: Dustin Oliver, Shane Moore, Nick Long, Cody Adkins, Bobby Sanchez, Grant Webster, Bryce Smith. Third Row: Head Coach Eddie Mason, Dalton Shaffer, T.J. Reed, Lane Hoffmeister, Dylan Kemp, Brandon Stein, Anthonnee Coleman, Assistant Coach Brian Smith. Back Row: Easton Julian, Zach Snodgrass, Austin Leake, Jonny Dierks, Ryan Dierks, Dennis Delimarsky, Cale Shepard and Assistant Coach Troy Smith.

Record setters. That's how the 2009 IHS baseball team will be remembered. They set the record for the longest single season winning streak in school history with 19 wins in a row. They finished the season with an impressive 19-2 record. The two losses came against Bartlesville and Girard, who went on to become Regional champions. With a 16-0 league record, the team earned the League Champion title this season.

"You can't deny having strong senior leadership from Grant Webster, Lane Hoffmeister, Austin Leake, Ryan Dierks, and Cale Shepard help a great deal," said Coach Mason. "I can't say enough about this group of young men. They are leaders on and off the fields.

The team's hard work and dedication paid off as the Bulldogs had a successful season as they entered Regionals seeded number one.

The junior varsity also had a successful season with an 8-3-1 record.

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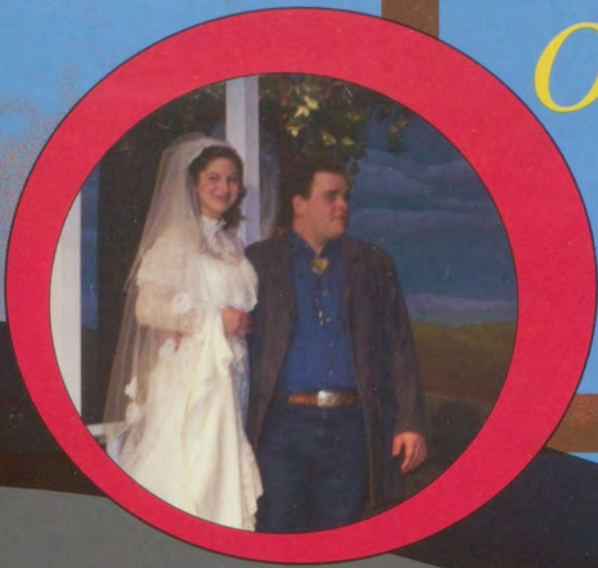
The IHS drama department had a busy and successful spring with the production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's Oklahoma! Set in Oklahoma territory out side of Claremore in 1906, the musical is the story of cowboy Curly McClain and his romance with farm girl Laurey Williams. Co-directors Mrs. Lea Shepard and Mr. Larry Annable cast seniors James Hart and Autumn Stroble in the lead roles.



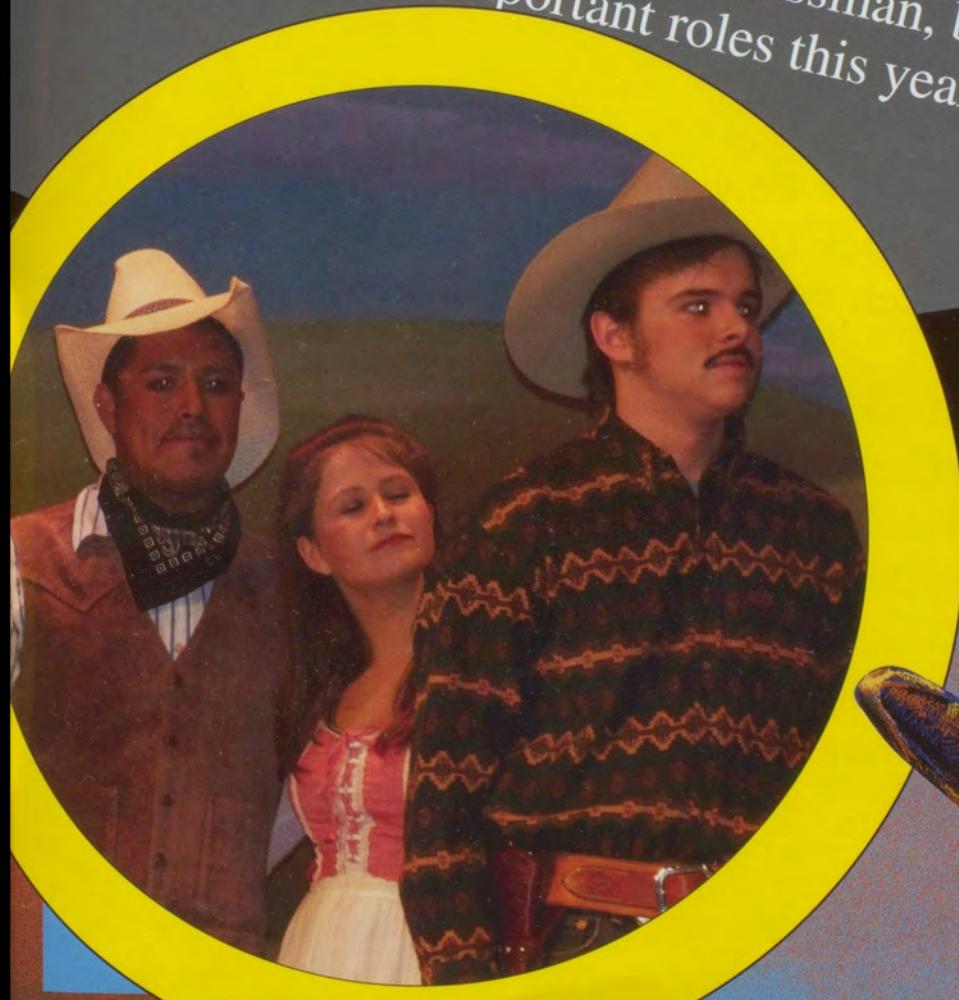
"When it was announced we were doing Oklahoma!, I knew I wanted the role of Curly," said James. "I knew the song 'Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin,' but in the end I really enjoyed singing 'The Surrey with the Fringe on Top.'"

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"Singing 'I can't Say No' was a lot of fun," said Jessica. I always enjoyed being in the school musicals as an underclassman, but getting one of the more important roles this year was great"



Junior Achievement (Entrepreneurship I & II) was a great success. Twenty-four students were put to the test of creating a company, selecting a product, and the marketing their product to the public. JA worked for hard for the entire fall semester to successfully sell products. "It was a fun semester. Hard work, but lots of fun." said Vanessa Lowdon.

In addition to Ms. McClure, the JA board allows an "adviser" for each company. This adviser helps the students with everything from naming their company, to marketing the products, to creating the presentation on which the company is evaluated.

Once again the companies found a strong interest in IHS and Bulldog-related products. Among those sold were a license plate and fleece scarf.

"I actually had people approaching me to request a scarf," said Garrett Gilstrap. "It was really easy to market our product."

Presidents: Nic Boyle (KnockKnock), Gabe Rakes (ETC), Vanessa Lowdon (Doggie Powa), Joel Goodwater (Younique)

Marketing: Kate Golightly (KnockKnock), Joel Simwinda (ETC), Cheyenne (Doggie Powa), Laken Davis (Younique)

Finance: Danielle Medlock (KnockKnock), Haley Marchant (ETC), Wesley Goodrich (Doggie Powa), Zach Bryant (Younique)

Production: James Brocaw (KnockKnock), Noah Estes (ETC), Isaac Hilger (Boggie Powa), Nick Bright (Younique)

Human Resources: Lauren Whitson (KnockKnock), Chelsea Peters (ETC), Vigie (Doggie Powa), Aubrey Hancock (Younique)

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Junior Achievement

Who sold that item?





Jaccob Jabben

Mrs. Cox

Orange & Black Yearbook Staff 2008-2009

Once again, IHS contracted with Walsworth publishing to create the Orange & Black yearbook. Students continue to enjoy the full-color book and the unique graphics available in its creation.

Returning seniors, Jake Jabben and Ethan Speicher, provided leadership and training for the new staff. Mrs. Cox, in her sixth year as advisor, did her best to keep the staff on focused and on track for deadlines.

The staff quickly chose "Where Everybody Knows Your Name" as this year's theme. "We wanted something that reflected the student body, and this fit. IHS is small enough that we do know everyone. We're family," said Ethan Speicher.



Morgan Baxter

Julie DoVu

Dominique

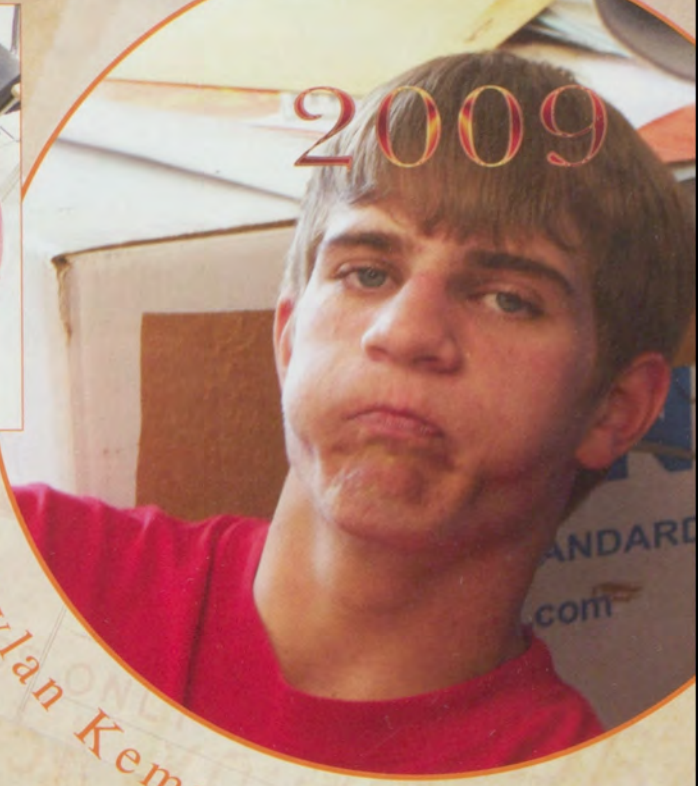


Edwards

2009



Dino Smith



Dylan Kemp



The Seniors



Haley Marchant

"At the beginning of the year it started off really slow but towards the end it was a real rush," said Dino Smith, senior.



Tequila Jones

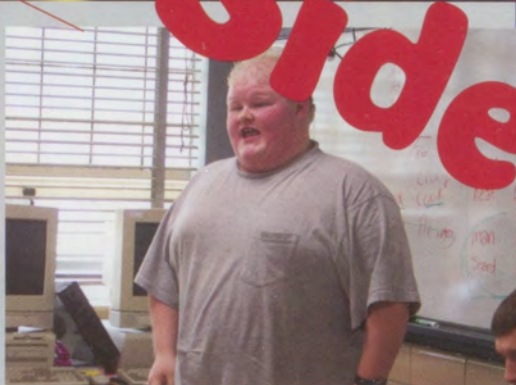


Ethan Speicher



Niki Amos

Arguing ALL Sides



The debate resolution for the 2008 season was Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incentives in the United States.

Throughout the year the debate team argued both the affirmative and negative sides of this resolution trying to win their way to the top, and win they did. "With the eight novices who joined our squad this year, we were able to be competitive in many tournaments. We actually won sweeps a couple of times!" said Danielle Allison, sophomore.

Ms. Roni Burris, second-year coach, was pleased with the overall season results. "IHS hadn't qualified a team for State in several years, and we ended up with several teams qualifying. That's always exciting!" said Ms. Burris.

Dani Allison added, "The reason I love debate is the people I get to know, and know well. We have a motto: 'What's said on the bus, stays on the bus.'"

for en sics

The IHS forensics squad is a dedicated group of students. Not many students are going to enroll in a class that requires them travel most Saturdays during the spring semester. And the travel comes pretty early in the morning! Kudos go out to Dalton Mott who qualified for the national forensics tournament in US Extemp.

As the forensics team shirt read, "4n6 is awesome!"





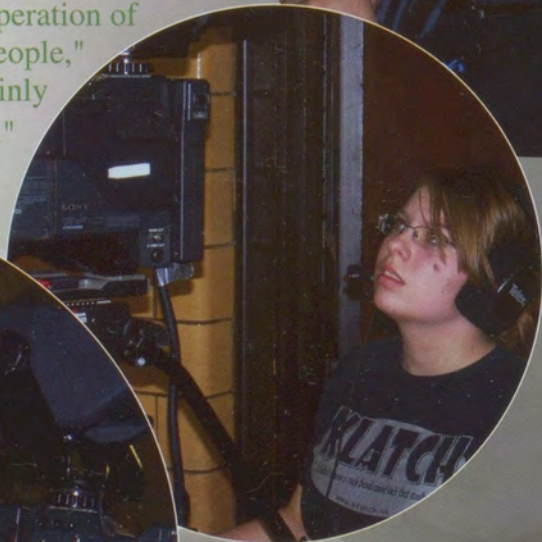
I & II

Media I and II classes have been on different roads this year, with the Media I students learning how to use and maneuver cameras, while the Media II students worked on the high school's news and variety show, IHS Times.

Media I class worked with Cable One to film school events such as the football and basketball Homecoming games and events, and Media II learned how to direct and work with the sound.

Overall the media classes have kept busy learning how to work with the cameras individually and in a group.

"We are really lucky to have the cooperation of Mike Flood and the local Cable One people," said Mrs. Shepard. "Our students certainly benefit from their expertise in the area."



ORCHESTRA



Starting off fresh the IHS orchestra began the year with a new director Mrs. Faye Millen. The student were invigorated with a new direction, new music, and a goal. The music was a wider variety, ranging from pop selections to classical varieties.

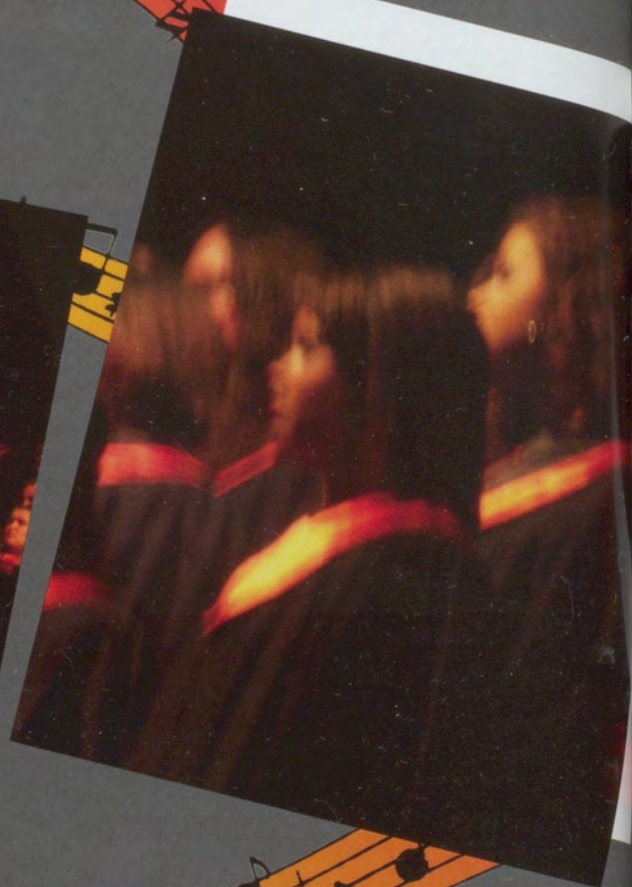
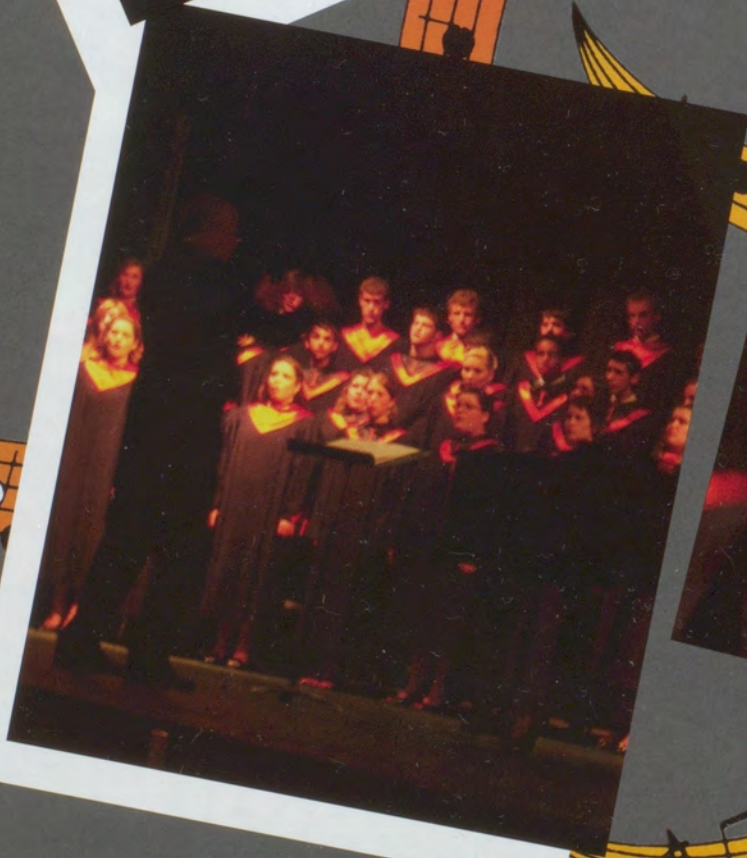
The orchestra class performed for the community more, playing at nursing homes and school events, to name a few, and also had more concerts. The hard work paid off when the orchestra earned a I rating at State, and it was the first time in many years the IHS orchestra had done so.

Mrs. Millen and the class were overwhelmed at the quick progress made by the orchestra students.

Crestley Jones said, "Mrs. Millen had a fantastic first year. I thoroughly enjoyed being her guinea pig and ending my high school career with her."



CLASSICAL MUSIC



Vocal Music

and

Indy Ensemble

Choir is much more than just singing. This year the vocal groups performed four concerts through the school year. The Girls Glee and the Boys Glee both earned I ratings this year. Indy Ensemble received a I at both Regionals and State, much to the delight of vocal music director Mr. Larry Annable.

"We work hard through the year, so it's nice when we're recognized for our efforts," said Mr. Annable.

Indy Ensemble is often called upon by local organizations to provide entertainment. "It's fun to represent IHS out in the community. The adults are always complimentary of our performances," said Courtney Chambers.

"I enjoyed performing the singing valentines. Most of the recipients were quite surprised."
-Lane Hoffmeister

"This was the best year I've had in choir" -
Kirsten Steinle





Independence High School Band

With one more year for the IHS Band with drum majors being senior James Hart and junior Bailey Lewman, the year flew by, with the band performing at Independence's own Neewollah Band Competition receiving a 1 in both field and parade.

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IHS
Band Seniors



Color Guard takes the field



"This year the Band was great, because we finally got a 1 during the Neewollah Band Competition."
Crystal Smith

"The marching band and color guard came together and achieved their goal by getting a 1 at Neewollah for the first time in 12 years." Erin Shelton

"During the Neewollah we got a 1 because of the blood, sweat and tears, the band went through like waking up really early in the morning to practice, and practicing in the heat but it was all worth it in the end."

Kaylee Muller



Neewollah Band Competition

Results:
Parade-1
Field-1

Goddard Results:
Parade-1
Field-2

Emporia State Marching Festival:
Field-2

Pitt State Competition:
State Final-1

Danielle McDill and Seth Boyer being the two band members of the whole IHS Band to go to State this year.

"The Band is HOT!"
Dayna Miles

FALL

Homecoming



★ Candidates:
Nic Boyle,
Jake Jabben,
Wes Lawrence,
Ethan Speicher,
Grant Webster,
Courtney Chambers,
MaryLynn Craig,
Jessica Gillespie,
Kelsie Meier,
Nicole Peterson



★ Kelsie and Ethan
crowned
Homecoming
King and Queen



As the football season approaches, the students were anxious about the upcoming homecoming game against the Iola Mustangs. School spirit was shown all during spirit week leading up to the night of the game. Students dressed up on jersey day, in neon, and an all orange out on the big night! Even though we suffered our first loss of the season to the Mustangs, the end score 21-24, we did not let that ruin our night. "It's always disappointing to lose a game, but we turned the game around at half time. It showed that we had heart" -Ethan Speicher. With the Fall Homecoming court on the field and the King and Queen finally crowned, our homecoming was not over, and the fun was yet to begin.

When asked about her reaction to winning the crown, Kelsie Meier stated, "I was really surprised but happy at the same time." The night was still young for the students of IHS as they got ready for their Fall Homecoming dance set up by the Junior class. Fall Homecoming of 2008 soon ended, but will last in memories forever.





Candidates:
 Lane Hoffmeister
 Ryan Taylor
 Zach Bryant
 James Hart
 Dan Porter
 Kirsten Miller
 Crestley Jones
 Tina Riggs
 Kirsten Steinle
 Brooke Rollison



2009 Winter Homecoming King: Dan Porter
 2009 Winter Homecoming Queen: Kirsten Steinle



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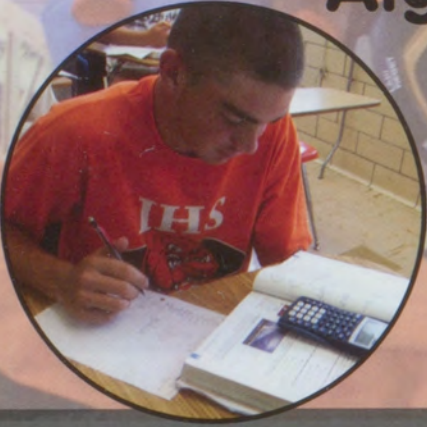
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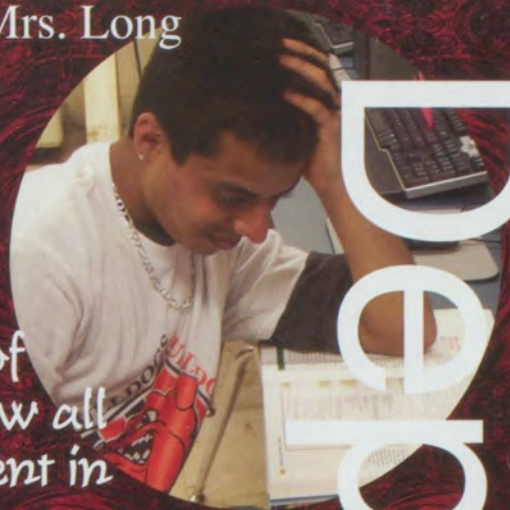
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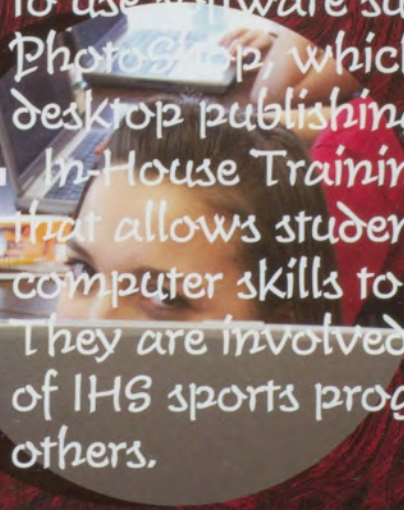


"IHS offers many computer course that prepare our students for the 'real' world."

-Mrs. Long



IHS offers a wide variety of computer courses that allow all students to become proficient in programs necessary for the workforce, as well as learn how to use software such as Photoshop, which is used in desktop publishing and elsewhere. In-House Training is a course that allows students to put their computer skills to real-world use. They are involved in the creation of IHS sports programs, among others.



"I enjoy computer classes. They are a nice break from just sitting in a classroom and listening. In here, I get to do something."

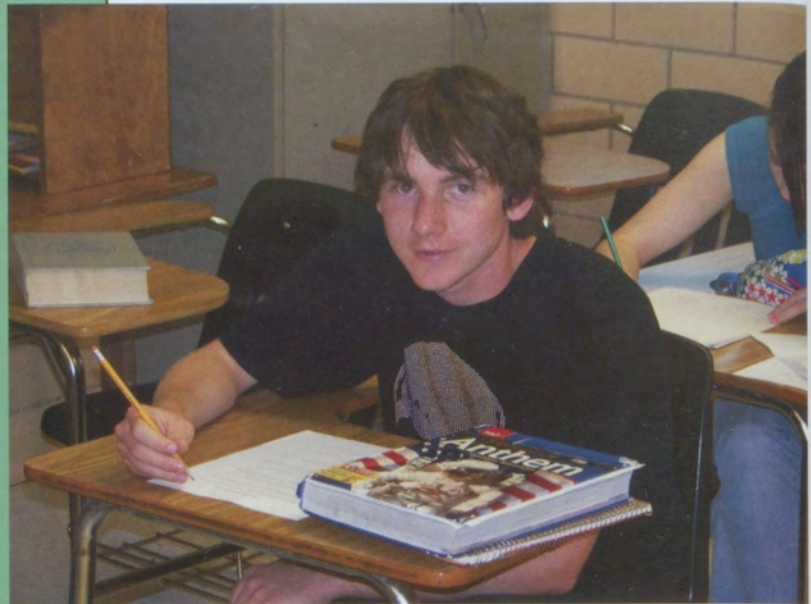
-Patrick Burden, senior



Computer

Department

IHS students begin their social science education with civics their freshman year, followed by world history and American history their sophomore and junior years, respectively. The final course is American government, which is taken the senior year. This year, IHS added Accelerated World History to its course offerings. Students may also choose to take AP American history for weighted and college credit.



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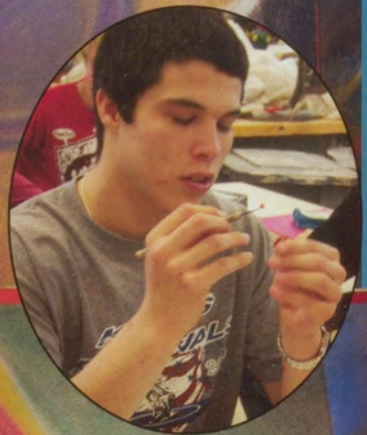


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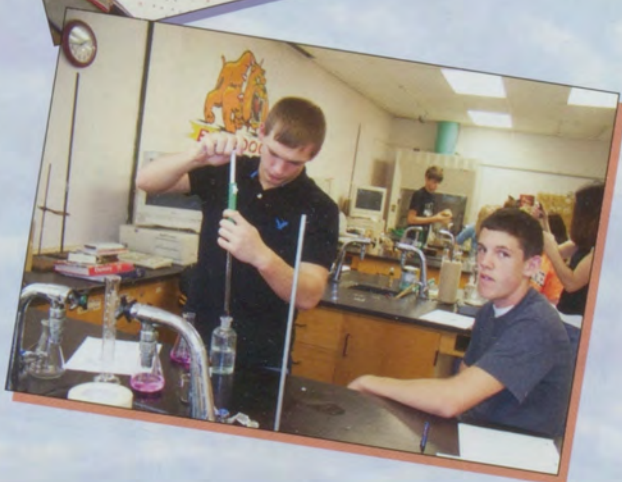
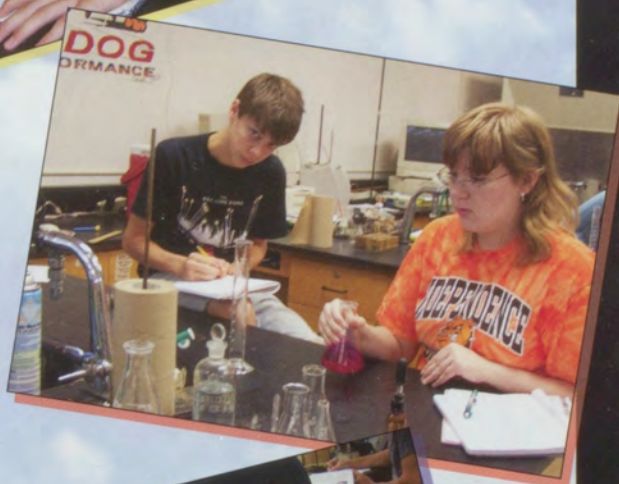
World Languages Department



Physical Education

There are many classes offered by the physical education department including: boys and girls lifetime sports, aerobics, and boys and girls conditioning. The teachers are Mrs. Speicher, Mr. Boldra, and Mr. Melchiori.





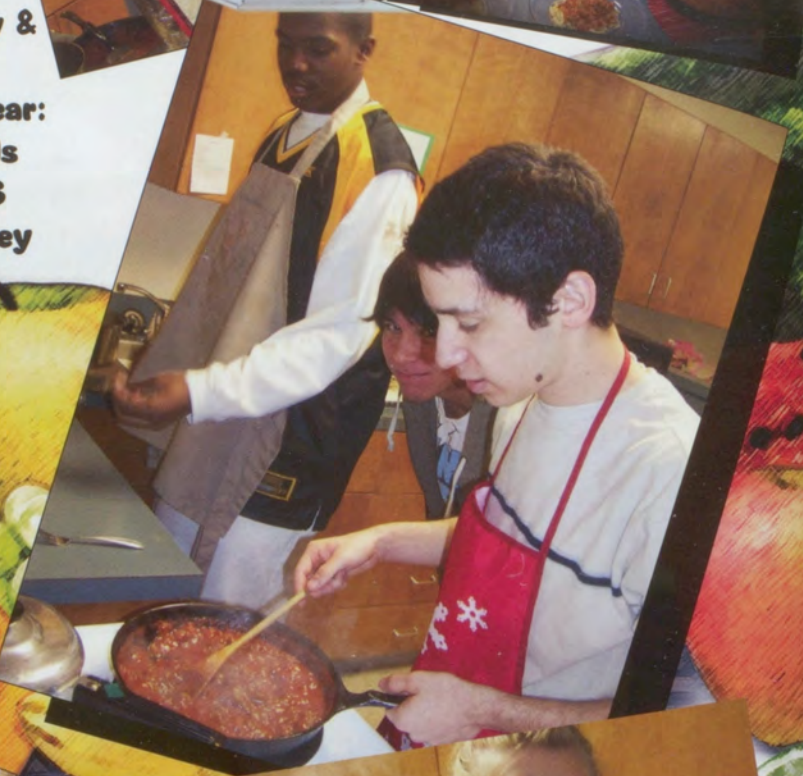
SCIENCE

This year's science classes participated in activities that varied from mixing dangerous chemicals together to building bridges. Science classes never have a boring day. Mr. Reynolds, Mrs. Taraboletti, Mr. Kyle, and Mr. Bradbury teach science classes here at IHS.

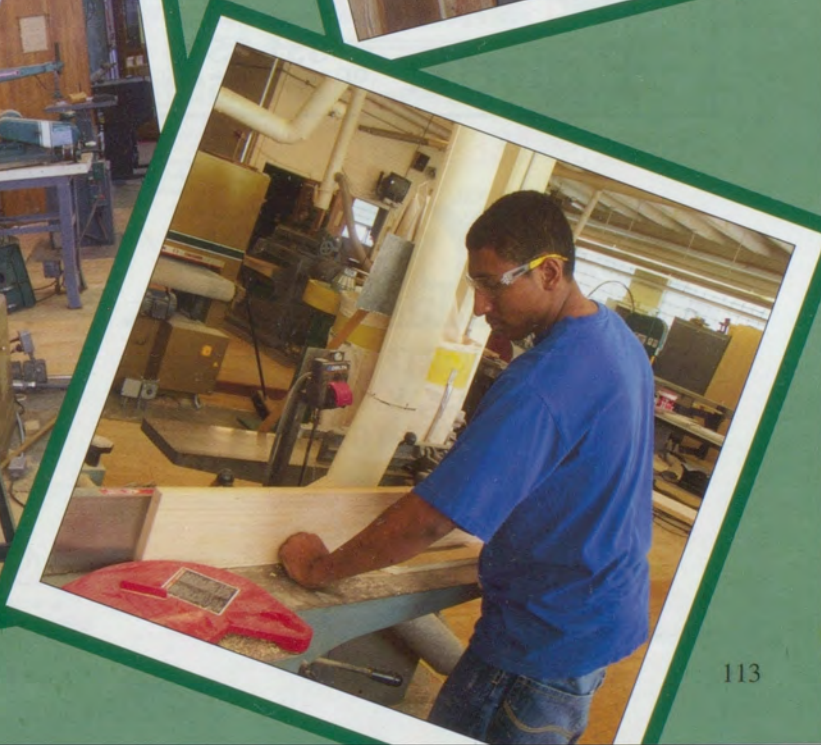


Cooking

Can you name nine people at IHS who don't like to eat? The Family & Consumers Science Department offered some new classes this year: The Bake Shop and Cultural Foods just to name a couple. In the FCS program students learn skills they will use for the rest of their lives and have fun while doing it.



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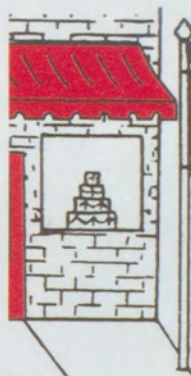
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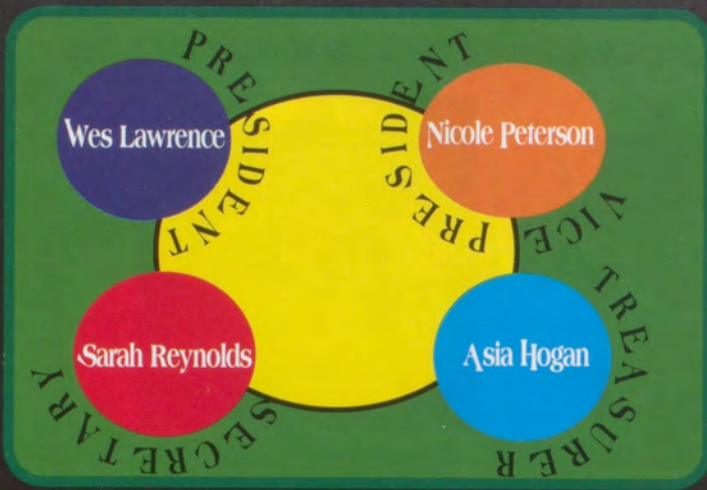
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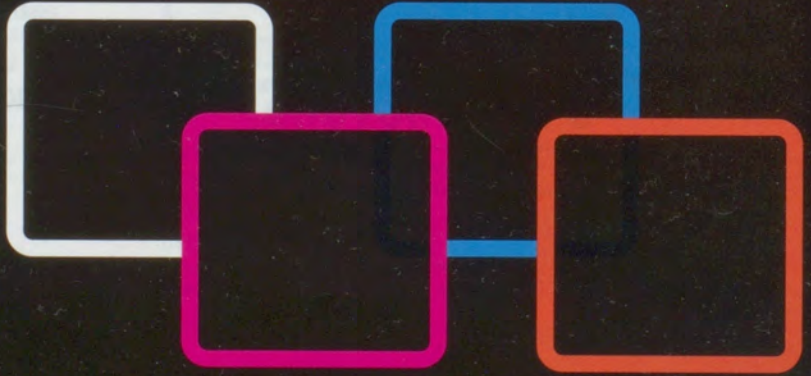
STUCO



STUCO is an organization in which students come together and create projects for the school. There are 34 positions. Students can be elected as an officer, a class representative, or they can apply and go through an interview. The students go through about 120 projects a year. They organize the Homecoming coronations, dances, Community Service Day and so much more. They raise about \$8,000 every year and every project that the STUCO put together is from the money they raised.

Top Projects

- Can Opener Game Et Dance
- Homecoming Coronation Et Fall Homecoming Dance
- Teacher/Student of the Month/Year
- Community Service Day
- Talent Show
- 500 hrs Community Service





NHS is a selected group of high school students who earned their way into the group by maintaining 3.75 GPA, showing good character, and participating in community service.

National Honor Society

Seniors include Phillip Byrd, Courtney Chambers, Ryan Dierks, Jake Tabben, Kirsten Miller, Logan Null, Nicole Peterson, Daniel Porter, Seth Prather, Sara Reynolds, Brooke Rollison, Cale Shepard, Caitlin Shire, Carlie Shire, Ethan Speicher, Autumn Stroble, and Grant Webster.



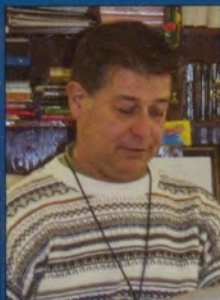
National Honor Society was hard at work even before the school year started. Many of the members did community service during the summer for individual hours and some came a few nights and helped paint the boys bathrooms in the 300 hall. The group started out the school year with fun and games. One of the first opportunities for service hours was helping with the Back-to-School party at the park where the group was in charge of the games for the kids. The community service continued to be fun throughout the year. The group helped out at AWOL, After-Prom Bingo, and Opening Day at the Park. NHS also cleaned out the trophy cases two times this year for group hours. These are just a few of the ways NHS served the community.

Mr. Confer has been a sponsor for NHS for 3 years now and will be greatly missed.

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The philosophy of the PUPPS program is to find students who other students naturally turn to in time of need. This involves students from different social groups, who can identify with their peers and, therefore, be used as a resource when counseling is needed or a conflict needs to be solved. Sponsors of the program include Mr. Moseley, Mr. Lovelace, Ms. Capps and Mrs. Chism.

Objective

- 1) To train students in peer counseling skills
- 2) To train students to be peer mediators
- 3) To use PUPPS members as mentors for new students and at-risk students
- 4) To act as a liaison between the student body and the administration.
- 5) To be used as a tool by the administration and counseling office for mediating conflict and peer counseling - bully prevention program.
- 6) To act as a "barometer" of the student body - what are the issues we need to address.



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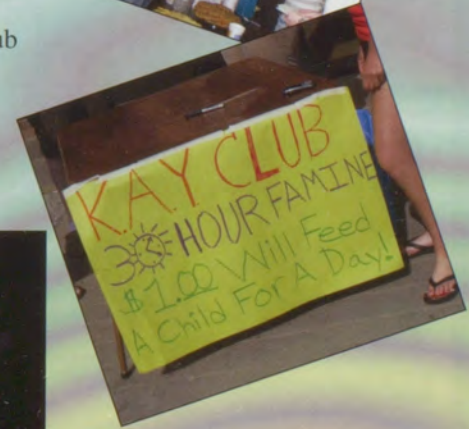
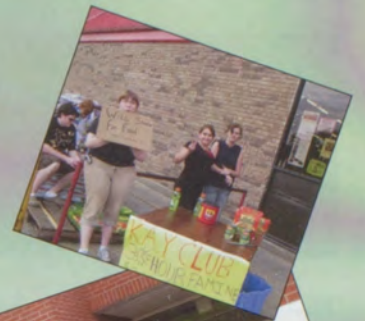
The KAYs had a great start to the school year. "We knew from the beginning earning the gold would be a lot of hard work, but we also knew we had exceptionally devoted group of kids this year," commented Mrs. Dunham, co-sponsor. Led by Kirsten Miller, president; Coty McCray, vice president; and a spectacular board, the KAY club had several fun service projects and meetings.

A few of these projects included a fishing booth and a face painting booth to raise money to donate to the American Cancer Association, helping with the drive-thru flu vaccinations, turkey bowling, hanging of the Christmas lights downtown, making signs for the kids taking the Kansas State Assesments at Washington School, and filling up Easter eggs for an Easter egg hunt. They also did the "Wendy's Rap" in the school talent show.

Nancy Guan's favorite project was the 30 hour famine. "I enjoyed the feeling of helping starving children around the world. The only bad feeling was the one in my tummy because I was hungry," she said. The group did several things during these long 30 hours. They made a chain of pop tabs to represent the people dying of malnutrition daily.

KAYs also did a can food drive where they set up tables around town asking for donations then they went door to door explaining what they were doing and why and asking for donations. Participants also went on a scavenger hunt, watched movies and played several games. This was the first time KAYs did the 30 hour famine and because it was such a success and so much fun they plan on doing it in the years to come too.

As the school year came to an end the club held officer elections and the annual KAY banquet to recognize its members and celebrate all the hard work they put into the year.





Nicole Peterson



Kirsten Miller



Courtney Chambers



Amanda Matthews



Caitlin Shire



Seth Prather



Ryan Taylor



Cale Shepard



Phillip Byrd



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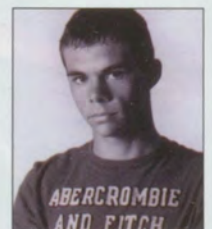
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Scholarship Winners

Do you know who won which scholarship?



Autumn Stroble



Crestley Jones

Suzanne Bell - \$200
Ryan Taylor

Class of 1977 - \$200
Cale Shepard

Sushil Patel - \$100
Phillip Byrd

Bateman - \$100
Emily Mills

Gladys Clubine - \$450 (6)
Nicole Peterson
Kirsten Miller
Courtney Chambers
Amanda Matthews
Seth Prather
Caitlin Shire

Lonnie Wood - \$500
Courtney Burns

CM Patel - \$250 (2)
Nicole Taylor
Kirsten Steinle

Joyce Cauthon - \$250
Eric Hardy

Peter Lewis - \$1000
Thomas Trombold

Mike Winkleman - \$500
Phillip Byrd

Express Personnel - \$500
Brooke Rollison

Yona Julian - \$1000
Dan Porter

Krista Sherwood - \$200 (2)
MaryLynn Craig
Jake Jabben

Optimist Club - \$200 (2)
Logan Null
Grant Webster

Duane Hamm - \$\$
Eric Hardy

Lions Club - \$500
Sara Reynolds
Dan Porter

Junior Club Study Club - \$400
Ryan Taylor

Four County - \$250 (2)
Courtney Chambers
Logan Null

Jerry Hart - \$500
Emily Mills

Nees / Hinds - \$1000
Emily Mills
Ethan Speicher
Zach Bryant
Dan Porter
Kirsten Miller
Carlie Shire
Jessica Gillespie
Caitlin Shire

INEA - \$\$
Kirsten Miller
Grant Webster

ICC Scholarships
Class of 1959 - \$1000
Logan Dent
Stephanie Chaput
Taryn Freeman
Brandi Wright

Hunt - \$1000
Autumn Stroble

Helman - \$1000
Crestley Jones



CAREER DAY

Kym Kays, Express Personnel, was the keynote speaker for the event. Ms. Kays spoke with the IHS student body about issues to consider when selecting a career. She emphasized being honest with oneself about the pace of activity one desires in a job.

"You have to understand what you're willing to do during your work day," said Ms. Kays. "If you're the type of person who would rather sit at a desk in front of a computer, don't seek out work that's going to keep you on your feet the entire day."



Career Day is a great opportunity for our students to see how the world of work relates to school. I think activities like this give students the ability to see where they want to be later in life and take into consideration the things they can do now to better prepare themselves for the future.

-Mrs. Savage



John Lloyd Stafford, junior, and Danille Allison, sophomore, performing their roles.

One Act Plays

So much fun, who's name could you forget?

This year, the 2008 One Act plays were full of tons of practice and lots of fun. A few students from IHS took on the role of writing their own one acts and then took on the job of performing the plays in front of the community and school. Students were asked to be a part of the different plays in leading roles and spent weeks perfecting their roles. The one acts gave students the chance to put on an act of their own creation and have fun while doing it.



Caitlin Shire, senior, adding some lipstick to her costume for her last one act play.



Carl Stinson, freshmen, taking a picture for the camera as he gets his make-up applied.



Carlie Shire, senior, smiling pretty for her last one act play of her high school years.



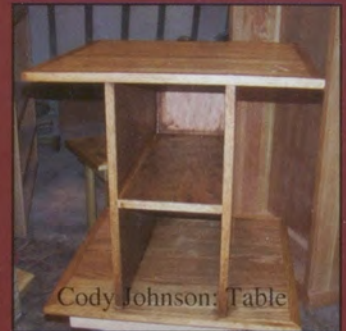
The art classes taught by Mrs. Beyer and Mrs. Stewart and the woods classes taught by Mr. Speicher held their Expo again this spring in the cafeteria. Students are able to exhibit their work from throughout the year to their parents and friends.

"It's a nice way for our students to get more exposure," said Mrs. Beyer. "Our art students take pride in their work, and it's nice to see them receive recognition from the community."

There was a wide variety of items on display, everything from gun cabinets to paintings, silver jewelry to ceramic vases.

"When you create a work of art, you don't have an audience like someone who's performing a vocal or instrumental solo," said Katie Rice, sophomore.

The same can be said for the items crafted in the woods classes. Before the Expo, students would just take their finished products home for their family.



Cody Johnson: Table



Garrett Gilstrap: Corner Entertainment Center



Brandon Stein: Gun Cabinet



The varsity cheerleaders carry the Neewollah banner as they lead the Grand Parade down Penn Avenue.



Mrs. Shepard helps a couple of students clean up the chili cook-off. Each year the junior class works Neewollah events to earn money for prom.



Talor Smith, Bailey Lewman and Lakan Ysusi break down a table while working the chili cook-off, which is held annually as part of the Neewollah kick-off festivities.



Neewollah

Welcome to Our Town!

Queen Neelah
LXVII



Brooke Rollison



Queen and Her Court

Queen Neelah 2008



Who were your National Qualifiers?

Thomas Trombold, senior, competed at the Future Business Leaders of America Nationals in the area of Networking Concepts and Computer Operating Systems.

Thomas qualified for national competition by being one of the top two competitors in the state in the areas in which he competed. Nationals were held in Anaheim, CA, and he was accompanied by FBLA adviser Mrs. Rene Long and Mr. Long, IHS assistant principal.



Dalton Mott, sophomore, qualified for nationals in International Extemporaneous Speaking. Dalton is only the second IHS student to ever qualify for the National Forensic league's national tournament.

Dalton competed in six preliminary rounds at nationals and received a first place in round one and a second place in round five. He received fourth place in each of the other rounds.



SAME FACE, DIFFERENT PLACE



"I like the DAWGS program because I get distracted too easily in regular school, and there is no homework!"

-Tommy Gray



"I appreciate having the chance to get my high school diploma. Without DAWGS and Mr. Lovelace, I don't know that I could have graduated."

-Sha'Ray Britt



IHS stepped into the alternative school arena and founded the DAWGS program this school year.

"We have students who, for a variety of reasons, just aren't successful in the regular classroom," said Mr. David Lovelace, DAWGS administrator. "These students would often choose to drop out, and we obviously needed to address that issue."

IHS had 16 students participate in the program this year, and they were able to earn credit through completion of courses using the A+ program. The program offers both online assignments and offline projects for a wide variety of core courses.

"We also have students involved in the program who simply need to recover a couple of credits, but they'll end up graduating through the 'traditional' route," said Mr. Lovelace.

In order to participate in DAWGS, students must complete an application and go through a selection process with Mr. Shaw, IHS principal and the IHS counselors.

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Hoops & YoYo's



Dodgin Ballz



TOP GUNS

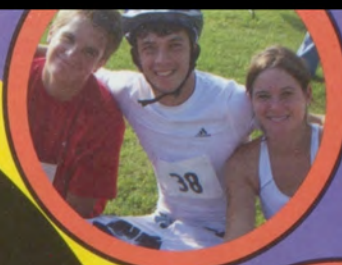


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Dodgin' Ballz and being the Top Guns is what Saturday night, November 22, 2008, was all about. This was the third annual dodgeball tournament to raise money for the girls' basketball team. This year the team raised over \$1,700, for the girls to use to purchase jumpsuits, new basketballs, and equipment to improve the girls' game. With 16 teams in the middle school and high school division the competition was intense.

So Many Faces
So Many Places



2008 Election

The 2008 presidential campaign was historic. No matter who won, history would be made. Barack Obama, Democrat, would be the first African-American to hold the office of President, or Sarah Palin, Republican, would be the first female Vice-President. Record numbers of voters turned out to the polls. In fact, 13 million new voters registered to participate in the election, and 70% of them voted for Obama.

Historically Republican, McCain did take the state of Kansas. However, the tide of the Electoral College was definitely in Obama's favor. He won 365 electoral votes compared to McCain's 173.

Lines for the voting booths in Independence were long. "It was the first time since I began voting in 1981 that I can remember standing in line to vote. I took my kids with me so they could witness history," said Kelly Cox, English teacher.



"Even though the candidate that I voted for didn't win I am still happy with the results. Throughout the race for presidency I was on the fence and I couldn't decide who to vote for. I'm a registered Republican, so I voted for McCain hoping for the best."
Bryan Clubine

McCain



PALIN

JohnMcCain.com

"November 4, 2008 is a date that I will remember forever. It was that day that I woke up early in the morning very excited because it was the first time that I was given the privilege to vote. I voted for McCain, and we all know that he didn't win but I'm still glad that I made the decision to vote."

Andrew Payne



"I didn't vote because I didn't register in time. But if I would have registered to vote, I would've voted for Obama. I see Obama as the best candidate because he is pushing people to go to college, and he is trying to get more funds for colleges and universities."

Sondra Dungey



Local Bond Issue

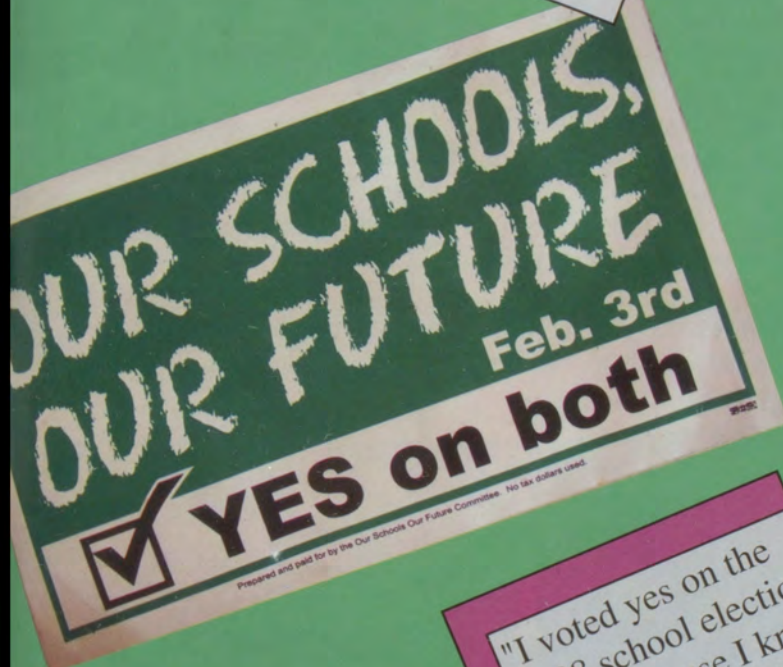
"I was really happy when I heard that the school bond had passed because I will be able to do more labs in the new science rooms." Levi Sprague

"I feel confident we will see an increase in the number of students from the surrounding area who choose IHS after the renovation. Our state-of-the-art facilities will draw students to the district. In addition, these facilities will also draw top contenders from the area for teaching positions. This will be a win-win situation for Independence students and the community as a whole," said Mr. Shaw

After three previous bond issues failed, the Board of Education put forth another effort to convince the citizens of Independence that it was time for the replacement of Lincoln and Washington Elementary schools and the renovation of the middle school and high school. Also included in the plan was the construction of a new gymnasium for high school physical education classes and sporting events.

The board educated our community through television, radio broadcasting, and fliers that were handed out to students at school. The bond asked for an approval for 45.1 million dollars, with 17 million dollars going toward renovation of the high school.

IHS will get a major face-lift to the building, a new fine arts wing, updated science rooms, and a brand new library, in addition to the gymnasium.



"I voted yes on the 2008 school election bond because I know that it is something that our schools needed that will help every student learn more effectively." Nicole Peterson



Dennis Delimarsky

Why would someone leave his home and to move to a foreign country, leaving behind friends and family and his native language? Ask Dennis Delimarsky, and he can tell you. Dennis moved to Independence from Cricova, a suburb of Chisinau, the capital of Moldova. Delimarsky said, "I decided to come here because I wanted a new experience and to see the USA for myself."

Dennis qualified for a student exchange program through a contest. He was one of 40 students selected out of a thousand who applied. He learned that he would be coming to Independence four months after he had applied for the contest.

His parents are college professors at the Academy for Economics Studies, and his brother is a high school freshman. Dennis was very excited about coming to Kansas because he had heard many interesting things about Kansas. Most of what he had heard about was the Kansas City Chiefs.

Even though Dennis played soccer for 6 years over in Europe, he decided to try out for the IHS football team. He played wide receiver on the junior varsity team. Dennis also went out for the baseball team this spring. Delimarsky commented, "Baseball is now as America's sport, and it was a privilege to get to play baseball in the country it originated in!"

Another highlight of his stay in Independence was experiencing Neewollah. "It was an awesome experience, and I consider it to be one of the best festivals I have ever been to," said Dennis.

Dennis lived with Kim McGrath and her family, so Dennis got ready-made sisters and brother!

Kim McGrath, Eisenhower teacher and mother of three, thought it would be fun to host an exchange student. "I talked to Jannette Luthi about it, and before long we were emailing back and forth with Dennis," said Kim. "This was an awesome experience for my family. Jaden especially benefitted from having a 'brother' in the house. Dennis fit right in from the start."

Dennis plans to return to the U.S. after returning to his homeland for a required year. He loves it so much here he plans to attend college at UCLA or the University of Kansas.



Dennis lived with Kim McGrath and her family throughout the school year. (Clockwise) Dennis, Kara McGrath, Jaden McGrath and Kelby McGrath, sophomore.



In addition to participating in school activities, Dennis also got to live the life of a typical American teenager. He traveled to the Caribbean on a cruise during Spring Break, spent time with his extended (host) family during holidays, and studied to make good grades for the honor roll.



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Chinese & Arabic

After decades of only offering Spanish, French and Latin, IHS now offers two additional foreign languages:

Chinese and Arabic. From watching your teacher on a TV screen to faxing in homework every day, Chinese and Arabic are not your normal high school classes. However, some of your classmates do these things on a daily basis.

Austin Schroeder, senior, said, "I enrolled in Chinese to expand my knowledge of the Chinese language."

Austin is also enrolled in Arabic.

Students taking this class will say that although the environment is a little different by not having a teacher right there to help, class is not much different.

Austin commented, "The teachers are really funny; they will do anything to keep us interested." Chinese and Arabic language classes aren't all jokes and fun though, like most classes pop quizzes are still dreaded, homework is still due, and tests are still taken.



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FIRST LEADERSHIP

Twelve Independence High School sophomores were selected to participate in the 2009 class of the First Leadership program, sponsored by the Independence Chamber of Commerce.

This year's participants included Gretchen Beaver, Peyton Botts, Seth Boyer, Garrett Gilstrap, Kelsey Hignight, Sammi Mayes, Lindsay Pratt, Daniel McDill, Kelby McGrath, Cali Nutt, Julia Stafford, and Garrett Webster.

First Leadership is designed as a program to encourage and develop leadership through awareness of self, community and state.

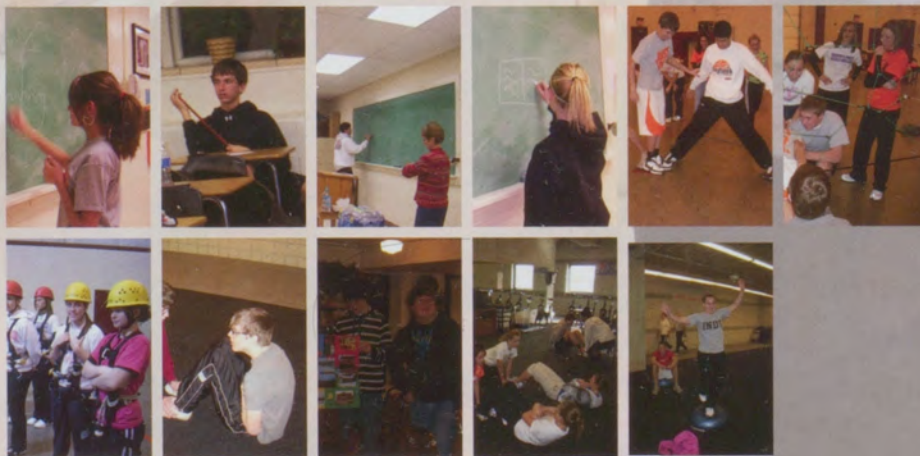
Themed "Leadership Discovery," the program began in December with an orientation session. The first class session in January was "Community Overview: Exploring Independence" and was highlighted by a scavenger hunt led by Ken Brown. Additional sessions included "Career Discovery," when participants job shadowed someone in their chosen profession; "Get Well, Get Fit, Get Happy," which saw the group challenged by Rickena Botts at Mercy Health for Life; and "Team Building," which found the group participating in the ropes course in Tulsa, OK.

"My favorite part of First Leadership was the job shadowing and observing an operation. I found it interesting because I had never seen anything like that before, and I know for sure that I still want to become a doctor," said Gretchen Beaver.

The group also participated in a class project to benefit the community. The class chose to pair up with an elderly person in order to bridge the generation gap.

"I don't know about the others in First Leadership, but I truly enjoyed sitting down and talking with the older generation. I learned about what their lives were like when they were teenagers, and I think they have a better understanding about what our lives are like as teens in the 21st century," said Cali Nutt.

The program is coordinated by a volunteer board of directors who include Charlotte Muse and April Nutt, co-chairman, Kathy Woods, Tyson Oakes, Matt Turner, Kelly Cox, Jason Curtis, Shanda Chambers, and Chuck Schmidt.



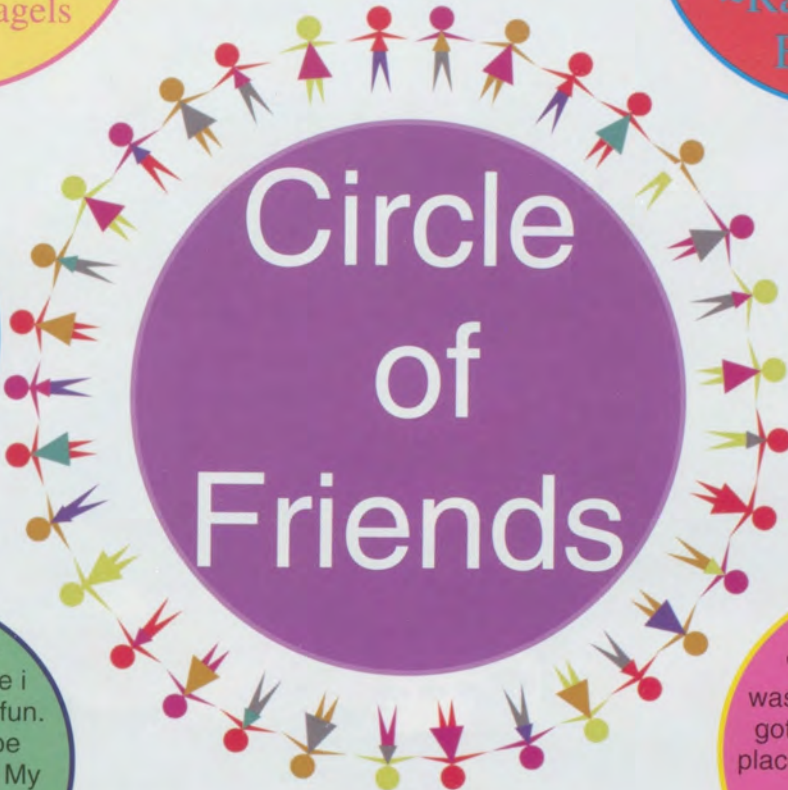


A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.
~Douglas Pagels

The only way to have a friend is to be one.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson



Circle of Friends

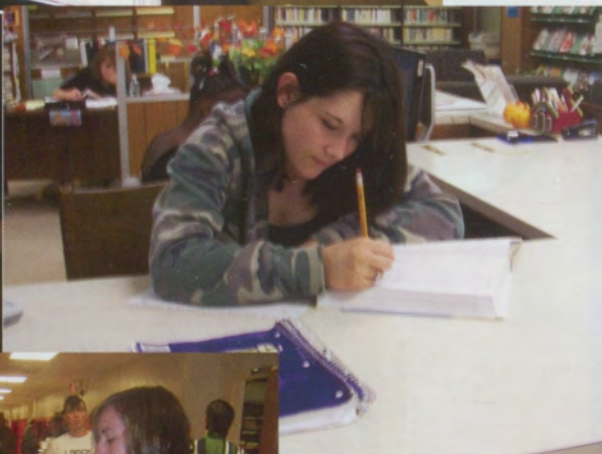
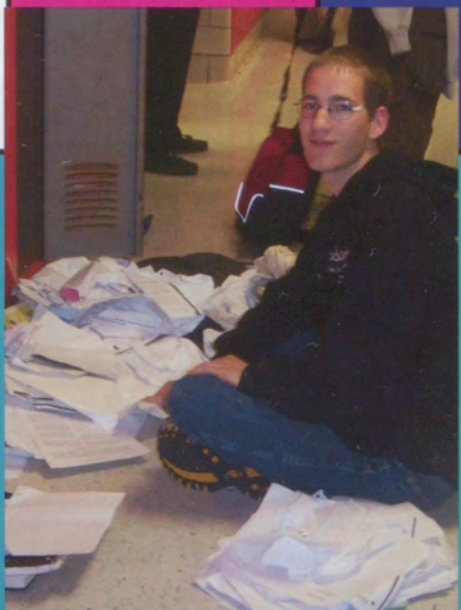


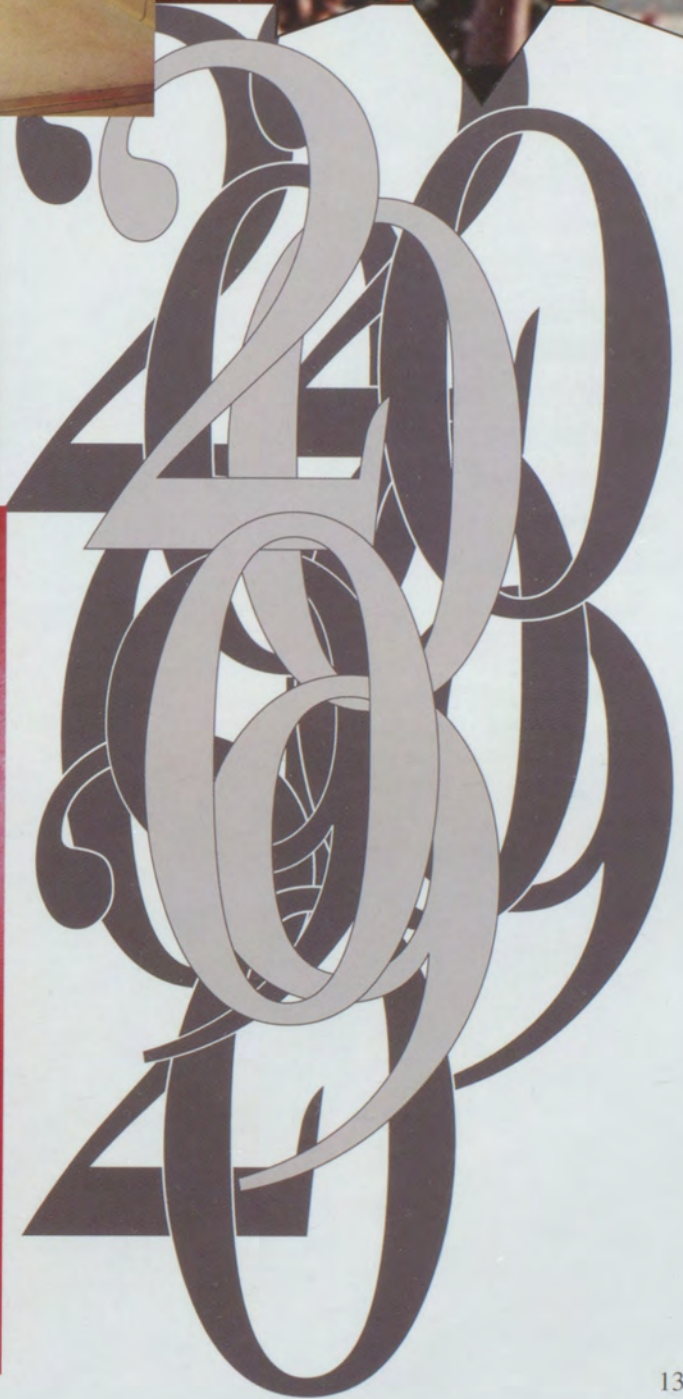
"I wanted to be in this group cause i thought it would be fun. I also wanted to be someone's buddy. My favorite trip was when we went to Wichita."
~Kayla

"Circle of Friends was a lot of fun and we got out of school to go places and hang with out buddies."
~Jake

Circle of Friends was a new club this year at IHS and the participating students had a spectacular time. Many great memories were made this school year between the students and the two sponsors, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Chism. The group did several fun things. They went to a variety show in Wichita, *The Producers* at ICC, and had a BBQ at Big Hill. The members also had a party with games and food during advisory and later in the year went bowling and ate pizza together.

Senior Life







Mr. Watters



Dino Smith



StuCo hosted the IHS Talent Show for a second year following a morning of Community Service. The acts were a variety of skits and vocal and instrumental solos.

Students were required to audition for the show and then rehearse to ensure the acts would give first-rate performances.

Even a couple of teachers and staff members got in on the act!

"It took some time to get everything the way we wanted," said Seth Boyer. "I knew if it went well, we had a shot at winning."

Alec Ramos



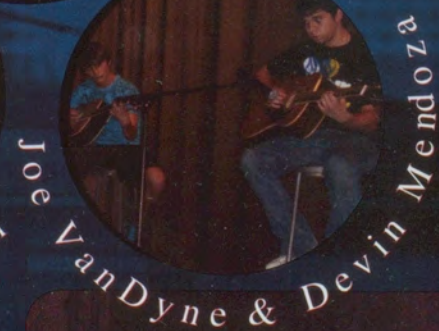
Seth Boyer



Michelle Knopick



Shanna Davidson



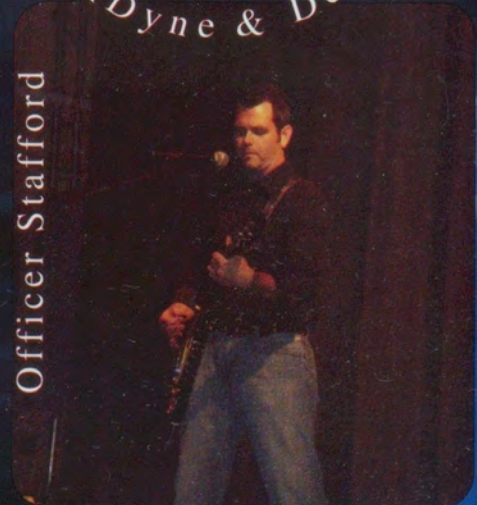
Joe VanDyne & Devin Mendoza

Autumn Stroble



Mrs. Millen & Mr. Moseley

Officer Stafford



Talent Show



KAYS



Timmire McDonald &

Aaron Hayse & Logan Nul



Brianna Stalford



Spencer Froide

And the winner

is...

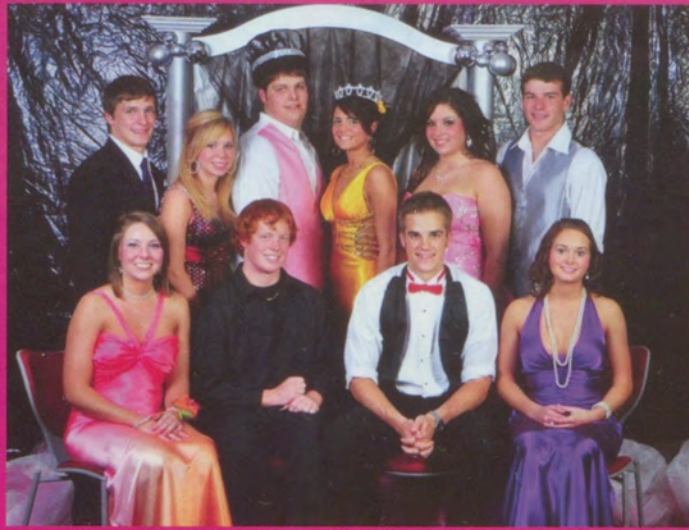
the Star Wars act consisting of Logan Null, Alec Ramos, Seth Boyer, and Aaron Hayse known as Caribou Marmalade.



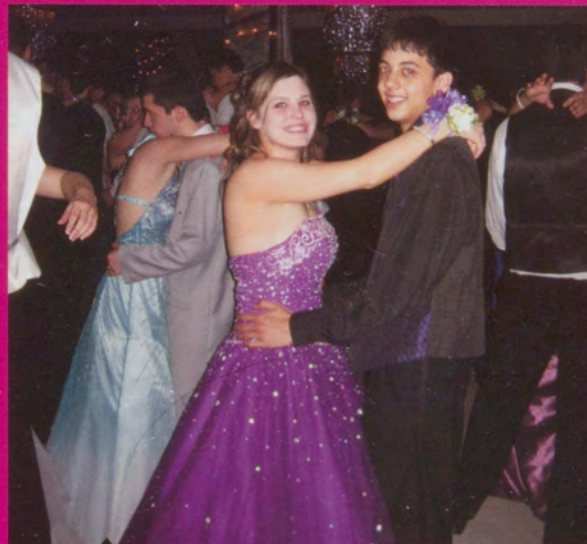
Black Tie Affair Prom 2009







Top Row: Andrew Payne, Amanda Mathews, Noah Estes, Coral Pinon, Jessica Kebert, Ryan Hayse. Front Row: Crestley Jones, Bryan Clubine, Ryan Dierks, Kelsey Mayse



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Amanda Matthews

Our Daughter Mim

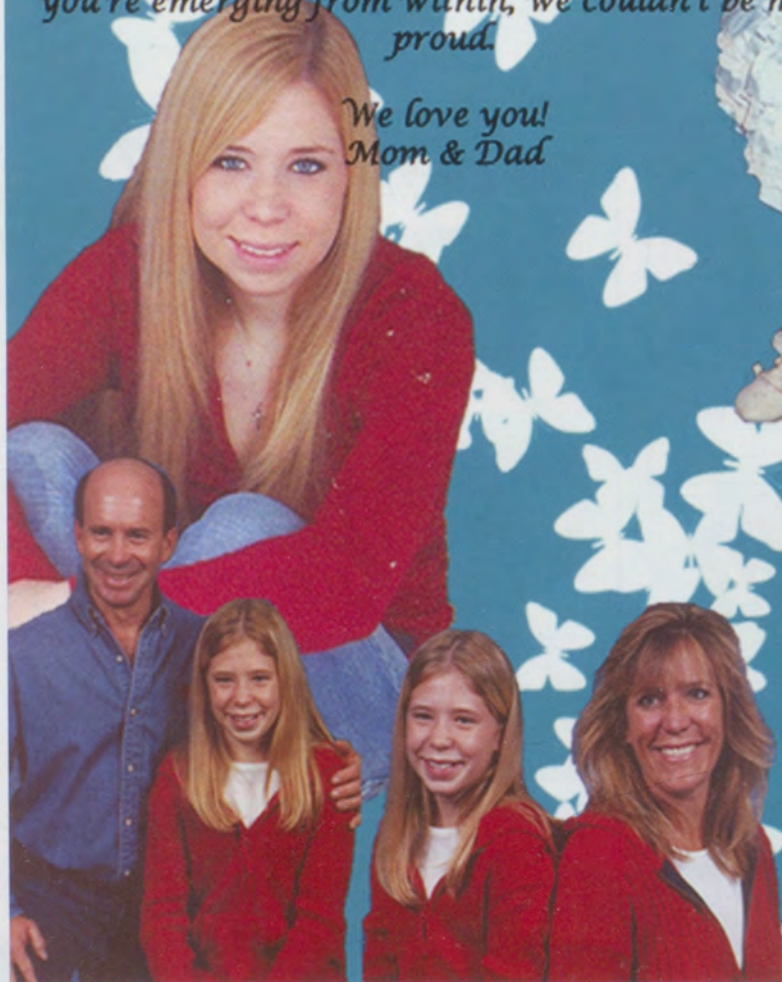
We remember looking at you as a baby wondering what your future would hold. We wanted to shelter you from unhappiness and surround you only with wonderful things.

We realize now we could never have done this, for in order to appreciate happiness, you had to experience disappointment; to enjoy success, you had to have some failures; to feel true love someone had to break your heart.

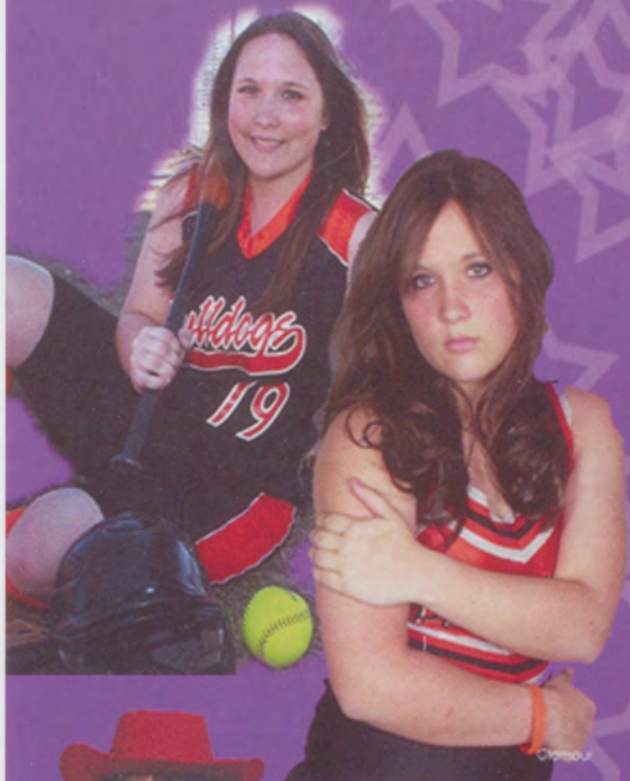
We can't always protect you, but we want you to know, we will be with you every step of the way.

When we look at you now and see the woman you're emerging from within, we couldn't be more proud.

*We love you!
Mom & Dad*



Courtney Burns



Courtney- meaning "from the court" which so aptly describes you because you have always been a bit of a "drama queen!" You and I have always had a special bond. Your first word was "mama." I am going to miss you so much when you leave. Even though we've butted heads on many occasions, I still feel like we can talk about anything. I want you to know how very proud I am of you. You are beautiful, talented, intelligent, funny, and you have a great personality. Life is a profusion of choices, and I hope that you always make the right one for you. You can't go wrong with your decisions if you follow your heart. I wish you the very best in the future and remember that I will always love you.

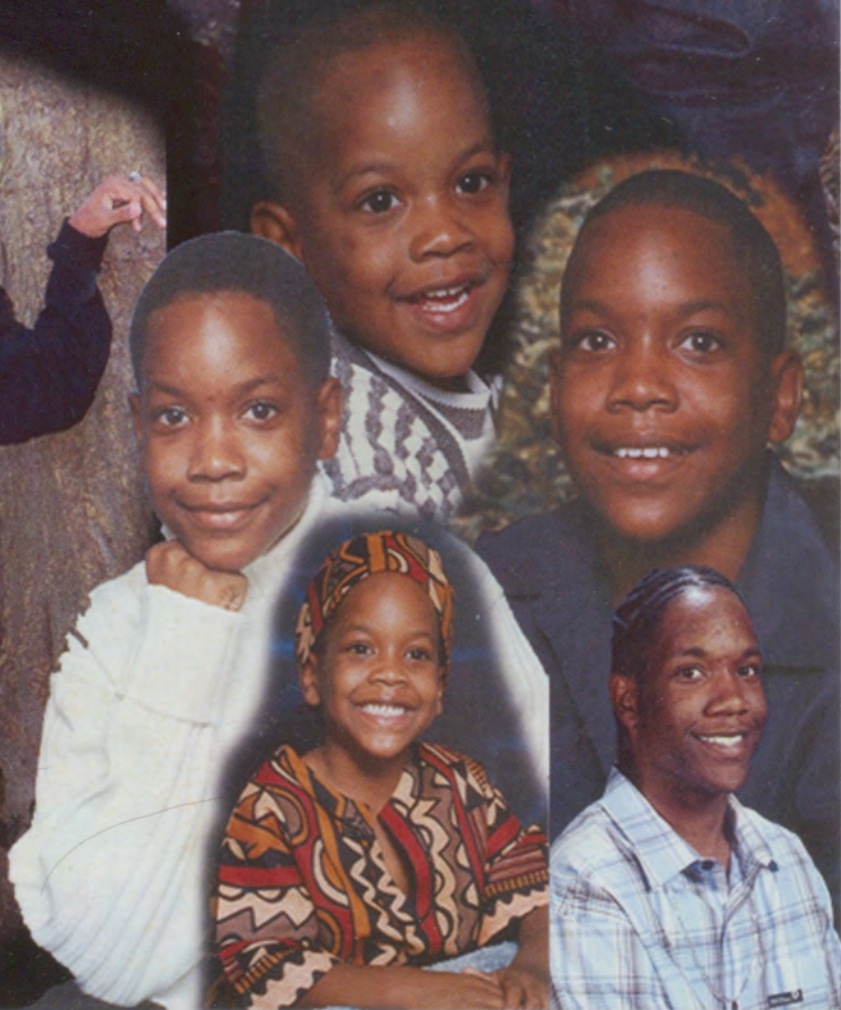
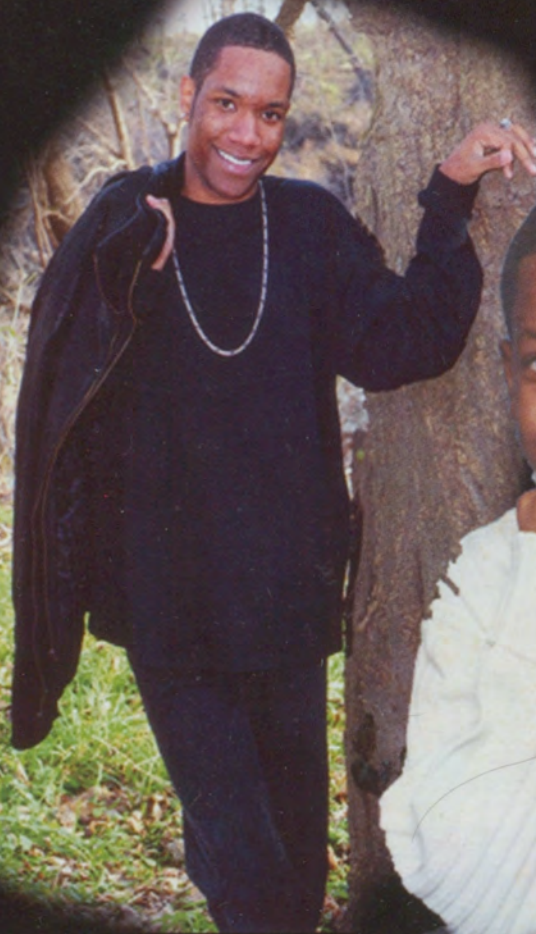
Love,
Mom



Dino Randy Smith, Jr.

Watching you grow into such a beautiful young man is a true blessing. Always trust in yourself and remember whichever direction you choose in life, know that we are behind you.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Kaela & family



Ryan Hayse



From the time you were little, and as
you grew-

Your whole family saw something
special in you.

At times you were serious,

But mostly just fun-

Home, school or sports, you were our
number one.

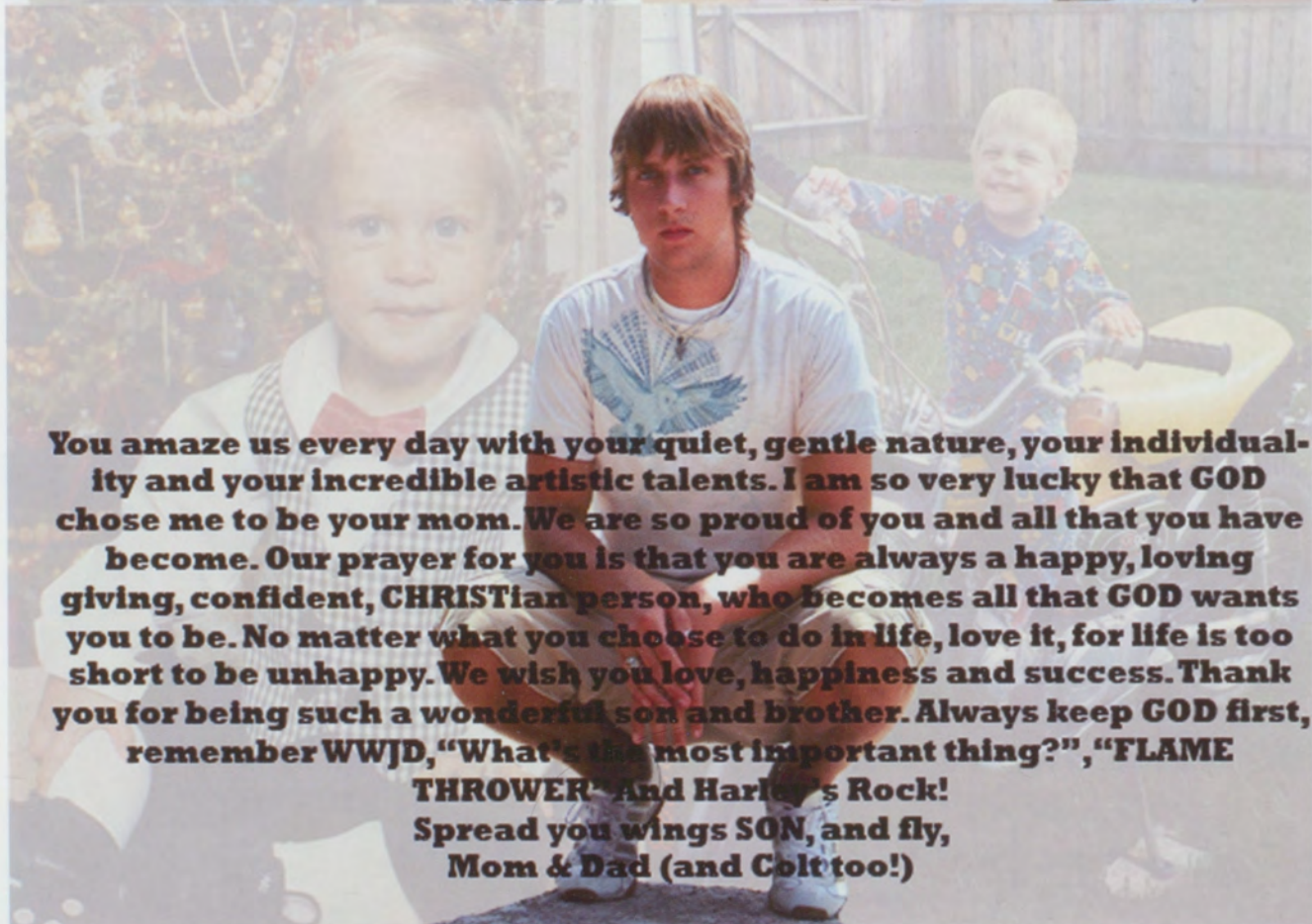
From your grandparents and cousins,
aunts and uncles too,

MOM, Dad and Tyler- we are so proud
of you!

Congratulations Ryan! We love you!



DALTON FRIESEN



You amaze us every day with your quiet, gentle nature, your individuality and your incredible artistic talents. I am so very lucky that GOD chose me to be your mom. We are so proud of you and all that you have become. Our prayer for you is that you are always a happy, loving giving, confident, CHRISTIAN person, who becomes all that GOD wants you to be. No matter what you choose to do in life, love it, for life is too short to be unhappy. We wish you love, happiness and success. Thank you for being such a wonderful son and brother. Always keep GOD first, remember WWJD, "What's the most important thing?", "FLAME THROWER" And Harley's Rock! Spread you wings SON, and fly, Mom & Dad (and Colt too!)

Austin Leake

Austin,

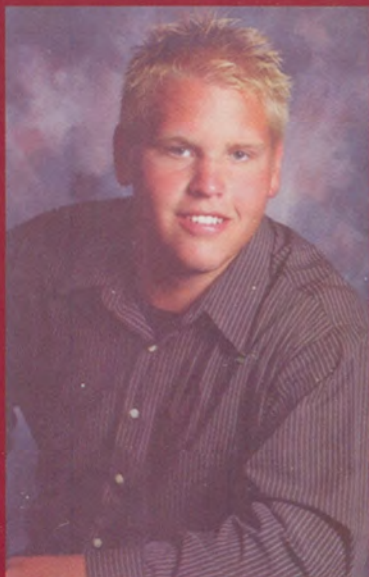
Hard to imagine
that you're all grown up.
We are all very proud of
you. You are a super big
brother, little brother,
and son.
We love you,
Dad, Teresa, Ashley &
Jack



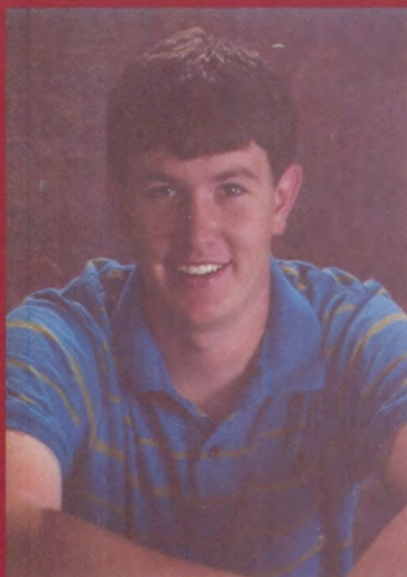
WE ARE SO
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OF YOU!
WE LOVE
YOU,
MOM, DAD,
GARRETT &
GAVIN



08/09 Yearbook Seniors



Ethan



Jake



Dino

Thank you boys for your hardwork and dedication to getting the 08/09 yearbook completed.

Love your fellow yearbook staff members and advisor, Haley, Dylan, Dominique, Niki, Morgan, Tequila, Julie and Mrs. Cox.

Kelsie Meier

As you leave for college, remember this my dear,
You're always in our hearts, whether far or near.
Reach for the stars, never let go,
Strive for the best, you'll continue to grow.
Follow your dreams and never lose sight,
Listen to your heart, and you'll always do right.
We love you more than words can say,
You will remain in our hearts each and every day.
Love always,
Mom & Dad



Wow... You're an amazing young lady and we're so proud of who you've become! You have so much to look forward to as you say goodbye to the familiar: friends, teachers, funny moments, hard fought victories. Moving on means facing the unfamiliar and knowing that in a short time you will have a lifetime of new friends, laughter, tears, and memories to cherish.

Love you lots!
Mom, Dad & Logan

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Softball



Graduation 2009

Class Motto:
Behind us are memories.
Behind us are friends.
Before us are dreams that
will never end.



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Daniel Porter

Valedictorian
Thomas
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Salutatorian
Daniel Porter



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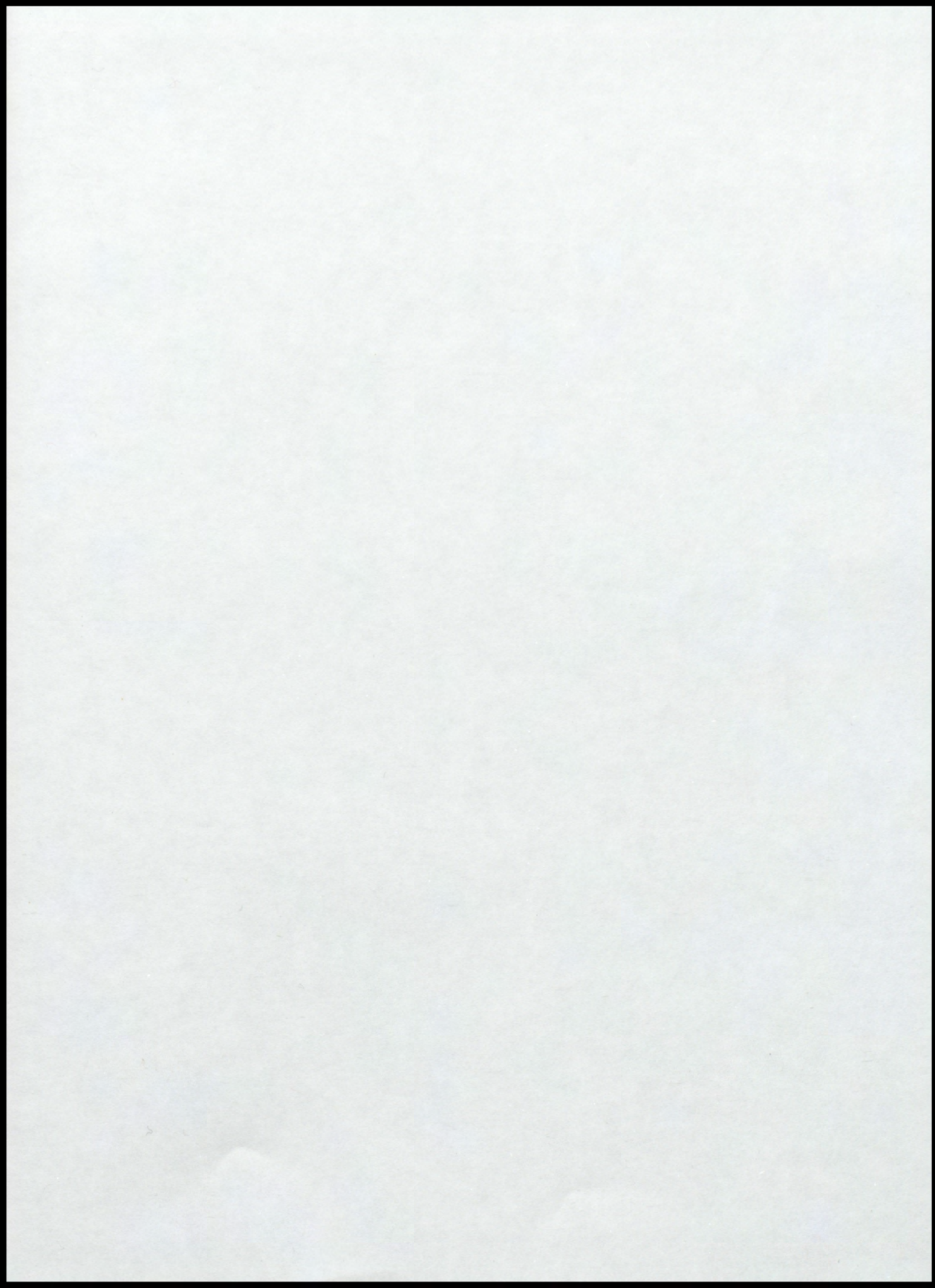


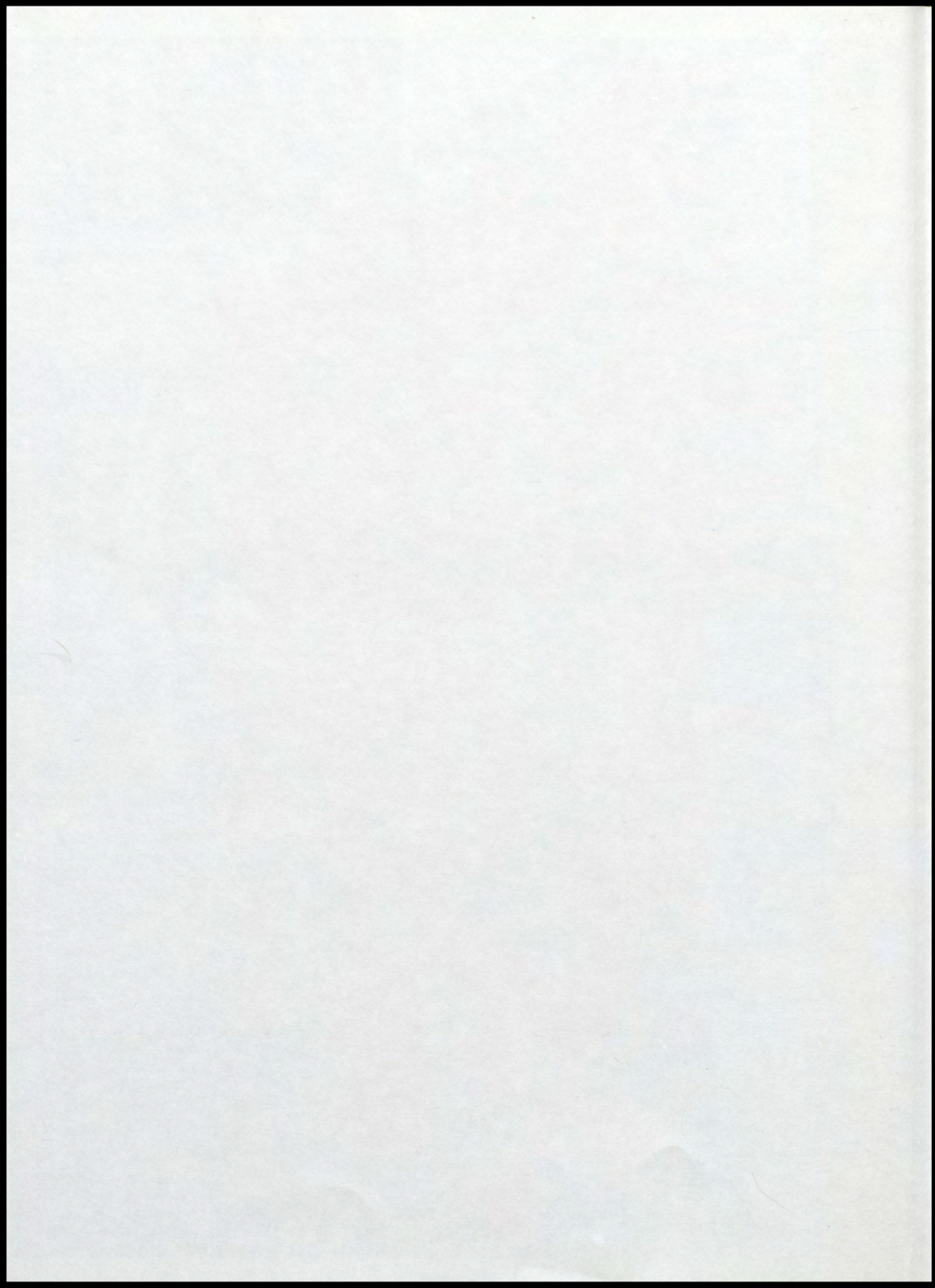
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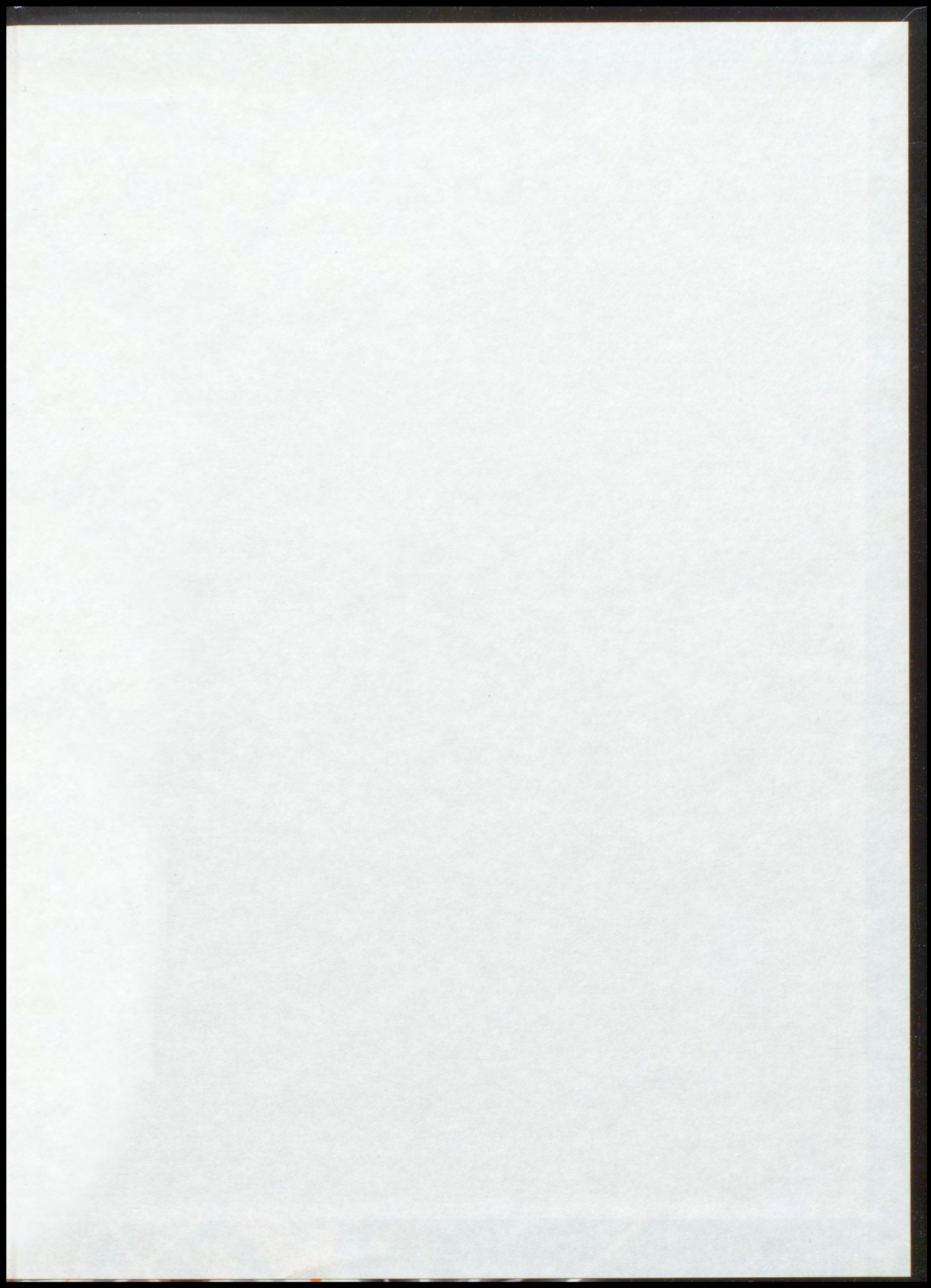


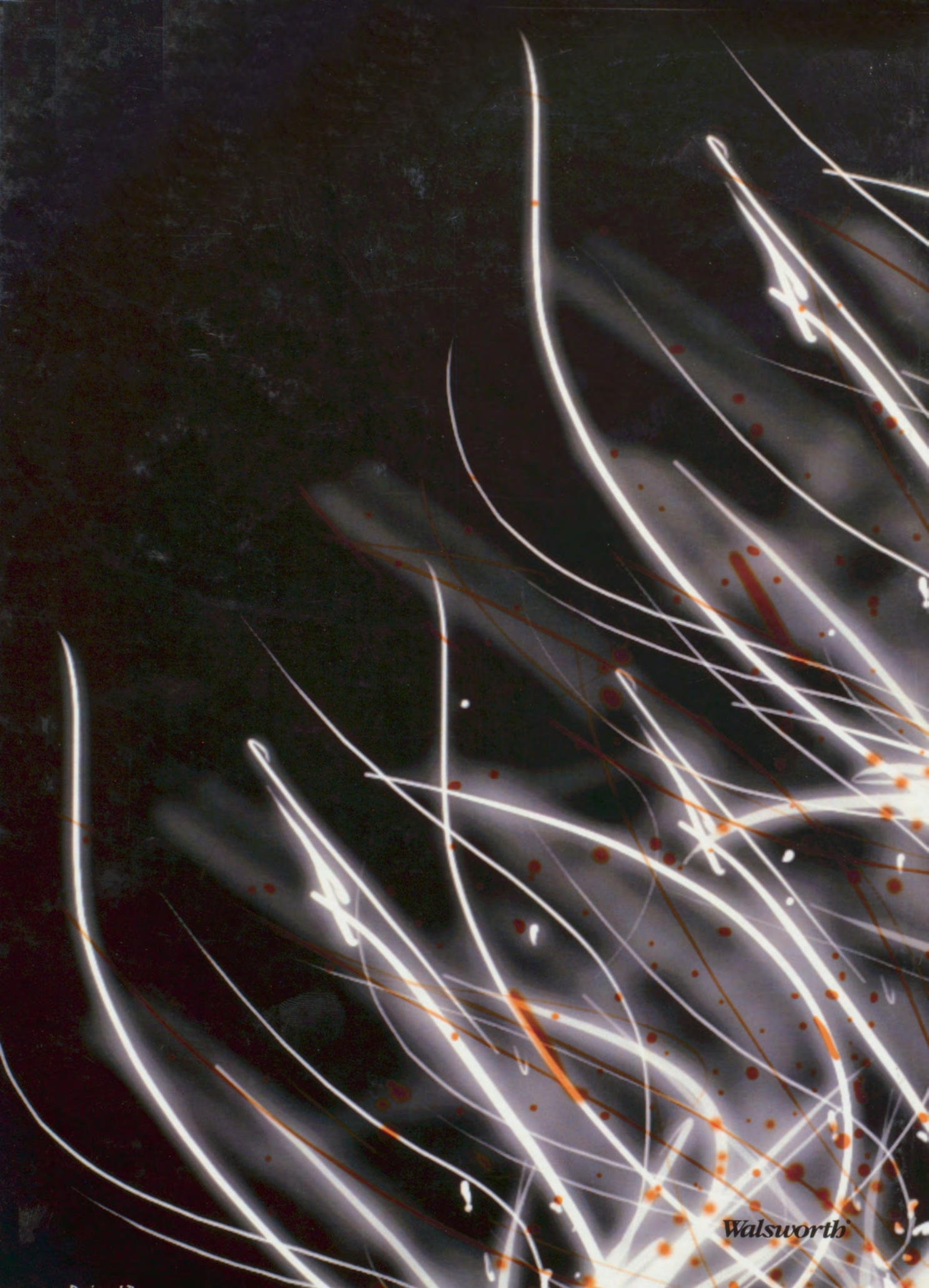
these kids?











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