Greatest Hits

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During a Friday night football game at Moss Field, Scott Stout, freshman, plays a song on his tuba. He and the rest of the marching band sat together and played songs like "Louie, Louie" to pump up the crowd.

Emily Wozniak, sophomore, swings the bat and makes contact. She and the other members of the J.V. Softball team took turns swinging to warm up before games.

Mike Lane, Jeremiah Lafica, Zach Dioneda, Kait Fischer, and Jeff Moore, juniors, stand together during the assembly on September 11.

Pat Disbennett, junior, reacts to the play just made by his teammates during a soccer game on Moss Field.

It takes work to keep our school beautiful. B.J. Heuremann, junior, proved this by getting his hands dirty at the campus clean-up on September 21.

Miss Webster candidate Caitlin McReynolds, senior, waves to spectators while on route in the Fourth of July Parade.

Mr. Milstead works hard during his second hour. He told us he inspected the new couches in the Teachers' Lounge regularly.
After over 100 years, this school and its students have grown into something great. Each year Webster and its students have gone through a multitude of experiences that have bettered them. We’ve grown from our mistakes and applauded ourselves for our accomplishments. Webster has had quite a year.

Each student had his or her own collection of greatest hits from this year: extra curricular activities that were rewarding, dances that were exciting, games that were packed full of spectators and victories, and personal hits.

“This year is great because I’m finally an upperclassman, and get to do senior ladies night,” said Alice Lancaster, junior, “plus, we get to share the parking lot with the seniors.” Even though Teron Sutherlin, sophomore, was still an underclassman, he had a year of hits as well. One of his greatest was attending Turkey Day and all the festivities. “It brings out families and people you don’t usually see.” Each year has a special feeling that makes it different from other years. Although the Frisco bell changed hands and went to Kirkwood, the varsity football team's MSHSAA state championship made up for it.

As alumni came home from college for Turkey Day, Webster seniors were working through the anxiety of college. For many seniors, their greatest hit of the year was being accepted into a college of their choice. “It’s a great feeling to have it done,” said Eric Mumm, senior. “It was such a sigh of relief to have made it into one of my top choices.” Hundreds of other seniors in his position shared his feelings.

Even more exciting, yet bittersweet for seniors, is graduation. “It’s the culmination of a huge part of my life. This is our reward. I had high expectations for my senior year, and they were fulfilled,” said Rachel Harmon, senior, “this year flew by.”

Teachers always seem to agree with these sentiments. However, the year didn’t pass by without memorable moments. Mr. Winningham’s greatest hits have been seeing students come back from college and telling him how successful they are and how much they appreciate his efforts. He had visits from numerous students this year. “It makes you feel warm right here,” he said as he patted his heart. Fellow funny man Mr. Dunn had an impact on the students as well. Teaching the often labeled “boring” subject, he strived to “make math not painfully boring for the students.” He also just wants to “have a ridiculously fun time with them.” And of course, he was successful.

This year, the students, staff, and school as a whole have made a collection of memories......
Nick Neutzling, junior, plays the electric guitar with Jazz III. Neutzling and the band practiced weekdays after school.
With new students, new renovations, new traditions, and old customs, we created a year like no other. As the memories unfold and you reminisce over the year past, remember these are your memories, this is your album... your greatest hits.

Jazz Band members Marty Frye and Kevin Carpentier, freshmen, pay close attention to their music as they rehearse at practice. For their concerts they traded in their casual clothes for black suits.
Spencer Gleason, senior, reads off players' names at softball's senior night. Gleason announced many ball games during his years at Webster. He even sometimes played music while he called the game. On September 11 the school gathered together for the first time. Flags in hand, Greg Stribling and Chad Chadwick, seniors, watch as students and faculty file back into the school. Stribling and Chadwick held the flags throughout the ceremony which took place on Selma Avenue. Maggie Strange, Layla Hasse, freshmen, and Laura Jacobsen, sophomore, sit in the stands at Moss Field while watching a field hockey game. The home stands were filled with cheering spectators throughout the fall sports season.

Andrea Davis, senior, fundraises for DECA by selling candy.
Reluctance to come back to school after a fun-filled summer is not anything new. However, easily getting back into the swing of things was also something that wasn’t new. Webster’s students changed job schedules to accommodate the loads of homework and other priorities like the musical and sports in which many of them participated.

Coming to and from school was different this year. The seniors and juniors were both allowed to park in the upper lot. But, the seniors grinned when they left for open lunch.

Despite class rivalries, the school came together as a whole for dances, assemblies, and of course, Turkey Day. These time consuming activities definitely kept the students busy and entertained. They probably didn’t even miss summer...right?
and livin's easy in Webster Groves

It's not uncommon for students to leave town over the summer. Beaches, resorts, national monuments, and camps are popular summer escapes. One will also find that there is a lot to do in Webster.

The Fourth of July festivities are at the center of summer in Webster Groves. The community comes together to attend the carnival and watch the fireworks. Many students from different clubs and teams participated in the Fourth of July Parade. The Miss Webster contestants rode along the streets of Webster as well. "It was fun seeing the community come out and support us," said Ashley Farell, senior. Although the Fourth was a busy time, students spent the rest of their three months relaxing.

After a long day in the sun at the pool, Hogoboom's was a great place for a cold snow cone. Driving down Lockwood Ave. any day or night of the summer you're bound to encounter a line of people waiting outside for a cool treat. Hogoboom's is a summer commodity in Webster Groves and a popular place for students to snack and even get a job. It opens in May and closes in October, so students have to take advantage of it for the short time it's open.

Summer doesn't last very long and most students soak it up before the start of school. Whether it's the Fourth of July Parade, snow cones, or a day at the pool, many students enjoyed the comfort and relaxation of Webster Groves.
Jesse Gaffney, senior, performs her guard routine. The guard members displayed their flag-twirling skills in the heat of the parade.

The Webster Pool is a great place to hang out, get a tan, and run into a friend from school. Keith Moore, Steve Greene, seniors, and Mitch Greene, junior, take a break from lifeguarding to relax poolside.

Miss Webster candidate, Ashley Farrell, senior, rides in the Fourth of July Parade. Sponsored by Summit Jewelers, she displayed her sash and 'Miss Congeniality' banner. The next day she was crowned Miss Webster.

"I spent time skateboarding and going to skate parks like Ramp Riders," said Randy Elliott, freshman, about how he spent his summer.

Lapetra Robinson, junior, spent time traveling this summer. "It was cool being in Washington D.C. for the Fourth of July and seeing the fireworks at the White House," she said.

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Everywhere you go after school and on the weekends, you can find high school students on the job. More and more students are working, and whether you are going out to eat or shopping anywhere in Webster Groves, chances are you will run into someone you know working. "When I am working my friends come in and visit me and get food. It makes my job fun," said Jessy Elliott, senior, on her job at Cool Beans in Old Webster.

By working, teenagers are becoming more independent. No matter the reasons for getting a job, there are plenty of opportunities.

Senior Ryan Purvis said, "When I decided to get a job, I went out to look and got hired the first day." Purvis has worked at Dierberg's since May 2002. Part time jobs, may not seem like they should take too much time, but fitting them into a schedule that is crammed with academics and other extra curricular activities can be stressful. Along with the benefits for earning your own money, come the extra responsibilities.

Anne McNeely, junior, neutralizes the generating ball at the Magic House in Kirkwood. "There's so much excitement with the kids around which makes our job fun. And you get to play with stuff too," said co-worker Kim Andrews, junior.

Using her balancing skills, Maggie Redford, junior, brings water to her customers at Big Sky Cafe in Old Orchard. "I like the set schedules because when I have guard practices the managers are considerate if I can't work that night," said Redford.
In the Webster Groves Schnucks' parking lot, Zach Sias, senior, helps an elderly woman load groceries into her car. "It's the only job that accommodates my hockey schedule. Also a lot of my friends work there," said Sias.

Nate Bowman and Rich Kettler, seniors, use teamwork while working at Imo's Pizza in Old Orchard. "The atmosphere is fun and I like the people I work with because we joke around a lot with the managers," said Kettler.

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Alex Avouris, senior, picks out the toppings for her pizza as she works at Imo's Pizza in Old Orchard. Avouris began working at Imo's in September 2001. "My job pays well, it's easy, good hours, and a lot of my friends work there. My favorite thing to do is making extras, such as sandwiches and salads," said Avouris.

Jerrica Brandon, senior, glances at the order screen while making a sundae at the Frozen Custard Factory on Manchester. "I'm the assistant manager, so it's easy and fun. Also a lot of people I work with go to Webster that I can talk to," said Brandon.

Jenni Shoulberg, senior, folds a shirt while working on the floor at The Limited Too in Crestwood Mall. Shoulberg started working at The Limited Too in November 2001. "It's a fun place to work with flexible hours, and the people there are nice. It's also fun to set-up the store and match clothes," said Shoulberg.

Annie Warner, sophomore, selects flowers for a customer at Wichman's Florist in Old Webster. Warner began working at Wichman's in September 2002. "It's quiet, easy, and I'm the youngest one there. But it's fun answering the phone and working the cash register. Also I can walk over to the Bread Company and bring back lunch, and the managers don't mind," said Warner.

Jess Barton, senior, scans a book at the checkout counter while working at the Webster Groves' Public Library on Lockwood. About her job, Barton said, "I like working there because it's easy, has great hours, and I love my co-workers. What's also nice, is the library is another academic lab kind of place to do homework and study."

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Back to School

and back in the saddle again

Every year in mid-August as summer winds down, students are torn between wanting summer to continue and wanting school to start. When vacations are over and nothing is entertaining and exciting, it's time to go back to school. Once the big day has come and gone, there are still many firsts to look forward to.

The first month of school brings many activities that are new to some but old news to others. A new occurrence this year was the September 11th memorial assembly. Students gathered on Selma to remember victims of the terrorist attacks. The assembly also marked the first time in the school year that the whole student body was gathered together. Other firsts were class meetings. Seniors had a meeting to discuss interests after high school and a few weeks later were already sizing up caps and gowns. Very quickly after the start of school, administrators held the first fire drill of the school year. They were eager to make sure students knew how to evacuate the building in case of a real emergency.

Fall Pep Assembly was another time for students to join together and also promote class spirit and school spirit. The class cheer was a time to be proud of the new class standings. Freshmen didn’t know what was really going on, as it was their first assembly. The sophomores relished not being at the bottom of the totem pole and looked forward to their time as seniors which seemed so far away. Juniors were amazed at how soon senior year seemed to be approaching and how much they enjoyed finally being upperclassmen. Seniors enjoyed sitting in the prime seats and looking forward to graduation. Whatever grade, the beginning of the year is a time to plan on things to come, but also enjoy the first and lasts of the school year.

Leonora Carlson, senior, along with other varsity cheerleaders prepare for the Fall Pep Assembly. The cheerleaders, along with guard, opened the assembly with the school fight song, "On With Webster."

Jon Edwards, senior, watches the 9/11 Assembly. It was the first gathering of the students for the '02-'03 school year. Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance in remembrance of the terrorist attacks.

Elaine Chollet, senior, fills out her survey at the first class meeting of the year. Counsellors surveyed the class of 2003 to see what plans they had after graduation. They also handed out college application information to ready seniors for a busy year.

Valerie Gough, senior, and Suzie Algars, junior, take a break from Fall Clean-up. They helped clean up gardens and landscape throughout the school. It was a good time to get to know new people while also helping the school.

Rachel Hapson, senior, enjoys the last Fall Pep Assembly as a student. Class pride was shown especially during the Assembly. It was also a good chance to get out of seventh hour.
Mike Lane, Andy Pitts, and Sam Spehr, juniors and Kyle Marshall and Dan Adams, seniors, enjoy watching a varsity soccer game from the new bleachers at Moss Field. The bleachers were one of several improvements made to the school and field for the '02-'03 school year.

Erin Muske, senior, visits the 9/11 memorial in downtown Webster. Visitors left flags, flowers and poems at the wall which was located at Gerber Chapel on Lockwood. It was one of many memorials throughout St. Louis.

Keith Ward, freshman, takes time to show his favorite moves to onlookers during the second hour fire drill in early September. Other classes played red rover and other time-occupying activities until they were released back to class to continue the day.

Mike Fourney and Julie Wynn, seniors, take the college interest survey given by the counsellors at the first senior meeting. The meeting was the first time the seniors gathered together in preparation for graduation.

Guard members strike a pose after their performance at the Fall Pep Assembly. The show is always a crowd pleaser, especially at Pep assemblies. Guard practiced long and hard before dancing in front of the whole school.

Mike Smith and John Flaxbart, juniors, took a break from second hour as the student body gathered on Plymouth Field for the first fire drill of the year. Because of last year's incident, administrators were quick to schedule a drill "just in case."

Claire Botnick, junior, pulls weeds from the gardens in the courtyard during the Fall Campus Clean-up. A dedicated group of students met on a Saturday morning to help clean up the school. Students were given doughnuts and pizza and with all their work were finished by mid-day.
Amanda Schwa and Jimi Keehn, freshmen, take advantage of the nice weather in the courtyard. They concentrated on their work while others around them ate. Schwab and Keehn took time out of studying to finish their own lunches.

Ben Cox works the cash register at the candy store. Several students worked in the newly remodeled store this year. They rotated tasks like stocking the shelves, working the register, and guarding the door.

Everyday, for two 27 minute periods, students and teachers file into what Ms. Voss calls “the premiere cafeteria in the area” for lunch. From salads to burgers, Bosco Sticks to chicken rings, there is bound to be something for everyone.

After getting their lunches, students need somewhere to go. They flood the courtyard when weather permits and eat among the flower beds and picnic tables. Kelly Dillon, junior, said, “When I was a freshman, the cafeteria was under construction, so we sat wherever there weren’t men working.” Now Kelly nestles in the same corner of the new cafeteria every day with the same group of friends.

However, there is a large group of students you won’t see. With few exceptions, the majority of the senior class chose to take advantage of their privilege and go off campus for lunch. There is a limited amount of time, but most manage to reach their destination, eat, and return in time to beat the bell and dodge the new tardy policy.

No matter where you go or what you eat, lunch is a time to unwind, talk with your friends, or cram for that test next hour.
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“Express yourself” rolled off the ever-so popular tongue of one of the world’s biggest trendsetters in a catchy, effortless tune. Madonna taught us to do so. Within each country, state, city, highschool and group of friends, there were different expressions of one’s individuality.

It often happened, however, that an individual idea was popular among more than just one person, which created a trend. Webster had its own trends; anything from clothes and accessories to television shows and music. We had a very diverse student body and we found many different ways of expressing ourselves. Some people chose to follow trends, some created, and others chose a different path of expression. Webster had students that fell into every category, which made it an original and unique place.

Birkenstocks have been around for decades and have often been popular with teenagers. This year, however, there seemed to be an outpouring of the suede clog. Boys and girls took to the easy-slide-on comfortable fit more than most years, especially in the stone khaki or chocolate brown color.

Vintage always seems to be the fashionable way of doing things. This year the term vintage nestled beside tennis shoes quite frequently for trendy Webster students. They were often colorful, and many resembled bowling shoes and shoes from decades ago.
Did Webster boys stop brushing and cutting their hair? Nah, many of them just like it that way. Henry Mittler, senior, says, "Chicks dig it. It looks homeless, and homeless equals sexy."

Webster boys don't need a reason to get dressed up anymore. This year they stepped it up a notch, and Oxford shirts were everywhere. Drew Spiegel, senior, likes his best with jeans or khakis. "The girls like them," he said.

Erica Mayfield
Channon Howard
Desiree Brockett
Christine O'Brien
Jaime Austin
Drew Spiegel

After a dry spell for Rock 'n Roll, it made quite a comeback this year with bands like the Hives, the Stokes, the Vines, the White Stripes (and other lesser known bands) gaining popularity. Many students took to their music and their style, donning T-shirts and other paraphernalia.

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Television shows can definately be addicting; once you start, you can't stop. Especially with guilty pleasures like "The Osbournes," "Survivor," "Gilmore Girls," and "Friends." Often times Webster students will flock to one house to enjoy the fun together.

Sweatsuits aren't considered dressing down anymore. Many students opted for matching tops and bottoms. Some even went fancy with velour and rhinestones.

Old Webster boys stop brushing and cutting their hair? Sometimes with the big, elaborate belts we've seen this year, the line is not very well defined. Many Webster girls sported the over-sized, the fringy, the embroidered, or the braided.

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The everyday trudge to school can become repetitive, despite the numerous ways that people find to get there. Some people ride with friends, while others walk or take a bus, and then there are those who roll along on their skateboards, bikes, or scooters.

As the years go by, the system seems to get better. Freshmen must find a way to school on their own or try and hitch a ride from a parent or older sibling. Sophomores and juniors get to experience the all new thrill of getting their license or traveling with fellow classmates.

Parking has always been a major issue for Webster students. In previous years, it has been a big deal to be a senior with the advantage of being able to purchase a coveted parking pass. This year, with the long awaited addition of a second parking lot, the juniors were able to buy a pass as well. But, for those who didn’t have a claim to a lot, parking was cut short. Closing off Selma and Swon caused many of the underclassmen to have to park blocks away and hike, rain or shine, to school.

Through all this trouble most students managed to get up every morning and show up to class for another day.

Who ever said that skateboarding is out and motorized scooters are the wave of the future? Well, just try telling that to a die-hard skater like Adam Gaffney, sophomore, who wouldn’t consider any other mode of transportation.

Nothing is better than the satisfied feeling you have when you get back from a relaxed lunch off campus. Of course, this relaxed lunch for Justin Cook and Corey Graves, seniors, comes with the consequences of a couple of tardies but it’s well worth it.

People use all types of wheels to get to school; cars, bikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. James Hegarty, freshman, found a new way to get to and around the school all in one.
Some people consider it a major pain to have to buy themselves a car so they can get around but it's a much bigger pain when you have to rebuild that car. Nathan Early, junior, rebuilt his '73 Volkswagen Beetle for his own transportation.

Walking home is never the same unless you're surrounded by the good company of old friends. Some of these groups, such as this one, have been walking to each other's houses after school since freshman year.

Getting to and from school isn't always as easy as it sounds, especially when you have the typical teenager's car. Before leaving, Zak Towers, junior, has to give this car that extra boost to make the journey home.
As Turkey Day approached and the excitement grew, Webster and Kirkwood joined together to celebrate their version of homecoming at the Friendship Dance. This year they met in Kirkwood’s gym to dance the night away. Traditionally, the school who does not host the Turkey Day game is supposed to hold the annual dance. “I kind of like going to Kirkwood for the dance, it mixes things up a bit and makes it feel more like a dance, rather than just going to your own school on a Saturday night,” commented Ashley Farell, senior. Most students joined their friends or a date and spent the three hours on the crowded gym floor dancing to songs that range from techno, to rap, to old favorites like the Y.M.C.A.

The Sweetheart Dance is held every February and falls on the Saturday before Valentine’s Day. This year the class of 2004 was in charge of putting the dance together. “It was a lot of hard work, but it was worth it,” commented Abby Smith, junior. The court, which included the junior students nominated by their peers, was introduced about halfway through the dance. Darrell Jackson, king, and Kate Pitlyk, queen, wore their crowns through the rest of the night.
Dustin Bitikofer, senior, gets down at the Sweetheart Dance in the cafeteria. Many students decided to go stag or with a group of friends, while still others went with a date. Either way there certainly was no shortage of people to dance with.

Sporting their rockin' shades, Patrick Sandifur and Joe Jacobs, seniors, make an appearance at the Sweetheart Dance. Later they got their groove on along with the many other students in attendance at the dance, which was organized by the junior class.

Nicely dressed guys and gals pack into the highschool cafeteria for the Sweetheart Dance. After purchasing tickets ahead of time, students showed up to, among other things, dance the night away witness the coronation, and catch up with classmates.

Jennifer Marecek and Anne McNeely, juniors, make their way to the dance floor in Kirkwood's Gym. Every year Kirkwood and Webster students unite at the Friendship Dance to show their camaraderie before the rivalry of Turkey Day spirit week begins.

Kelly Volding and Jessica Easter, seniors, share a laugh and a good time at the Friendship Dance on November 9th. The Friendship and Sweetheart Dances provided students with an opportunity to dress up and dance with their friends from school.
Succeeding Without Really Trying...a success

Every Fall at WGHS the work of actors, singers, dancers, musicians, and technical and stage crews culminates in the production of the fall musical. This year, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," graced the stage of the auditorium on November 14-16 under the direction of the new choir director, Mr. Kinworthy, and new drama teacher, Ms. Zoller.

The story followed a young man through his quick and humorous ascent up the company ladder despite the conniving of a fellow co-worker. The cast endured countless hours of after school practices while the stage and light crews prepared or opening night. An impressive set, complete with working elevators, was designed by Mr. Osterberg and constructed by the technical theatre classes.

“My favorite scene was when Finch (Paul Cereghino, junior) was in his boss’s office with Ms. LaRue (Julia Crump, senior) and Rosemary (Heather Schmidt, senior) walks in," said Sam Pounders, junior. Despite the fact that behind the scenes the light crews had to operate three spotlights instead of one, and there never seemed to be enough headsets between the members of the crew, the musical went off without a hitch.

Julia Crump, senior, seduces Paul Cereghino, junior, into a kiss on the boss’s desk. Cereghino’s character, Finch, was set up to be caught by junior Zach Towers’ character who wanted his job.

Ariel Carson, senior, spends time curling her hair before the play. The hair styles for the play were carefully planned.

In the finale, Finch, played by Paul Cereghino, junior, proposes his love to Rosemary, played by Heather Schmidt, senior. She vowed to always be by his side in the song “New Rochelle".
Amber Distasio, junior, sings about "The Brotherhood of Men" to the company executives. Distasio played Mrs. Jones, the boss's secretary.

Zach Towers, junior, was lifted by Spencer Gleason, senior, and Phil Gill, junior. Towers' character finally realized that work was about more than complaining to mommy and vowed to do his best in "the company way".

Lauren Tappana, freshman, applies make-up to Ben Walker, freshman, before the play. Many students who didn't want to be on the stage helped out behind the scenes.

Phil Gill, junior, plays the head of the mailroom and shows his workers how he managed to stay employed for 25 years by following "the company way."
Among semi-bundled up fans, Amelia Kellam, junior, showed off the football she caught from the cheerleaders. Her friends missed her boasting due to the excitement of the game.

Maggie Redford, junior, stands in silence while guard and band prepare for their half time collaboration. Webster was losing when the half ended, but the show re-energized the fans.

What About Turkey Day?

When Webster’s varsity football team advanced to the MSHSAA Class 5 championship game, the question on everyone’s mind was, what about the Turkey Day game? With the state championship game only two days after Thanksgiving, there was no doubt that the varsity players would not participate in the Turkey Day game.

Two meetings took place the weekend before Turkey Day to determine who would be playing in the game. The final meeting on Sunday November 24, 2002, included Superintendent Brent Underwood, Principal Pat Voss, Activities Director Tim Moore, Head Coach Cliff Ice, the School Board, and the same representatives from Kirkwood. “We wanted to have a competitive game on a fair level, and make sure none of the Webster varsity players were at risk of injury,” said Underwood. A press release was sent out at 3 p.m. that day stating that the game was to be played by only freshmen and sophomores. “I think it was a good compromise for both schools,” said Underwood.

As fans approached Moss Field Turkey Day morning, they saw the varsity Statesmen practicing on the field in their pajama pants and jerseys from 9-11 a.m. After practice, the juniors and seniors stood on the sidelines to support their team. The young Statesmen fell to the Pioneers 28-14 and handed the Frisco Bell over to Kirkwood, after having it for two years. Despite the loss, Webster fans looked ahead hoping for a State Championship win. They were not disappointed.

Accepting an award for their contribution to the Muscular Dystrophy Association at the Turkey Day game, Chelsea Rose and Abby Smith, juniors, received a thundering applause from the thousands of appreciative fans.

Mark Wright, senior, bears the bitter cold as he carries scrap wood to the pit. Lucky seniors got to miss first through fourth hours on Wednesday and set up the bonfire for the night assembly.

Corey Dixon, freshman, and Jimmie Patterson, sophomore, lock hands in respect for the seniors being announced before the game. Any empathetic feelings they had for the seniors subsided after they won State.

During the Thanksgiving morning practice, Landon Fitzgerald, junior, attempts to get past Jared Thompson, senior. Still a little fazed by the early start, Landon stayed comfortable and warm in his plaid pajamas pants.
Kevin Boyd, sophomore, tackles a Kirkwood player. Football is all about contact and there was plenty of that at this year's game. JV proved to be determined and fearless.

Eric Runyon, junior and varsity football player, moves from the sidelines to the field for the half time show. Aside from his mismatched outfit, he blended in well with the other trumpet players.

JV cheerleaders Brittney Hicks, Leah Stojeba and Liz Robinson, sophomores, perform the JV/Freshmen stomp at the Turkey Day assembly. After working hard for weeks, all went smoothly.

Ben Walker, freshman, took over the traditional job of flag runner. He raced down the track and pumped up the crowd during the game.

"You're what?" Senior ladies of course. The class of 2003 took the floor for the annual senior line dance to show off their moves and attitude.
The tradition of Turkey Day is instilled in everyone that attends Webster Groves High School. Classes compete over the different activities that they participate in such as, hall decorations, turkey bowling, pass the orange, and the final event of tug-of-war. All of these competitions lead up to the final tallying of Spirit Points. The Turkey Day festivities are never complete without the time honored tradition of turkey bowling. The eager spectators watch as Sam Pityl, freshman, hurls a 20 pound turkey toward ten stationary pins.

Decked out in his orange and black, Mike Sivcovich, senior, puts his game face on. Despite all the Turkey Day excitement, he still found time for a snack.

Who ever said Kirkwood girls aren’t attractive? Junior boys got all dolled up for their satirical portrayal of the Kirkwood Pommies squad. They must have been pretty convincing because they got a few whistles from the crowd.

Seniors won the competition by a slim margin. Close behind were the juniors, followed by the sophomores, and finally the freshmen. The climactic point of the week was the Turkey Day Pep Assembly, when all four of the classes came together to unite against Kirkwood.

The day included performances by Guard, the cheerleaders, pep band, and various other activities. The Night Assembly, arranged by the junior SSC, was marked with performances by the Webster boys spoof of Kirkwood pommies and cheerleaders as well as a bonfire burning of Kirk E. Wood at Moss Field following the assembly.
The Varsity football team didn’t get to play in Turkey Day this year, but they rushed the field with eager JV players in tow and led them to their first Thanksgiving showdown with Kirkwood.

The seniors stand up and cheer in support of their class, after announcing the winners of spirit week. It was no surprise the seniors won, even after tying for third in the hall decorations. They made up for it by winning tug of war and showing off their orange and black at the assembly.

On Friday, Senior Class Council members started putting up the decorations that they had been working on for weeks. After choosing a comic book theme, seniors picked Batman and his native Gotham City to grace the hallway.

During the varsity cheerleaders routine, Coach Ice rolled through on a skateboard while Avril Lavigne serenaded them. As he glided through the gym, the girls swooned at his surprising skateboarding skills.

For Webster’s SSC groups, Turkey-Day begins in advance as they start to prepare for the week’s activities, including the hallway decorations. On the night before, Sam Pounders, Andrea Mueller, Kait Fischer, and Kendra Yoder, juniors, put on the final touches.

No Turkey Day Assembly would be complete without a performance by Webster’s Guard team. This year’s show once again proved how talented these girls really are.

At the Turkey Day game, the cheers aren’t left up to just the cheerleaders. There are thousands of screaming fans in the stands and even the antsy varsity football players jumped in to get a little piece of the action.

In an effort to protect the bell, James Hull, freshman, pursues a Kirkwood player down the field. The bell went to Kirkwood, but Webster fans had other things to celebrate.
Andy Cook, senior, took a knee towards the finish of the game. Cook made the biggest play at McCluer North forcing them offside leading to a 2-point conversion and a win for the Statesmen. He emotionally reacted to his team’s victory one week later at the Edward Jones Dome.

Grady Wilson, senior, hangs on to the ball despite the Ray-Pec defender. This 38-yard score propelled the Statesmen to their third consecutive upset victory of the playoffs. Wilson’s juggling catch led to a MSHSAA State Championship win for Webster.

The Varsity football players line up at the start of the game for the coin toss. Hand-in-hand, they waited to see the results as they prepared to begin the most exciting match-up of the year. Though Ray-Pec won the toss, Webster won the trophy and became the Class 5A MSHSAA State Champions.
Junior quarterback Darrell Jackson prepares for the snap. Andy Cook, senior, readied himself as Jackson called the play. Jackson had 373 complete yards at the final game of the MSHSAA State Championships.

Marco Spann, sophomore, puts on his game face as he walks on the floor of the Dome. His teammates were close behind him following a quick pep talk from the coaches. They waited in the endzone before being announced over the loud speaker.

Will Tullman, senior, prepares to send the ball through the posts. Prior to the game, Tullman practiced his techniques while his teammates ran drills behind him. He made two extra-points and a 37-yard field goal during the game.

Coach Ice embraces #77 Chris Brehmer, junior, at the conclusion of the final game. With the game ball in hand, Coach Ice let out his emotions of the exciting, one-point game in which his Statesmen arose as State Champions.

Football players hold the MSHSAA State Championship trophy high as they pose for a picture. They all proudly reached up for a chance to touch the elusive prize.

Senior kicker Will Tullman’s extra point sailed through the goalposts making the score 23-22. However, it was the play leading up to that extra point that had everyone talking. It was an unbelievable catch to end an unbelievable game. Junior quarterback Darrell Jackson connected with senior Grady Wilson who, fighting off two defenders, managed to make the grab and score the game-winning touchdown. The Statesmen held on to win, leaving fans with memories like this one and bringing home the Class 5A MSHSAA State Football Championship. The Statesmen proved that they were underestimated all season with the talent and determination they displayed in this game.

Statesmen scramble to break free after the snap for a Ray-Pec extra-point. T.J. Gold, senior, reached up in an attempt to block the kick. After the ball sailed through the goalposts, Webster answered back with a touchdown and extra-point to beat the Panthers.
Students chat and share a laugh outside the cafeteria as they wait in line for the snack bar where chicken sandwiches and french fries among other things awaited them. In Robert's Gym Jelani Binion, sophomore, waits in his front-row seat for the Turkey Day Assembly to begin. Many students decided to stay for the optional assembly and witness the culmination of Spirit Week festivities. Although lunch only lasted twenty-seven minutes, Avis Miles didn't seem to mind waiting in long lunch lines in the cafeteria.

Statesmen fill the stands at Moss Field to support Webster in the battle for the Frisco Bell. Cati Keefer, Megan Hauser, and Anna Davidson, seniors, sing along at the Friendship Dance.
“Point your knees to the left, now tilt your head and smile...”

Every year we all have to sit on that little stool trying to imagine something funny to spark a smile, so it doesn't look fake. Our school pictures are how we'll be remembered when our classmates look us up in 5, 10, 20, 50 years, so we want them to look good. But for those who hate their pictures, they are something for you and your classmates to look back on and laugh.

Then you'll flip through the book and find a more flattering picture of you in your sports picture, the one alongside your embarassing moment, or the superlative you graciously won. Don't worry, you'll be remembered for much more than just a school picture.
Seniors Julia Crump and T.J. Gold get their groove on being voted as "Life of the Party" by the senior class. Crump said, "T.J.'s Life of the Party because his big hair sets the crazy party mood. " Gold said about Crump, "She's quite the dancer and has all the right moves."

The "Most Dramatic" people in the senior class were Ariel Carson and Jesse Reimann. "Ariel doesn't have any insecurities with showing her raw emotions, and the acting bug will stay with her for the rest of her life," said Reimann. Carson said, "I think Jesse got Most Dramatic because he's not afraid to make a donkey out of himself in public, which is something everyone should do a little bit more."

Fighting to be called on first, seniors Carey Uxa and Ryan Pratt were voted "Teacher's Pet" by the senior class. Uxa said, "Ryan is very charming," while Pratt said, "Carey goes out of her way to form personal relationships with her teachers so she can get good grades."
A Day in the Life of Community Campus

Whether students sign up for Community Campus to find out what they would like to do for a career or just need a break from school for a few hours a day, it is a course that can be made to fit students' needs. Community Campus is an elective credit course that is open to juniors and seniors. However, primarily seniors participate because of fewer scheduling conflicts.

Students choose a learning station where they would like to volunteer and they choose the hours they wish to leave. "A lot of kids like to go to the elementary schools so they can get out of the building for a couple of hours and have fun with the kids," said Mr. Ice, Community Campus advisor.

Once a month, students turn in a time sheet, a written evaluation, and a report. "Students also like to take the course because it counts for A+ hours, volunteer work, and looks good on college resumes," said Ice.

"Where the value of Community Campus comes in, depends where you choose your learning station and what you make out of being there," said Ice.
Justin Mclean, senior, shows a kindergartner how to handle the clay in art class at Avery Elementary School. McLean volunteered at Avery every day during his first and second hours.

Members of the senior class saw a bright future for seniors Steve Greene and Amelia Randich as they were voted "Most Likely to Succeed." Greene said, "Amelia is on pace to be valedictorian, she deserves Most Likely to Succeed more than anybody." Randich said, "Steve's very well rounded, athletic, and he has ambition for a successful future,"

Looking good for a night out, seniors Julia Crump and Matt Labrier show off their clothing since they were voted "Best Dressed" by the senior class. Crump said, "Matt's a fashionable guy who keeps his style fly. Also he's a member of the fashion squad." Labrier said about Crump, "Everybody's clothes say something about them, Julia's just speak really loud."
Word on the street

What is your favorite high school memory?

Over the past four years the senior class has created many different memories from high school but for most there is always one major moment that stands out the best. Some students have memories which are shared with the whole school such as sports events. For others what stands out most are special moments with their friends. As the seniors leave high school behind and move on to another stage of their life, they will still hold in their hearts their best memory of their years at Webster Groves High.

Melissa Foster
Valerie Fournier
Kelly Furlong
Jessica Gaffney
Richard Garesche
Laura Garlitch

Ricki Giancola
Todd Gilbert
Stacey Gilkey
Spencer Gleason
Timothy Gold
Megan Graff

Amy Graham
Corey Graves
Meghan Gray
Rachael Green
Steve Greene
Jeffrey Gumaer

Larry Merrill, senior, said “The first pep rally my freshman year, it was the first time I really felt like a high-schooler.”

Kelly Furlong, senior, said “T-ping Henry every other week, was lots of fun. Now his parents call me she devil.”

Joe Jacobs, senior said “Going to state for wrestling and all of the dances. The music was really jazzy and jive.”

Rachel Harmon, senior said “Beating the boys on senior ladies night and spring break Panama city.”
The senior class voted seniors Andy Cook and Anna Davidson "Prettiest Eyes." Andy said, "The first time I ever made eye contact with Anna, I remember thinking how bright and blue her eyes were." Anna commented, "I always notice the sparkle in his eyes.

When seniors Maggie Dillingham and Chris Ray were in grade school together they looked like twins, so everybody thought they were related. They both think it is funny that they got "Most Changed" now that they do not look alike.

Seniors Jake Chicoineau and Andrea Taylor show the reason why they were chosen as "Most Creative." Andrea thinks Jake deserved it because he "thinks outside of the bun." Jake said, "She is good at what she does and I am glad to be recognized with someone like her."

Rachel Hagely
Patricia Hake
Jason Hamill
Daniel Hansbrough
Katherine Hansen
Rachel Harmon

Kimberly Hassing
Megan Hauser
Kyle Helle
Jack Helvey
Courtney Hensic
Erin Hensley

Melissa Herbert
Curtis Hildebrandt
Ashley Hill
Paris Hirsch
John Hively
Clarence Holeman

Rachael Hopson
Channon Howard
Heather Hubbard
Kimberly Hulsey
Celisse Hyatt
Joseph Jacobs

Lauren James
Katandia Jessup
Bridget Johnson
Katherine Johnson
Leslie Johnson
Lindsey Johnson
Seniors agreed that seniors Hannah Cross and Travis Norman had the “Best Personality.” “Travis is nice to everyone, he always smiles and says good morning,” said Cross. “She treats everyone with the respect they deserve,” said Travis.

Seniors Erin Musko and David Becker both agreed that they want to thank their coach because all of his smiling lessons paid off since they won “Best Smile.”

Athletic ability earned seniors Andy Cook and Emily Duckworth the title of “Most Athletic.” “I have known Emily for a long time and she has always excelled in sports,” said Cook. “Ever since Bristol Bullets, I’ve been impressed by Andy’s abilities,” commented Duckworth.
Where do we go from here?

Dan Schreiber, senior, said “I plan on attending a four year school, preferably in Florida. I am interested in sports management and athletic training.

Bridget Johnson, senior said “I am planning on going to South East Missouri state and become a very rich woman.”

Paul Tang, senior said “I am going to Yo San University of traditional Chinese medicine in Los Angeles. Then I am planning on going to China for a little while to further my studies.”

Hrvoje Brumen, senior said “I am going to a two year college in California and play baseball. I plan on being a good stockbroker.”

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The countdown has begun!

The question of the year for seniors was where do we go from here? Even though everyone goes through the journey of high school many end up going separate ways. Both exciting and scary, preparation for post graduation plans was a little taste of the real world. College, just one route students could take, was the cause of stress for many seniors. Others planned on jumping right into work. Only time would tell where the class of 2003 would end up in the following years.

Markeita Luster
Michael Madras
Tra Mai
Evan Marasa
Leslie Marecek
Kyle Marshall

Robinn Martin
Vanessa Martin
Alan McClain
Sherrie McClure
Keysha McDonald
Jennise McKay

Seniors 39
After years of making their peers laugh, seniors Mark Wright and Katandia Jessup were voted "Funniest Person" by the senior class. "She knows how to back it up," said Wright about Jessup. When Jessup was asked why Wright is the "Funniest Person" she replied, "He knows how to make a sexy girl like me smile."
Kelly Furlong recalls her English class with Dr. Hutcheson. "He taught me that you can be brainy and extremely cool at the same time," said Furlong.

"Mr. Mendelson is scary, not because he knows everything, but because he knows things about you that you don't know yourself," said Paul Schieter of his eleventh grade Honors U.S. Studies teacher.

"Dr. Clark really influenced me by being caring and supportive. He was always there to help me whenever I needed it," said Lindsey Johnson.

Lisa Clancy noted Mrs. Moore as an influential teacher. "Her Women and Gender Studies class is the most relevant class I have ever taken," said Clancy.

Polly Omura recalls days spent in Mr. Throm's art classes. "I liked how he always called me Larry," said Omura.
Jesse Gaffney and Brian Toney weren't afraid to show their enthusiasm. They were voted "Most Spirited" by the Senior class. "She is a good representative of Statesmen pride because she is always happy and upbeat," said Toney. "When you see him at the games he is always having fun and isn't shy about school spirit," said Gaffney.

Joe Jacobs and Marina Kulish talked their way into being voted "Most Talkative" in the senior class. "Joe is very impulsive and craves attention. His parents must not listen to him at home, so he talks a lot at school," said Kulish. "It must be a Russia thing," said Jacobs about why Kulish is "Most Talkative."

Seniors Jason Hamill and Eric Mumm and seniors Elaine Chollet and Kristen Zach stayed friends through the years. The senior class voted them "Best Friends" as they continued to grow closer. "We have been friends since first grade. It is easy for us to hang out because we live right down the street from each other," recalled Chollet and Zach. "We have been friends for a long time and we get along well because we share the same views: Business is Business," said Hamill and Mumm.
High school isn’t always what you expect it to be. Most Freshmen begin their high school career feeling nervous and anxious, but most of all excited for the next four years of their lives.

Some students expect their experience to be a certain way. Whether it’s hoping to play a varsity sport, or being president of a club, by senior year many students change their idea of what high school should be and realize what is important.

For some students, high school changes how they look at life. “I thought I would go to more parties, but I started to go to Young Life and I realized that their is more to life than partying,” said Jessy Elliott, senior.

After Seniors discovered what they wanted to get out of high school, they were able to make the most of their experience.

Dan Emmons, Senior, works on his layout for the next issue of the Echo newspaper. “Being the sports columnist for the Echo made me more aware of the things going on at school and went to more games,” said Emmons.

Jamie Chetta, Senior, huddles up with her teammates. Chetta played WGHS softball for three years. “Softball changed my high school experience. It has made me more outgoing and more involved, the whole experience has been more fun,” said Chetta.

Molly Saunders, senior, gets her books for her next class. “High school has been easier socially, than I thought, but more challenging academically. I’m glad I worked hard because it pays off,” said Saunders.
Sarah Sunderman
Kelly Swank
Paul Tang
Andrea Taylor
Sarah Teczar
Michelle Temming

Rachel Theerman
Alex Thompson
Christopher Thompson
Jared Thompson
Bryan Toney
Ryan Torack

William Tullmann
Barbara Turnbull
Carey Uxa
Raji Varughese
Sheena Varughese
Hana Videen

Kyle Vogler
Kelly Voiding
Aaron Walker
Jennifer Walker

44 Seniors
Juniors

Jennie Adolf
Suzanne Alger
Ashley B. Anderson
Ashley N. Anderson
Kimberly Andrews
Christa Argint
James Austinz
Alexandra Avants

Jennifer Ayres
Sara Bagley
Rachel Bard
William Baker
Corwin Bates
Nicholas Batz
Marcus Beasley
Jorde Blackwell

Leslie Bley
Matthew Blosser
Foster Bond
Shannon Booth
Claire Botnick
Catherine Bourgeois
Blair Bozoarth
Myron Branch

Christopher Brehmer
Meghan Breung
Jillian Brinkman
Scott Brotherton
Jennifer Brown
Graham Browne
Lucy Browner
Jadyn Burgdorf

Aaron Burgess
Michael Burnett
Raphel Burnett
Amber Calloway
Dan Candelario
Matthew Carter
Michael Carzonna
John Carter

46 Juniors
The juniors and seniors squared off on spirit day in several class competitions. Having difficulties passing the orange, Tim Dribin, junior, tries to help his class win.

Students were often found in the front of Mr. Wojak's physics classes. Kate Pityk, junior, explains a challenging problem in Mr. Wojak's 2nd hour.

Following the class discussion, Pat Tiefenbrun, junior, takes down notes for his next physics test.
A Day in the Life of a Junior

Juniors find salvation in the weekends.

Junior year was often described as the hardest year of high school. It was also the year that interested colleges the most. Due to this reality, many Juniors spent time studying and making school a priority. It was also a time to become a leader and role model as an upperclassman. "I love being an upperclassman, but I hate all the homework," said Jeanette Schumer, Junior.

A day in the life of a junior is long, busy, and filled with the responsibilities that come with age. "During the week my life is school and work. I live for the weekends," said Kelly Dillon, Junior.

Chris Brehmer, junior, pretends to be Mr. Cashel and teaches the students about Thomas Jefferson. "All that underlining and pointing is hard work," said Brehmer.
"Will you help me?" David Wiggins, junior, asks Caitlin Rambo, junior. When a student doesn't understand something, it is often easier to get assistance from another student rather than a teacher.

Erica Mayfield, junior, partners up with Jason Kearn, junior. Working together often builds friendship and camaraderie among students.

Showing off her musical talent, Kelly Moore, junior, plays for her band class. In Wind Ensemble and Jazz 1 Moore plays the oboe and the saxophone.

Working with his peers Jon Flaxbart, junior, points to the board. At times students in his English class worked on worksheets together to make it easier to understand the material.

Explaining all she knows about American Romantic Art, Dana Miller, junior, stands with her group in front of Mr. Mendelson's class. Every student in his class was in a group that had to teach about Romantic or Classical art, architecture, or music.

Before class, Nicole Leone, junior, tries to find her homework. Her third hour history class was split into groups and each one had to teach the class using a question from the homework.
"Once my friend was trying to be a bee so I proved I could do it better by buzzing around and then I ran into the wall. When I stepped away, there was a hole the size of me!"

-Lindsay Nenninger, junior.

"I was dared one time to pee my pants and I also wanted to see if I could actually do it. So I did."

-Nick Intrerii, junior.

"Once my friends got me to believe that a midget in the Wizard of Oz died because he had a disease that caused him to have gills and he was out of water for too long."

-Carrie Tgjelden, junior

"Well there was this one time when I was at a cast party and I got into a maple syrup chugging contest and I also sniffed altoids."

-Count Lebby, junior.

"I was running around my house with a toothbrush in my mouth and I tripped and fell. The toothbrush got jammed in my throat and my dad had to pull it out."

-Nathan Early, junior.
There were many things people did that weren't their shining moments and they weren't proud of them. When it happened, that familiar feeling took over, they felt the blood rush to their faces as a feeling of humiliation set in.

While one may be teased and taunted for days, weeks, even years, there will be a time to look back and laugh at what has been done. No matter how embarrassing the incident, it still brought humor to others, so the Echo asked... "What was one of the stupidest things you've ever done?"

"When I was little I wondered if I could put myself through a basketball hoop so one time I actually put myself through the hoop. I made it through without getting stuck. It hurt."

-Nick Neutzling, junior.

"I was dared to jump from the top of the landing to the next floor and I broke all of my toes. I didn't want to tell my mom so I told her I tripped over my dog down the stairs."

-Christine Delworth, junior.

"One time I burnt a bag of popcorn so I poured water in it. The bag broke and it all fell in the sink so I tried to stuff it all down the drain. I ended up clogging the sink."

-Jamesell Kee, junior.
After another week of school has concluded, what was there to do? Many people claimed there was nothing fun to do in St. Louis, let alone Webster Groves. As the weekends approached, the familiar annoyance set in as people prepared for the age old question of "What should we do, I'm so bored?!" But many students found there really are fun things to do on the weekends if you just use your imagination. Here are some junior's advice on fun places to hang out.

"Out of all the places there are, the best one is Ted Drewes. It is a famous place to other states for a reason. Not only is it really good dessert, but no matter when you go you're likely to run into someone else from school. It also doesn't matter if you go when it's cold out; at least there's no lines."

-Glen Elkins, junior.

"My favorite place to go is The Loop. There are so many things to do there like shop or get something to eat. There's great clothing stores and great music stores. You can also just hang out with your friends there and have a good time."

-Nicole Yaciuk, junior.

"Well I'm not really sure, there's different places to hang out on different weekends. It's always changing. I guess if I had to pick I would say... wherever all the cool people go."

-Jeff McDonald, junior.

I don't know about everyone else, but the best place to go is definitely The Science Center. You never get bored there! There's so much fun stuff to do there and it's also somewhat educational. I like going in the Omnimax. The best part is it's indoors so you can go year round."

-Jenny Brown, junior

"Well, there are a lot of fun places to go in St. Louis despite what people say. Some of my favorite places are Vintage Vinyl and Streetside Records because they have really good music choices. I also like hanging out at different coffee houses. Also, I really like going to the Art Museum. It's really educational and it's also got a calming atmosphere."

-Adam McDaniel, junior.
...so what did you do when class was over?

"I'm a part of the Renaissance committee, I wrestle, and I play football."
- Chris Brehmer

"I am in Concert Choir, and Show Choir."
- Jessica Pohiman

"I'm in Student Council, and I play Lacrosse, and I'm a really good fan."
- Chris Lane

"I am in A-men, and in Marching Band, and Jazz Band, and I play Lacrosse."
- Chris Thurman
For many juniors school was about more than just classes. There were sports, clubs, plays, and other ways to be involved. All different types of people participated in these various activities. Although being involved in activities looked good on a college application it was more than just that. It gave people a chance to get involved rather than just sitting on the couch watching T.V. and eating chips.
Ana Stotlemeyer, and Maranda Watts, sophomores, laugh during Cheerleading practice. Every Monday after school, the j.v. squad prepared for games that would be played during the upcoming week.

While taking a break from class, Brandon Campbell, sophomore, searches through his binder in an attempt to find his next hour's homework.
A Day in the Life of... A Sophomore

When the sophomores returned from summer vacation a year full of new and important experiences awaited them.

Sophomore year included many milestones that affected the class of 2005 for the rest of their lives. For most sweet 16 was a birthday to be remembered because it meant that finally they go to get behind the wheel of a car.

In this year many tenth graders began to discover who they really were, and the type of person they wanted to become.

Cody Barger, sophomore, eats lunch in the new cafeteria facility. Barger enjoyed eating with his piers, but couldn’t wait until he became a senior and could enjoy the responsibility of eating off campus.
Jimmy Patterson and Daniel Jackson, sophomores, socialize with their fellow classmates during second lunch. Patterson and Jackson talked about how they were both excited to be able to be at the varsity state football game.

Katie McSorley, sophomore, listens intently to what her junior varsity cheerleading coach, Ms. Moppert, is telling the squad on how to improve their technique. The cheerleaders practiced during seventh hour in the girls south gymnasium and received gym credits for their work.

During his first hour lunch, Aaron Welker, sophomore, jokes around with his friend Joe Klein, sophomores. Klein and Welker had been good friends throughout high school career, and planned to stay that way.

Caitlin Martines and Ethan Belloli, sophomores, discuss their weekend plans while eating during first lunch period. Martines and Belloli met at their church's youth group.

During their sixth hour German III class, Lilah Travis and Heath Bohannon, sophomores, give a presentation in front of their classmates on one of the many things they learned in Frau Sittmann's class.
Although people are very different, everyone has one thing in common. Everyone has a goal or a dream that they desire to achieve. Whether it's to do well in school, win that big sports game, or to get that new job, they all are important. Goals are important because they keep people focused, and keep one's life on the right track. Dreams give everyone something to strive for, and a reason for success.

Even though sophomores still have a few years ahead of them before they graduate and step out into the real world, they are already reaching for their hopes and dreams.

"I want to definitely buy a llama."  
-Nick Zimmerman, sophomore.

"I want to jump off a bridge before I graduate."  
-David Sewell, sophomore.

"Before I graduate, I want to go on a road trip with all of my friends."  
-Nathan Parker, sophomore.
"I want to have a pet squirrel before I graduate."
-Ben Winkler, sophomore.

"Before I graduate, I would like someone to tell me that I am a descendant of a royal Croatian family, and that I am the next heir to the throne... that would be cool."
-Jessica Kearbey, sophomore.

"I want to climb a mountain. I don't really care which one, I've just never done it before."
-Jessica Kearbey, sophomore.

"I want to go visit Ireland to see where my ancestors came from."
-Beth Robertson, sophomore.

"Before I graduate I want to win state in baseball and football at least once."
-Evan Zalders, sophomore.
August McLean
James McLean
Kathleen McAnilly
Katie McAdoo
Molly Meier
Alex Meller
Schaan Menisco

Tracy Meyer
Jamie McCrory
Brittany Moffitt
Kevron Nelson
Jessica Neuhold
Ryan Nixon

Stephanie Obrien
Katie Oleson
Alex Onel
Edward Otto
Kathryn Palacios
Katherine Palazzolo
Danny Parker

Nathan Parker
Jamey Patterson
Jimmie Patterson
Jacob Paulus
Kari Perry
Kathryn Pershing
Ryan Peterson
Vanja Petrovic

Lauren Pey
Justin Phelps
Kevin Picco
Danniele Pittson
Kassileen Pool
David Poppe
Isaac Posley
Tremaine Powell

Lisa Pracht
Crystal Quinn
Colleen Rafferty
Bradley Rahmeyer
Nicholas Rancilio
Jessica Redmond
Juanna Reid
Melissa Richards

Timothy Richards
Steven Richter
Jessica Rinehart
Elizabeth Robertson
Elizabeth Robinson
Jamar Robinson
Justin Robinson
Robert Robinson

Jonathan Rogan
Andrew Romer
Amanda Rosales
Tamika Russell
David Sachs
Alexander Salerno
Lucas Sandman
Anthony Schauman

Sophomores
School days are long enough without all the things to do after the bell rings. Many students are involved in clubs, sports and other activities after school and into the evening hours. "Being involved in things with your friends makes school nights a lot more fun and it makes you feel good when you stay busy and don't just sit at home all the time," commented Aimee Cunningham, sophomore. "I think being involved in anything can make high school more enjoyable."

There are many reasons why students stay so busy and there are many different ways for them to do so. "Even after school sports are done for me, I like to play in the off season and I enjoy taking private lessons," Sherri McClure said about keeping herself busy when the tennis season is over. Though sitting around after school may have been fine for some, there were still plenty who needed something more.

When the bell rings it's either go home, or find something better to do.

Working hard after school on the sophomore hallway for Turkey Day spirit week, Mike Lhotak, sophomore, helps paint the background of their hallway. "I like participating in helping Student Council, especially for Spirit Week," said Lhotak.

At eight o'clock Kryder heads over to the Sunset Hills Tennis Club to work on her tennis skills in the off season. Her coach stands back while he watches her warm up.

Working at Kumon after school, Hannah Kryder, sophomore, helps tutor young students and helps grade papers. "Grading papers isn't very exciting, but I really like working with children," she said.

At five o'clock Lhotak heads for the pool at Webster University to practice with the rest of the boy's swim team. He gets his flippers on and is ready to dive in.
Teddy Jayne, sophomore, heads to the Gaffeny's garage after school to get his basketball gear out of his car and then heads over to Robert's Gym to practice. "It is nice to have a place to put my stuff now. Last year I had to stuff it all in my locker and now I just throw it in my car."

After practice is over, Teddy Jayne, sophomore, takes his friends and drives down to Subway in Old Orchard for a quick dinner and then it will be time to drive back up to the gym for a quick meeting. "If Teddy couldn't drive, we would have a hard time walking down here, eating, and getting back in time," said Teron Sutherland, sophomore.

Angie Wideman, sophomore, unlocks her doors in the new parking lot and gets ready to take her friends, Kristen Kruse and Matthew Scheltin, sophomores, home after school. "This is just a regular day for me. I give rides to school and home from school for a lot of my friends," said Wideman.

Outside Crestwood Mall, Angie Wideman, sophomore, and her friends get ready to shop. "I'm here to find a pair of red and white pants for tacky day tomorrow. If I didn't have a license, I would have to wait for my mom to come home to take me up here. Now the things I want to get done are easier to do and I can make my own schedule."

The sophomore class of 2005 began to turn sixteen and more and more students were out on the roads by themselves for the first time. Driving licenses came with a lot of responsibilities, but also made students' lives a little easier. Getting to school and back was often a challenge for those students who could not drive. "Bumming" a ride off of upperclassmen was sometimes difficult. With a license, a teenager's world seemed so much easier. One now had the freedom of driving oneself to work, school, practices, and pretty much anywhere at any time. "I can't wait until I can get my license and then I can pay people back for all the rides they have given me in the past year," said Kristen Kruse, sophomore.
Matthew Schefflin
Betsy Scherzer
Andrew Schilling
Andrew Schreiber
Walter Schwarzenbach
Samantha Scott
Dana Seibl
David Sewell

Casey Sherrill
Steve Sherrill
Andrew Shoffa
Renee Short
Pamela Showers
Claudia Stittmann
Emily Smith
Lupta Solis

Marco Spann
Andrew Sporber
Lea Stanton
Sarah Stawar
Lacey Stevenson
Lea Stojeba
Joshua Stokes
Ana Stotfemeyer

Patrick Sullivan
Taron Sutherlin
Richard Sutton
John Taylor
Chris Temming
Jessica Temming
John Thompson
Matthew Tiefenbrun

Erin Tobias
Beth Tobin
Katherine Toler
Laura Touchette
Lilah Travis
Daniel Trevathan
Charles Turner
Benjamin Unger

Adam Vera
Madeline Vialton
Jacqueline Vogel
Victoria Vogel
Shantell Walker-Coleman
Annie Warner
Steven Washington
April Watson

Maranda Watts
Ellen Weber
Christopher Webster
Jere Weidknecht
Lauren Weis
Audrey Weiss
Aerona Welch
Aaron Welker

Drew West
Sherry Whitledge
Michael Wickenhauser
Angela Wideman
Joshua Wilkins
Shawna Wilkins
Dominique Williams
Rebecca Wilson

Benjamin Winkler
Candice Woody
Ana Wooldridge
Lindy Worachek
Emily Wozniak
Evan Zalders
Martha Ziegler
Nicholas Zimmerman
Turkey bowling is an exact science to some. You have to toss the turkey with just the right amount of force and at just the right angle but, for John Schute, freshman, all he needed was the great support of a class like 2006.

Social Studies can sometimes be dry class to sit through but students become diligent workers under the supervision of a favorite teacher such as Matt Nelson.

Even though you still have to do the work, it’s always nice when a teacher allows you to step out into the hall. Alexis Jackson, Alexandra Jacobs, and Maggie Mayfield, freshmen, take advantage of the quiet hall as they study during class.

For the band, playing at the Turkey Day game is always one of the major events of the year, especially for newcomers such as Kevin Carpenter, Dan Parish, and Rob Frye, freshmen.

It’s crunch time! As their first semester comes to an end, freshmen like Desara’l Williams begin to feel the real stresses of high school as the preparation for finals begins.

Freshmen
When doing homework during class, two heads really are better than one to get things done promptly and completely, plus it's just more fun that way. Leah Kinnaman and Ben Harding, freshmen, get ready to work on their French during Coach Blossom's academic lab in the annex.

Getting involved in your first year of high school is very important in shaping the rest of your high school career. Alek Krautmann, freshman, was wise to get involved early by joining the freshman SSC. He became president, which will come in handy in four years when he's applying to college.

What better time to get in a siesta then during first hour Spanish class. As if it's not bad enough that Tim Rime, freshman, has to get up to school by 7:55, now he has to try to speak a foreign language while half asleep.

A new cafeteria, twice the size of Hixon's, and with a much wider selection of food, everything from burgers and chicken strips to salads and fruit cups, awaited freshmen in their new school. What more could a freshman ask for, except of course friends to eat with, but these particular ones aren't lacking in that area.

The beginning of the year starts off simple, easing into high school and then, around November, the pressure of classes begins to hit. Between athletics, social life and classes, students have to squeeze in homework whenever they can, even if it means lunch for Jamie Schwartz, freshman.

One of the best things about joining the WGHS family, is the sports teams that come along with it. This year Katie Sondermen, freshman softball player, found out that the teams at Webster are some of the finest and closest teams around and joining them opens one up to a whole new experience.
The things we went through in that first week!

A Day In the Life of a Freshman

Freshmen year was the beginning of a whole new routine for students. It was the start of an earlier rise in the morning, mingling with older students, and the weight of more responsibility that came with this feeling of new independence. For some, this experience could be a bit overwhelming, but they all coped with it one day at a time.

The routine began with the sound of an earlier alarm and hitching a ride to school. Many of the freshmen were dropped off by parents but the lucky ones caught a ride from an upper classman.

The first week was all about finding the quickest route from your locker to each class in the seemingly impossible five minutes that were afforded for passing. Then you have to become acquainted with more teachers than you have ever had at one time, as well as two secretaries, one counselore and unit office principle; not to mention the new peers in your classes.

This could have seemed like a bit much, but everyone got through it; it was all in a day's work in the life of a freshman.
High school could be intimidating and scary for the new freshmen. The idea of coming to an enormous school with 900 other students could be very frightening. Despite these fears the freshmen tried their best to fit in. The upper classmen and faculty also have a great impact on them. The upperclassmen did things to help them, such as giving them rides to and from school, showing them around the high school, and taking them out to social events. “On our softball team the older girls helped us feel more comfortable by telling us about their freshman year,” said Katie Sunderman, and Barbara Pfitzinger, freshmen. Teachers on the other hand said and did funny things inside the classroom to help them. Sometimes, the things teachers did that were funny had little educational value to them, but it helped the new freshmen feel at ease.

“My teacher dipped her finger in her urine and tasted it for our biology class.”
-Josh Donnelly, freshman.

“When Mr. Verstraete walked into our classroom wearing an ugly blonde afro wig.”
-Andy Bramman, freshman.

What was the funniest thing one of your teachers did or said this year?
"When my science teacher jokingly threw a pencil at me and told me to be quiet. It was even funnier because she missed me."

- Kameron James, freshman.

"My algebra teacher told me about this really funny dream she had. In her dream she said that I beat her up."

- Casey Saunders, freshman.

"When my friend put butter in the microwave and Mrs. Campbell said you know butter then that."

- Stacey Hayes, freshman.

"Mr. Vonder Bruegge always came up with these really corny jokes to make us laugh."

- Sam Pitlyk, freshman.

"Mr. Wehling always does this dance, that I call the jig. The dance is really funny and makes me laugh."

- Austin Kearney, freshman.
This year the class of 2006 began their high school careers. High school was a very different routine from middle school, but the freshmen caught on quickly. Before they know it they will be walking across the stage at Moss Field to receive their diplomas. Then they will be off to the real world. For some it will be off to college or trade school, and for others they will get a job. And ten years from now most of the freshmen will be between twenty-four and twenty-five years old, and starting their lives on their own. So, where did the freshmen class of 2006 see themselves ten years down the road?

"I'll be just out of college, but I'll be one of those guys who still goes to all college parties."
-Greg Lefthand, freshman.

"I will have my own clothing line and be living in California ten years from now."
-Jessica Butler, freshman.

"I will be married to Josh Hartnett and secretly stalking Eminem in my free time."
-Sam Villaire, freshman.

"I'll be studying to become a forensic scientist."
-Leah Kinnaman, freshman.

"I'll still be living in my parent's basement and I'll be working at McDonald's."
-Al Smith, freshman.

"I will have just opened up my own restaurant, at which I will be the head chef."
-Mike Eubanks, freshman.

"I will be in medical school so I can become a surgeon."
-Janna Langholz, freshman.
"We were about to play a game in drama class when I bent down and heard a rip. My pants had split at the seams. The class was in an uproar and I had to stay in my unit office to wait for my mother to bring a replacement pair."

- Chris Swanson, freshman
"It was almost as if it was all in slow motion. I slipped on some water and then I just slid down, one stair at a time. It was so embarrassing." Everyone has been there; everyone has experienced one of those mortifying moments when they would rather be dead than show their face at school the next day. Yet for freshmen those fears were heightened. Most felt they must make a good impression at their new school. Eventually, they'll move on and they'll be able to look back on it and laugh. But won't they always remember the day all eyes were on them?

"I left the pan on the burner in foods class for 30 minutes. When I put the sauce in it and it exploded and went all over me and everything. Everyone gathered around me."
- Bryan Dattoli, freshman

"I fell asleep on the bus and I was saggin'. When I woke up and stood up, my pants fell off."
- Derrick Hagins, freshman

"I was going to lunch and saw my friend who said my shirt was unbuttoned. I didn't pay attention and he said it again. When I looked down, only my last button was buttoned."
- Angela Brandon, freshman

"I was going down the hall and hugged my friend from behind. Then I hit her because she wasn't talking to me. This junior girl turned around and said, 'I'm not your friend.' It was so funny."
- Maggie Benson, freshman
Micheal Lhotak, sophomore, takes a break between laps at a boys' swim team practice. The team practiced for two hours every weekday at the Webster University pool to prepare for their meets. Keith Moore, senior, who was sidelined this year because of injury, congratulates Andy Cook, senior, after the last seconds of the state championship game. Emotions ran high after the Statesmen were victorious by one point due to a late touchdown.

Cheering Statesmen watch as Julia Crump and Leslie Marecek, seniors, hold Sudie Niesen, junior, in the air during the Turkey Day pep assembly in Robert's Gym.

Hannah Kryder and Sherry Whitlege, sophomores, celebrate a point during a doubles match at Memorial Courts. Grady Wilson, senior, pulls down a Ray-Pec player during the MSHSAA State Final game at the Edward Jones Dome.
Girls Cross Country State Finals, Turkey Day football and hockey, football State Champs, Shrewsbury Cup....

Individual moments are remembered, yet it is the time in between those moments that defines team. Webster undoubtedly has undying spirit and great sportsmanship. Whether you're a player, spectator, cheerleader or coach, Webster supports its teams to the very end. Players do it for the thrill, proud parents and friends come to cheer on that important player, cheerleaders keep spirits up and the crowd excited, and coaches are the glue of the team. Our sports teams affect each person in a different way, and they help us shape the school and ourselves into something to be proud of.
The Webster Groves Varsity Cheerleaders had a year that none of them would ever forget. Not only did they cheer at a special Turkey Day game, but they were able to cheer at the Edward Jones Dome for the MSHSAA Class 5A State Championship football game in which the Webster Groves Statesmen brought home the trophy giving each girl some amazing experiences to remember.

For nearly three months, the girls worked on their Turkey Day assembly routine which consisted of building to music and a stomp. Turkey Day had always included a special breakfast between the two varsity squads of Webster and Kirkwood, but this year, there were some special visitors. Sports Illustrated joined the cheerleaders at the breakfast and snapped shots of them chatting with the Kirkwood girls.

With an amazing Turkey Day routine, a stomp-off win at the annual Ray Moss banquet, and the chance to cheer on the turf for the victorious Statesmen, these girls had the time of their lives.

At the end of Webster's fight song, the varsity cheerleaders scramble around each other to make the perfect W using their orange and black poms during the Turkey Day Pep Assembly.

To hype up the crowd, the cheerleaders walk their Snake Build around the gym to "C'mon Ride the Train" in the Turkey Day pep assembly. Abby Smith, Cindy Heine, and Sudie Niesen, juniors, kept the snake together while their squad members held them up.

At the Turkey Day Pep Assembly, the cheerleaders show-off their newest signature pyramid, the Spider Build. The Spider Build was one of nine stunts performed in this year's seven minute and thirty second building routine, which was put to music.

After winning the football state championship game, the cheerleaders watch their team with excitement as they are ready to present the first place trophy, medals, and game winning ball to the football players.

Flyers Cindy Heine, junior, Amy Graham, senior, Jennifer Marecek, junior, and Sudie Niesen, junior, pump up the crowd at kickoff of the football state championship game. The energy of the cheerleaders was contagious throughout the dome.

The varsity cheerleaders flew high as the excitement of the pep rally spread throughout the gym. The next three days would be hectic including both the Turkey Day game, the MSHSAA State Championship, and performing again at the night assembly.

Varsity Cheerleading 79
We Go Together

"Hold up wait a minute, let's put some boom in it!" yelled the j.v. cheerleaders at a home football game. For these girls, however, cheerleading was more than just rooting on their team and building pyramids, it was also learning how to work together as a squad through trust and patience.

The cheerleading season began with summer camps at the high school in June. At these camps, the cheerleaders practiced over 50 sideline chants, ten cheers, jumps such as toe-touches, and how to perform building stunts. Summer camps were overwhelming for the freshmen girls who knew nothing about cheering, stomping, or building, and needed to learn everything from scratch. But with the leadership provided by the j.v. squad, the freshmen were able to learn the skills quickly. "The j.v. girls were really nice about teaching us all the cheers and builds," said co-captain Molly Clark, freshman.

Along with cheering at games such as football, soccer, and boys' and girls' basketball, the freshman and j.v. squads cheered together at wrestling matches as well. Something new for this year's freshman squad was being able to cheer with pom poms at their games.

The highlight of the j.v. cheerleaders' season was creating the joint Turkey Day routine with the freshman cheerleaders. The routine included building, stomping, and cheering that was perfected during their seventh hour gym class and after school practices. By spending so much time together, both squads were able to develop a unique bond. "My first Turkey Day was really fun and I can't wait until next year when we get to make up our own routine," said Clark.
The freshmen cheerleading squad finishes a cheer to inspire hope in the football team and pep up the crowd at a home game. This was their first year at the high school and on the squad.

During the Turkey Day Assembly in November, the freshman and j.v. cheerleading squads do a build for the school showing off their skills. This was to pump up their fellow classmates for the Turkey Day game against Kirkwood.

Annie Warner, Marissa Lewis, and Liz Robinson, sophomore, prove how they stack up against the opposing team. The j.v. Cheerleading squad demonstrated their moves for the audience at Moss Field.

The j.v. cheerleading squad is full of energy and spirit as they practice their routine in the gym. They practiced their stomp for the upcoming Turkey Day assembly in which they will strut their stuff for the school.

The freshman cheerleading squad lines up to perform for the crowd gathered to witness the freshman football game. They took a step up as they prepare to dazzle the fans with their spirit.

Back row, left to right: Molly Clark, Sam Valentin, Abby Reid, Aleah Owens, Shannon Jones. 2nd row: Molly Hirsh, Carol Pedersen, Meredith McCoy, Jolie Hadley, Maggie Mayfield, Jessica Butler. Front row: Krystyna Lansing, Alicia Peirce, Gracie Shocklee.
Boys Cross Country was filled with great attitude and high spirits, which may be because of the increased number of athletes. Nineteen of the thirty members were new to the team this year, which was the biggest team in seven years. On the list of new members were Henry Mittler, Drew Speigel, and Chris Buchanan, seniors. “I decided to run cross country this year because some of the guys who were on the team last year told me it was a lot of fun and they got me to come out," said Mittler.

The team also improved since last season with many runners who have gotten better times since last season. “We've done a lot better and many of us have gotten medals at different meets. The team has added talent with all of the new people," said junior Joey Tullmann. All of the members also have a great outlook. “The boys are really good and they get along well. They all work very hard," said Coach Dan Sebben.

So what is the best thing about the cross country team? “Our team attitude. We all just have a really good time together," replied Mittler.

Top Runners according to fastest times of the year:

1. Jesse Reimann
2. Brent Dawson
3. Pat Beezley
4. Nick Intrieri
5. Brian Nicklaus
6. Gabe Temming
7. Paul Bellora
8. Kevin Arends
9. Greg Stribling
10. Joey Tullmann
11. Jim Futhey
12. John Estes
13. Ben Dannon
14. Chris Buchannon
15. Andrew Elkins
Trying to pull ahead, Jesse Reimann, senior, sprints toward the finish line at the Wehner Park meet on September 12. Reimann is one of the fastest members on the cross country team this year.

Run completed, Ben Dannan, junior, receives a medal at a Wehner Park meet for placing in the top 50 athletes. "This has been a great season for the team," said Dannan.

Pat Beezley and Chris Buchanan, seniors, pull ahead of the pack during their meet at Wehner Park. Both of the varsity members received medals for finishing the race in the top fifty people.

After finishing his run at Wehner Park on September 12, Henry Mittler, senior, attempts to cool down by getting some water. This was Mittler's first year on the cross country team.

Marty Frye, freshman, tries his best to cross the finish line on his last lap September 12 at the meet at Wehner Park. Behind him, two other members try to catch up and get a good time.

Graham Knight, junior, completes the run by crossing the finish line during a cross country meet at Ladue. This was Knight's first year on the cross country team.

Ready to Run

...all they're ready to do is have some fun!

The size of the girls' cross country team this year certainly did not cripple the success of their season. In fact, the seven girls became tightly woven because of the time that they had to spend together. Since the number of girls was so small, each one had the individual encouragement and time from their other teammates and their dedicated coaches, to help them achieve their personal best. "Everyone has been really supportive of everyone else and that contributed to the team's success this year," said Lea Garcia, sophomore.

All of this individual support paid off for the team during the season. The girls placed high in every meet and from the beginning many were expected to go to sectionals and maybe even state. In the end they exceeded their expectations when every girl on the team qualified for the state meet.

Each girl, even the new comers, had an immense amount of talent but, if you ask them what the key to their successful season was, they will all tell you that it was because of the energy and closeness of the other girls.

Lea Garcia, sophomore, runs for the finish at Wehner Park against Nerinx. She placed in the top ten at this meet and went on with the rest of her teammates to the state championship at the end of the season.

Top Runners
Lea Garcia State Qualifier
Haley Bakker State Qualifier
Katie Tullmann State Qualifier
Meghan Gray State Qualifier
Jenny Tullman State Qualifier
Charity James State Qualifier
Amy Graham State Qualifier

Meghan Gray, senior, cheers on the other members of her team at Wehner Park. This is Meghan's fourth year on the girls' cross country team and she always offers support to the girls.
In cross country, you are taught to give your all, try your best, and, above all, pace yourself for those long stretches. At the second meet, Jenny Tullmann, junior, needs all these lessons to help her finish well in the race.

Although she came late to the team this year, Charity James, freshman, had no trouble becoming “part of the team.” At after school practice, Charity and coach Fillion talk about strategy for the team and reminisce about past meets.

Reflecting on the cross country team, Coach Fillion said, “We have a great team this year. I have seven amazing girls who come out and give their all everyday. We had an amazing finish to the season finishing as district champions and sectional champions.”

“I like to think of running in terms of food; one mile equals one potato chip.”
-Lea Garcia, sophomore

“I think we all improved this year and had an opportunity to become closer.”
-Haley Bakker, sophomore

“We have a really small team this year, so we got a chance to really get to know each other.”
-Katie Tullmann, junior

“This year we have a good chance to go to sectionals and maybe state. I’m really excited.”
-Meghan Gray, senior

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“Each girl’s individuality brings something new to the team and makes us stronger.”
-Jenny Tullmann, junior

“At each practice and each meet the team comes together more and we get better and better.”
-Charity James, freshman

“I like to run. Running is fun. I have fun when I run.”
-Amy Graham, senior
Four years of Ice provided many different meanings. For seniors it meant spending their fourth year with coach Cliff Ice and an awesome team that has just gotten better and better. For Brian Beard, senior, one meaning he said was “We are like a close knit family and when we play like that, then that is when you see true Statesman football.” Over the years the team has grown together and created a lot of good memories. According to coach Ice “the first time we won Turkey Day and seeing the players run over and take the bell from Kirkwood,” was one of his best memories. The progression of the team in the past three years has been a steady improvement for both offense and defense. Each year the team and coaching staff kept getting better. “I came in with good talent” said Ice. The boys chemistry together has become amazing. “When we play like a team we are the best team in the state” comments T.J. Gold senior, on the success of their season. “It will be different not seeing these guys next year. I feel like we have grown up together. They were my first group as a head coach to go through all four years of school. They will always be special,” Ice stated as he referred to the meaning of his experience coaching the Varsity Statesman football team.

Quarterback, Darrell Jackson, junior, warms up his arm at an after school practice. Jackson’s skills helped take Webster Groves to the MHSAA State Championships this year.

Defensive linemen, T.J. Gold and Brian Beard, seniors, Chris Webster, junior, and Dan Adams, senior, wait for University City to join the line of scrimmage.

Linebacker, Dan Adams, senior, uses his strength to stop University City from advancing. In doing so, it contributed to Webster denying them a first down.

Landon Fitzgerald, junior, helps clear the way for quarterback, Darrell Jackson, junior, at a team practice.
Defensive end T.J. Gold, senior, gets the job done at the University City game. With help from Gold, Webster was successfully able to beat University City.

Practicing in front of Hixson Middle School is a daily activity for the varsity football team. Linebacker Kevin Dora, senior and defensive back Darrell Jackson, junior go up against each other.

Will Tullmann, senior, gets help from Bryan Tony, senior, at the game at Parkway South. Bryan holds the football steady as Will prepares to kick.

Sam Kraft, senior, and Teddy Jayne, sophomore, talk sports during practice. During their chat Sam gave Teddy a few pointers on his game.

Linebacker, Mike Odman, junior, sat out a few games due to a knee injury. During the University City game Odman is happy to help out his teammates by making sure they have plenty of water.

Scores

- University City: 28-7
- Parkway South: 12-16
- Northwest: 42-0
- Jefferson City: 49-28
- Oakville: 32-23
- Eureka: 0-24
- Summit: 26-21
- Seckman: 35-0
- Parkway North: 16-14
- Parkway Central: 36-24
- McCluer North: 39-38 (2OT)
- Raymore Peculiar*: 23-22

*MSHSAA State Championship
As expected, the J.V. and Freshmen teams pulled through with a productive year. Both teams have definitely followed in Varsity's footsteps. The teams were filled with lots of strength, talent, and potential. A surprising talent on the freshman team, this year, came from linebacker Akiela Lyles. Lyles has proved herself to be just as good as the boys on the team. Not only was she a starter at some of the games this year, but Lyles was respected by her teammates. She said, "It's fun. Everyone makes me feel like part of the team." The Statesmen players had no problem being on a team with a girl. When asked, Drew Pohlman said, "It's the same. Everyone justs gives her a little more respect."

The J.V. team had some very powerful and talented running backs this year. Along with great coaching, their running backs were hard to beat. Sophomore Tommy Becker says, "Our running backs are unstoppable and our offense is great." Both offense and defense lines showed signs of very promising things to come. Over all, the football teams had exciting seasons.
During an after school practice, Chris Banks, sophomore, shows off his talent. He used his speed and agility to avoid being tackled by a fellow team mate playing defense during the scrimmage.

At the game against Oakville, Greg Lefthand, freshman, receives a encouraging pep talk from Coach Perry Morrow at the end of the 3rd quarter. Lefthand responds to the talk with a smile of assurance.

Donald Jackson, sophomore takes a knee during the Eureka game. Jackson wound up being a standout in the Turkey Day game when the j.v. squad played instead of varsity. His play was featured in Sports Illustrated in their story about the game as part of their coverage of high school athletics.

During the game at Eureka Josh Stokes, sophomore, takes a hit for the team. After a tough first period Josh's advance at the beginning of the second period was well appreciated by his teammates.

At the first game of the season, Montez Farrar-Child, freshman, shows his power and speed. He had just received the ball from the quarterback and attempted to advance toward the end zone. His attempt was a success and resulted in a first down.

Junior Varsity Scores

University City 21-14
Hazelwood Central 23-16
Parkway South 43-22
Northwest 41-6
Jefferson City 15-48
Oakville 23-20 (OT)
Eureka 14-34
Summit 7-32
Seckman 6-27
Parkway North 26-16
Kirkwood 14-28

Freshman Scores

Northwest 38-0
University City 19-18
Parkway South 13-24
Parkway North 13-19 (OT)
Eureka 24-38
Summit 12-38
Seckman 21-28
Oakville 13-24

Freshman Football

A new coach strengthens the Varsity Soccer team

For 35 years Tom Holmes coached the Webster Groves High School Men’s Varsity Soccer Team. Upon his retirement last school year, a new coach was needed to fill those rather large shoes. Tim Cashel, former Saint Louis University soccer coach, stepped up to the challenge. Justin Cook, senior, said, "He brought a positive attitude to the team and knows soccer really well."

When asked how he felt about his new position, Coach Cashel answered, "I’m enjoying it and I want to raise the level of expectation for the program. It’s always been solid, but I want to get to the point where we’re competing against and beating high-quality teams." Coach Cashel also said it’s been an excellent year and he’s looking forward to competing in district championships.

Coach Cashel had a first season to be proud of. The Statesmen had a 15-9 record and were victorious in the highly contested Shrewsbury Cup against Affton 4-0. Brandon Smith, senior, said, "It’s an exciting game for everyone, but it’s even more important to the players from Shrewsbury." Brandon, a Shrewsbury resident, also commented on his second half goal, "Getting a goal my senior year made it even more special."

The Shrewsbury Cup is an annual gathering in which Webster and Affton vie for the bragging rights of keeping the actual “Shrewsbury Cup.”

Considering Coach Cashel is only the second men’s varsity soccer coach in our school’s history, it’s looking like he’s going to have a bright future to go along with this year’s well-earned Shrewsbury Cup win.

Back row, l to r: Steve Greene, Mark Wright, Tom Riti, Josh Kreitler, Mitch Greene, Jake Boling, Joe Knaup, Dan Schreiber, middle: Kevin Taylor, Dylan Barrett, Justin Cook, Mike Griffin, Nick Batz, Brandon Smith, Mike Lhotak, Jeff McEvoy, front: Coach Cashel, B.J. Heueremann, Pat Disbennett, Tim Dribbin, Nathan O’Reilly, Mike Riti, Coach Jordan
Mike Griffith, junior, dribbles the ball before the Roosevelt game. He watched his footing as he prepared for another big game. Not yet in uniform, Mike got to Moss early to practice with the rest of the team.

Steve Greene, senior, Coach Jordan, Justin Cook, senior, and Mike Riti, freshman, watch the game from the sidelines. Riti was one of two freshmen playing as JV/Varisty swing players. As the Statesmen went on to gain another win, these four took a breather on the bench.

Steve Greene, senior, looks to the sideline as his team sits on the bench. During warm-up, Greene, a varsity player for four years, practiced his technique. After the players were finished practicing, they changed and prepared for their game.

Second year varsity player Dan Schriber, senior, tries to get open for a pass. Dan sprinted down the field along with his teammates. Moving down newly remodeled Moss Field, Webster tallied up another victory.

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Mitch Greene, junior, lofts the ball into the air during the first half. The second year varsity player took a penalty kick at midfield for Webster. Greene, along with the rest of the Statesmen, went on to claim victory against Roosevelt.
“If you’re a freshman, keep your mouth shut,” said junior varsity/varsity swing player Mike Riti, freshman. Were the freshman and sophomores really working well together? They certainly played like it. Riti was one of the four freshmen on the j.v. team this year; the most in the four years since Jason Grote has been coaching. The other promising freshmen were Jeff McEvoy, Brendan Schmidt and Jesse Cook.

The j.v. team seemed to have a lot of energy and much of it is coming from the enthusiastic freshmen. They’re always pumped up for every game and really look like they’re having fun. “The freshmen are all valuable assets, and they’re all starters. They bring a lot of energy to the team.” Even without four of their best players, the freshman team still proved themselves to be a talented and determined team.

“They never quit; if they’re down, they keep on going,” said freshman Coach Dan Broshears. “Many boys had to play positions they’d never played before.” No one on the team had played goalie before, and Robbie Simpson made a smooth transition to his position in the net. With good attitudes and lots of optimism, they played hard all season, even with new challenges to face.

After enduring the pre-fall September heat, Sam Barrett, sophomore, takes a break to quench his thirst. Being a starter for the DuBourg game, Coach Grote recommended he drink lots of water after being substituted out.

Back Row: Coach Dan Broshears, Peter Ayres, Alex Thomas, Bobby Madden, Kevin Carpentier, Paul Dillon, Casy Saunders, John Duke.
Front Row: Mike Eubanks, Jon Boling, Pat Ayres, Austin Kearney, Sean O’Bryant, Gabe Kehoe.
Junior Varsity Scores

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Practicing his skills before the game against Northwest, Mike Lhotak, sophomore j.v. player juggles the ball. Concentrating hard, he managed to kick the ball a half a dozen times. Unsatisfied with his attempt, he tried again.

Back Row: Tim Herron, Patrick Buckley, John Odenwald, Brendan Schmidt, Corey Taylor, Mike Riti, Mike Lhotak, Zack Koehlinger, Coach Jason Grote. Middle Row: Tony Aubuchon, Josh Boiling, Matt Scheltin, Pat Sullivan, Jere Weidknecht, Anduel Sholla. Front Row: Sam Barrett, Jesse Cook, Sam Garesche, Pat King, Fletcher Johnson.

During the September 18 game a Parkway North player takes the first penalty kick. In order to protect their goal, eight defensive players lined shoulder to shoulder and blocked the kick.

Jere Weidknecht, sophomore, takes a practice kick to prepare for the J.V. game that afternoon. With his newly bleached hair he was easily identifiable from the other white and black clad players.

During a half time pep talk, goalie Robbie Simpson, freshman, separated himself from the circle for a cool place in the shade. However, concentrating on Broshears was crucial because the team was struggling against Parkway North.

At practice, Pat Ayres, freshman, was put in front of the net during drills. He attempted to kick away each ball as quickly as possible as they came at him.
"Field hockey is a tough sport," said Megan George, junior, as she showed off her bruises. But sticking to their goals and improving year by year has helped the varsity team reach success. Despite aches and pains the team enjoyed playing. They used a combination of hard work and determination to dominate the field.

In a close match against University City, players demonstrated their drive to win. "Playing University City is always a close game," said Lisa Clancy, senior. In overtime the team pulled out a win. "This year we always pulled through and started playing well at the end of games," Clancy adds.

Field Hockey has won more games this year than in any other season and, with the addition of a freshman team, can only get better. The freshman team was added to help develop the skills of the younger players. Now, when they reach the varsity level they will be prepared to play against tougher competition.

While working hard and dedicating a lot of time, players also manage to have fun. "I wish I could play again next year," said Jenni Shoulberg, senior. The future is looking bright for the field hockey program, as long as they stick with it.

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Fighting for the ball, Jenni Shoulberg, senior, tries to beat her opponent and head toward the goal during a game at Moss Field. When playing bigger teams it is important to stay tough.
Protecting their goal against a corner, Elaine Chollet, senior, and Molly Fasterling, Meredith March, and Cait Pedley, juniors, knock the ball up the field.

Moving past the other team Katherine Crawford, junior, faces the goalie. Crawford was the team's leading scorer and was a four year varsity player.

Players wait to receive the ball from Anna Kaminski, junior, as she drives the ball to the front of the opponent’s goal to create a scoring opportunity.

Back Row: Amy Ford, Elaine Chollet, Anna Chollet; Third Row: Molly Fasterling, Coach Cindy Berndt, Taylor Barnes, Megan George, Sarah Teczar; Second Row: Meredith March, Katherine Crawford, Kate Flannery, Lucy Browner, Leslie Bley First Row: Cait Pedley, Lisa Clancy

Varsity Field Hockey
Using a push pass to get around the defense, Bekah Kellar, junior helps her team. Kellar was a team captain and important to the success achieved this year.

Due to an obstruction made by the opposition, Ellen Weber, sophomore gets a free drive. Correct technique helps the ball go a longer distance and get farther towards the goal.

Teammates cheer on Joanna Nelson, freshman as she dribbles past the other team on a breakaway. Quickness allowed the team to dominate the field.


After intercepting a pass Caitlin Martines, sophomore, heads back up field. The team played Edwardsville but came up short in the end.
This year the whole field hockey program grew in talent and size. Due to the growing popularity of this sport, there was an addition this year of a whole new team, which consisted mostly of freshmen. Prior to this season, the field hockey program had only a varsity level and a j.v. level. The addition thrilled the varsity players.

“I’m real excited cause we have a lot of freshmen, and we didn’t have to cut them, plus they will be good for next year’s team,” said Meredith March, junior.

Along with the expansion of the field hockey program came hard work. The freshmen worked toward their goal of being moved up to the j.v. level, while the j.v. players worked towards their chance to play on varsity.

“This season has been difficult, but we still had a lot of fun.” said Kelsey Knipshield, junior. “We had a lot of fun. On the bus, we made a drum circle with the water jug to get us pumped,” said Jill Brinkman, junior.

The field hockey program improved a lot in the past few years. Each year the sport became more popular. With the addition of the freshman team, there future looked bright for field hockey at WGHS.
If you have ever parked in the upper parking lot at school, you might have noticed a thin layer of dust that coats everything. This can be attributed to the neighboring ball fields; home to our varsity Softball Team. The Stateswomen kicked up the dust as they practiced on the newly renovated fields and played under the brand new scoreboard.

The fields may be new, but the girls have plenty of experience. After a winning record last year, the 2002 Stateswomen varsity team had expectations to fulfill. The team progressed, wanting to produce another winning season.

One of the standout players on this year’s line-up was Alicia Turner, the starting pitcher. Coming into this season the team needed a pitcher and Alisha stepped up to the plate. However, Alisha wasn’t the only skilled player on the team. “Although our record doesn’t show it, we probably have the most talented team we’ve ever had,” said Ms. Wilson, the varsity head coach.

While watching a softball game you couldn’t help but notice that these girls were talented, and that they were also very supportive of one another. Not a moment went by when one of them wasn’t cheering the others on.

Katie Hansen, senior, agreed that what stood out about the team was their friendship and support for one another, “Our team has really played some great games this year... a record can’t show improvement, teamwork, friendship, hardwork, and heart.”

Alicia Turner, junior, winds up for the pitch. Turner’s talent propelled her to being the only pitcher on the Varsity team this season. “It must be exhausting being out there everyday, but instead of complaining Alisha just talks about how much fun it is to be out there,” Said Katie Hansen, senior, Turner’s teammate.

Kristen Zach and Emily Duckworth, seniors, play catch to get ready for the next inning. The girls warmed up before every inning to stay ready.

In her ready position, shortstop Kate Pitlyk, junior, waits for the ball to come her way in the game against Ritenour. This was Pitlyk's second year on varsity.

Patty Hake, senior, watches the ball roll towards the foul line. Hake bunted the ball and beat the play to first base during the game against Parkway South.

The dust rises as Amy Nieman, junior, moves toward the ball. She was able to catch it and return it to Alicia Turner, junior, for another chance at striking the Summit batter out.

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Northwest 13-5
Nerinx Hall 10-0
Rosati-Kain 9-1
Parkway West 1-8
Eureka 4-5
Marquette 0-12
Summit 4-6
Ritenour 4-3
Alton 0-10
St. John 15-5
Lindbergh 2-1
Oakville 0-5
St. Pius X 1-9
Parkway South 4-2
Hancock 6-7
Parkway North 6-7
Seckman 1-11
Parkway Central 2-3
Mehlville 3-6
Lutheran South 3-4
Kirkwood 1-6
Ursuline 6-5

“I had a lot of fun, it was a rough season, but we played some really good games,” said Kristen Zach, senior, a second year varsity player.

Henry Mittler and Ryan Pratt, seniors, were loyal spectators for the varsity softball team. When asked why they enjoyed the games so much, they replied, "Our softball team is the hottest team in the state.”
With freshmen teammates, Ashley Fields, Barbara Pfitzinger, Renee Pirrong, and Katie Sunderman on the junior varsity Softball team this season, the sophomore players rose to the occasion. "It was fun working with the freshmen this year because we formed a great team and they looked up to us," recalls right fielder, Katie McSorley, sophomore. Even the Head Coach, Mr. Miller, was surprised at how well the players cooperated, "Every player had a major role in the leadership of this team, but as a whole they meshed and played as a unit."

This team really came together and it's obvious in the way they played. Drawing more fans to their games than varsity, the j.v. players really knew how to have a great time on the field. "I had so much fun forming new friendships, especially with the freshmen," said Megan Fisher, sophomore.

Mr. Miller was also impressed with how well the freshmen playing for JV adapted to the competitiveness of the high school level from their summer leagues. They focused on perfecting plays and game strategies. "The fine points weren't there. We spent the beginning of the season educating the girls who hadn't played at such an intense level," said Miller.

While the freshmen on JV were sharpening their skills, the girls on the freshmen team were also adjusting to their first year of high school play. Even at practice they encouraged one another. They went out of their way to look spirited at games by wearing ribbon in their hair and smearing on black and orange face paint. The freshmen even helped each other move the pitching machine. The skills and lessons that the girls on these two teams have leaned this year will be taken with them in their future years playing softball for WGHS.

Renee Pirrong, freshman, watches as her pitch approaches home plate. Angie Edwards, freshman prepared for the ball to come her way.

Barbara Pfitzinger, freshman, keeps her eyes on the ball as she prepares for the catch at the j.v. game against Lutheran South. Pfitzinger was one of four freshmen on the junior varsity team.

The JV softball players put their arms in and shout, "Win it!" The girls huddled up every inning during the game against Afton. They psyched themselves up and supported each other throughout the season.

Emily Mumm, freshman, enjoyed her first year playing softball for the high school. "It was fun and worthwhile. The practices required more effort than other teams that I've played for," said Mumm.

Jules Byrne, sophomore, had fun with her teammates on the J.V. team this year. "We didn't have the best skills but we worked together and supported one another. That's my definition of a team," said Byrne.

Megan Bozarth and Alyson Levitz-Jones, freshmen, wait for the next play as a Parkway South batter steps up to the plate.

J.V. / Freshman Softball
Sherry Whitledge, sophomore, slams the ball while stationed at the net. Whitledge returned for her second year on the team, and has "vastly improved since her freshmen year," according to her coach, Justine Fields.

Hannah Kryder, sophomore, prepares herself for a forehand. Kryder plays number one doubles with fellow sophomore, Sherry Whitledge.

In a match versus University City at Memorial Courts, Danielle Leone, senior, smacks the ball across the court to the opposing team and wins the game.

Megan Hauser, senior, one of five captains, slams the ball across the court with a backhand. Hauser took a victory for the team against Lindbergh.

Girls' tennis had many successes, both on and off the courts. The team raised money by hosting a car wash, and their record is 6 - 8, was an astonishing leap from last year. "Our team has noticeable improved. It's because we've been dedicated and worked hard," remarked Melica Ladd, junior.

The team has become united as a whole. Three new freshmen, a senior, a foreign exchange student, and a new assistant coach have joined the tennis team. The team grew closer by doing fund-raisers, and going out to eat together. "We've done our best to make the new team members feel comfortable and welcome," said Danielle Leone, senior.

The new assistant coach, Terry Verstraete, has helped unite the team as a whole. "Coach V. has been a great influence on the team. He makes practice fun and at the same time has taught us new things to help perfect my game," said Sherry Whitledge, sophomore.

"You can tell that this team functions as one and has a special bond between them. There's a strong spirit of camaraderie. I'm glad to be a part of this experience," said Coach Verstraete.
When you think of volleyball, you usually think of high nets and high jumping spikes but when you ask the girls’ volleyball team what they think of, mini-muffins come into their minds.

Despite the team’s record this year, the girls really came together, because, to them, it’s what happens after the games that means the most. “We just have a great time together,” said swing player Stephanie O’Brien, junior, “at practice and in our free time.”

At each practice, the girls worked on fundamental skills and how to play well as a whole, under the careful supervision of Coach Brian Coulter. “Varsity is an improving program,” Coulter remarked when asked about the team, “I have a great group of girls to work with.”
Robin McKay, freshman, bumps the ball to her teammate during after school practice.

Liz Harris, sophomore, hits the ball to the wall to strengthen her spiking skills at practice.

Improving her arm strength, Kendra Yoder, junior, completes a set of push-ups during an after school practice. Push-ups, along with several other warm-ups, were practiced everyday.

Sam Pounders, junior, sets the ball during practice. "Whenever we lose a game, we like to say we forgot our Wheaties. But next year, we'll be full of Wheaties," said Pounders.

Keeping her eye on the ball, Cara Keeven, senior, takes a dive for the team at practice. Keeven is one of two seniors on the team this year along with being co-captain. "Even though we didn't win as many games as we hoped, we really bonded as a team," said Keeven.

Kate Edgar, sophomore, bumps the ball to the opposing team at the Rockwood Summit game. "We got along really together as a team and our two seniors contributed a lot," said Edgar.

Hoping to clear the net, Kendra Yoder, junior, bumps the ball to her opposing teammates at practice. This season, the team practiced passing more than any other skill during practices.

Cara Keeven and Yolanda Owens, seniors, and Kate Edgar, sophomore, take a lap around the court during warm-ups before their Rockwood Summit contest. This was the girls' final home game of the season and senior night.

Kate Edgar, sophomore, bumps the ball to her teammate during after school practice.

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Oakville 0-2

Varsity Volleyball 105
Getting Better
All the Time

New players and coach surpass expectations.

New and improved! What a year it was for the freshman and J.V. volleyball teams. It proved to be a year of firsts and change for both teams.

“Most of the girls have never played on a team,” said first-time freshman coach Matt Nelson. However they proved to be a formidable force on the court.

With a record of 2 and 8 the team had been described as quickly improving.

“The victory against Eureka was especially exciting when we came back from being down 4-3 to win. Chelsea Davis served 11 straight points and we won 17-15. I about passed out,” commented coach Nelson.

As for the j.v. team, they saw a year of steady improvement. With new and improved teams both squads continued to build a stronger program at Webster.

“The girls on JV work well together and get along great. When we get to varsity together we’ll be great,” said Kelly Baranyai, sophomore.

“We really bond on the bus,” added Carolyn Gennari, junior, who also plays on the varsity team. Many of the girls play on JV and varsity. Coach Coulter also coaches both squads.

“We get a lot of extra practice doubling up,” Carolyn commented.

Chelsea Davis, freshman, watches the game from the sidelines. The team members were always very supportive when they weren’t playing. They worked very hard to improve team unity.

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Back row, left to right: Coach Coulter, Laura Touchette, Caroline Gennari. Middle row: Kelly Baranyai, Liz Harris Front row: Robin McKay, Stephanie O’Brien, Marley Keeven
Coach Brian Coulter gives the JV team a mid-game pep talk. The team needed a boost in the game against Northwest as they were struggling to work together.

Stephanie O'Brien, sophomore, and Robin McKay, junior, ready themselves to defend the net once the ball is served. They were responsible for blocking any spikes at the net.

Liz Harris, sophomore, watches for the ball to come down so she can hit it. Warm-up is important before every game.

Lauren Young, freshman, runs across the court to hit the ball before it drops. The freshman team worked on communication which is an essential skill in volleyball. They learned to work together and compete at the high school level.

The JV team did their best to discuss plays and strategy. The team was very close both on and off the court. The outside activities they did helped them work together as a team and also gain valuable friendships.

Kate Edgar, sophomore, stands in the ready position and prepares for the ball to be served and returned. The team was determined to play their best at every opportunity.
The Junior Circuit
The Boys Varsity Basketball Team Succeeds Without Seniors

This year the boys' varsity basketball team pooled their young talent and came out on top. Overcoming obstacles this year was no obstacle at all as this was the second consecutive year that the men won their conference. With no seniors on the team this year, the juniors got a chance to stand out and lead their team.

Other memorable moments for the boys to take with them were three wins over the Kirkwood Pioneers. The first victory was during the Pioneer Bank Tournament, Darron Harris, junior, scored a three pointer with only seconds left in the game for an exciting Pioneer defeat.

With the past season's experience, five of the players returned from last year's squad and were this year's starters. Darrell Jackson, DJ Conners and Harris, juniors and Eric Jones and Jay Robinson, sophomores rose to the occasion.

The experience the juniors and sophomores gained this year will continue to be a factor in building a stronger team for next year.

Eric Jones, sophomore, shoots a free throw during a home game. Jones was one of two sophomores to start most of the season for the Statesmen.

Eric Jones, sophomore, hangs on the rim after he made a slam dunk that helped the Statesmen conquer the Pioneers.
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Justin Taylor, freshman, takes a three point shot during the Statesmen's annual game against the Kirkwood Pioneers. Taylor helped the team to defeat Kirkwood, with a stunning victory in the final seconds of the game. Daron Harris, junior, takes a two point shot over his opponent's head. The Statesmen played a tough game but failed to gain a victory over Gibault in the game's closing moments.

D.J. Conners, Daron Harris, and Darrell Jackson, juniors, listen to the referee's call during the Statesmen's annual competition against the Kirkwood Pioneers. This game at Kirkwood was just one of three victories the Statesmen recorded over Kirkwood this year.

D.J. Conners, junior, takes a shot from the free throw line, while the other players watch and wait for the rebound. After the one point shot, Conners and the Statesmen rushed down the court to prepare for defense.

Back Row: Marcus Smith, Adrian Clayborn, Justin Taylor.
Middle Row: Andy Pitts, Josh Kretzler, Ben Wilson, Eric Jones.
Front Row: Jay Robinson, Darrell Jackson, Daron Harris, DJ Conners, Tom Riti, Brandon Campbell.
Teddy Jayne, sophomore, makes an easy lay-up during warm-ups prior to the second half of the game. His teammates watched while Jayne worked on his form with only a few minutes left during halftime.

David Jones, freshman, practices his skills during half time at the J.V. game. He made it look easy as he showed off his vertical and lay-up ability. Jones made the shot before joining in the huddle prior to second half.

Brandon Conners, freshman, reaches up high for the rebound after a Parkway shot bounced off the rim. Conners grabbed the loose ball, giving the Statesmen possession and a chance for another two points.

Andrew Currinder, freshman, tries to get open for the pass during a Freshman home game. While Currinder awaited the ball, his teammates worked it around the court before a Webster player was ready to sink his shot.

Teron Sutherlin, sophomore, blocks out his man after a shot by an opposing player. As Sutherlin kept his eyes on the ball, his teammates defended other players, trying to get their hands on the loose ball and winning possession for the Statesmen.

110 J.V. / Freshman Boys' Basketball
The boys' junior varsity team had a rough start at the beginning of the season, but managed to come back and win some games. New coach Ben Cornell, who played basketball for Webster for four years (1996-1999) took on the job while attending UMSL.

The freshman boys stayed even with wins and losses through their first season. "We worked pretty well together and I am looking forward to playing with the same group of guys next year and improving our skills individually and as a team," Ian Bennett, freshmen, said.

Freshman head coach, Harold Hardin, assistant coach, Jerry Paul, and the junior varsity coach, Ben Cornell made the boys practice drills and they did a lot of conditioning to get them prepared and into shape for the season.

"Since we spent so much time together while practicing and traveling to games, we all got to know each other pretty well and I think that helped us play better on the court," Pat Ayers, freshmen, said.

The boys' freshman team ended their season on a good note when they played CBC in Robert's Gym. The crowd was on their toes with ten seconds left in overtime. The boys pulled ahead with a winning shot by freshman, lan Bennett.

"The crowd was so excited and it was a lot of fun to watch," spectator, Michael Eubanks, freshmen, said.

Left to right: Coach Ben Cornell, Alan Donatiello, Brandon May, Teddy Jayne, Donald Jackson, David Jones, Teron Sutherlin, John Dennon, Mike Riti

Brandon Conners, freshman, make a pass to his teammate during the first half of the game. After breaking free from the defense Conners was able to make another assist for the Statesmen.

Front row, left to right: Keith McKinney, Pat Ayres, Anthony Coleman. Middle row: Justin Bowie, Josh Turner, lan Bennett, Andrew Currinder. Back row: Brandon Patterson, Brandon Connors, Coach-Harold Hardin, Matt Starr, Andy Heckman

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Queens Pass the Crown
Senior Stateswomen lead the team with juniors in tow

This year the Webster Girls Varsity Basketball team rubbed their talent in the faces of those who ever said that girls can’t shoot hoops. With a team ruled by juniors and highlighted by seniors, the Stateswomen put their hearts and heads into each game.

The junior Stateswomen were the ladies of the court, and the two seniors could have been dubbed the “queens.” Ending their high school basketball career this year, Emily Duckworth, senior, and Ricki Giancola, senior, led the girls to victory, but not without the help of the rest of the team. “We really came together as a team this year...really,” said Duckworth. “We made it pretty far, and I am proud of what we accomplished.”

This may be the end to their high school basketball experience, but Giancola will bring her talent along with her to college. Duckworth decided not to pursue it in college because “I’m going to a big school, and I want to be able to have a life; if I play college basketball I won’t.”

The juniors will take the reigns in 2003-2004 and bring the enthusiasm they brought to the team this year, along with crucial leadership skills as seniors.

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Jenny Brown, junior, works on her shooting skills during an after school practice in Roberts Gym. The girls’ varsity basketball team made it to the first round of districts this year after a strong season and lots of practices.

Ricki Giancola, senior, steals the ball away from a Eureka player and heads toward Webster’s basket. She made the shot giving Webster a significant lead.

Ali Macon, junior, sends a ball sailing into the net as Incarnate Word players watch on. Macon’s shot left Webster trailing by only eight points.
After an Incarnate Word player missed her shot, Maddy Raimondo, junior, and Emily Duckworth, senior, reach for a chance to rebound. Emily snagged the ball and passed it to a teammate, who scored two more points for the team.

Megan Bruenig, junior, yells directions to her teammates to ensure her pass will make it to a Webster player. Bruenig, a three year varsity veteran, helped in a defeat against Summit.

Avoiding the fallen players, Jenny Brown and Kim Andrews, juniors, focus on regaining the ball after a missed shot.

Laura Galganski, junior, practices her shot before a game. Donning their warm-up clothes the girls did drills along to their compilation cd that got them energized for the game.

Before their game against Incarnate word, the Varsity girls gather together to pump each other up. Before each game the girls offered each other any quick words of wisdom and started the game with an entusiastic chant.


Varsity Girls’ Basketball 113
The girl's freshmen and junior varsity basketball teams started off with a rough season. "We had a really hard time in the beginning, at the first scrimmage game it looked like we had never played basketball before," Ashley Field, freshman, commented on the beginning of the season for the freshmen team.

"As the year went on we improved a lot. Even the people who refereed our games commented on how much we had improved," Kaitlyn Neunreiter, freshman added. The girls not only enjoyed their time on the court, but also had lots of fun on the bus and off the court at practices. Girls from both teams had plenty of fun stories to tell about one another.

As the season continued both teams did improve and the scores were there to prove it. "I remember the Parkway South tournament when we played Northwest, and there were five seconds left and we were down by one and Betsy [Scherzer] made a lay-up and we won the game," Jessica Johnson-Cannon, sophomore said when she explained one of her many memorable moments.

"Even though there were a lot of practices, even on Valentine's Day, it was still a good experience and I think everyone enjoyed the season," Jackie Walker, freshman, said.

Throughout the season, the freshman basketball team gave their all and greatly improved. Robyn McKay, freshman, shows off her three-point shot at an away game against the Parkway South Patriots.
In an important game against Parkway South, at the end of the season, Rose Melton, freshman, dodges out of the way in time to pass the ball to one of her fellow players.

Rose Melton, freshman, makes her way toward the basket against an onset of defensive players. Her fellow teammate Jackie Walker, freshman, said that, "Robyn was one of the most valuable offensive players we had. She helped us all to improve and was a key part in bringing the team together and raising the bar for us."

Ericka McDonald, freshman, plays hard at one of the team’s final games. Throughout the season, Ericka was an essential player for the newly formed team and helped them to find their own identity.

Ashley Fields, freshman, dribbles down the Parkway South court with Jordan Ferger, freshman, in preparation for the game. Ashley and her teammates redeemed themselves this year by noticeably improving their team’s talent and group dynamic.
Keeping Their Heads Above Water

Boys' Swimming Gets Better With a Group of New Swimmers

The Boy's Swim team had a few changes this year. Although the team was twice the size as the year before, it only contained three returning boys; Jake Boling, senior, Brad Rahmoeller, sophomore, and Bill Klinkhardt, junior. The team of thirteen boys had to start from the beginning. “The team at the beginning of the year was inexperienced, but they really pulled it together as the season continued, I was really impressed,” boy’s head swim coach, Dan Broshears said when he commented on the improvement and dedication his team showed throughout the season.

Although the first few meets were hard with well over half the team competing for the first time, they soon came together by working hard and practicing together everyday. “The boys times consistently dropped everyday, it wasn’t just one of them that improved dramatically, they all did,” Broshears said, “They made this year a lot of fun to coach because everyone tried their best and it really showed in the meets.”

B.J. Heuerman, junior, concentrates as he prepares to begin his race. It was important to be both mentally and physically prepared before a meet.

Jake Boling, senior, practices his breast stroke in the warm-up time mid-meet. The ten minute break was helpful for those swimming in the second half of the meet.

Crouched and ready Noah Spiegel, junior, waits for the gun to begin his race. This was usually a tense moment and often led to false starts which disqualified a swimmer from the race.

Bill Klinkhart and Sam Stewart, freshmen, watch and cheer their teammates on. The team members were very supportive of each other which was very important because they were such a small team.
Coach Broshears illustrates techniques to the team. Due to the large number of new swimmers this year, they had to work extra hard to be able to beat much larger, more experienced teams around the area.

Bill Klinkhart, junior, backstrokes his way through five practices a week all winter long. The boys practiced long and hard to gain valuable experience.

Martin Frye, freshman, shows proper free-styling technique as he swims. Frye was one of few experienced swimmers, having swam on the Webster Groves municipal team for many years. His experience was very helpful to the team.

The swim team huddles together to get psyched before a meet with Coach Broshears' words of wisdom and encouragement. The swimmers were all very determined and worked very hard all season.

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Do you Bleed Orange?

Webster Slates to a Winning Season

With a long standing history of being a very tough public school to beat, the Skatesmen managed to keep the tradition going once again this season.

"I think going into the season a lot of people questioned us. People thought we weren’t deep enough as a team to be as successful as we’ve been in the past but the returning players have stepped up and the younger players really contributed," said Matt LaBrier, senior.

The Skatesmen were a close team with many traditions, such as bleaching each other’s hair for playoffs and the Top Hat Classic Tournament. Another big tradition was the Turkey Day Game which the Skatesmen won 5-2. Between the hard hitting defense, smooth skating forwards and the awesome goalies Webster always managed to get the job done.

Coach Dave Garth and the team gelled together well and worked themselves all the way to the state quarterfinals where Marquette stopped their run.

Mike Odman, junior, skates towards the goal while trying to create some separation from his Marquette opponent.

Back row, left to right: Kelly Baranyai, Kate Gumaer, Angie Wideman, Jessie Schleeper, Jess Barton, Jenny Wilson, Ellen Dryzmala, Audra McLaren, Anastasia Sepikova, Alex Horsefield, Steve Fuchs, Matt Labrier, Zak Kay, Dan Odenwald, Joe Moore, Matt Canter, Walt Schwarzenbach, Nick Metcalf, Jeremy Lafica, Thomas Fortney, John Edwards, Mike Kearby, Jimmy Flemming, Joe Kash, Tyler Edgerton, Drake Maret, Rob Hadley, Zach Sias.

Joe Moore and Dan Odenwald seniors, fight against two players from Francis Howell for the puck and eventually come out strong.
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Parkway S. 6-1
Mehlville 13-0
Lindbergh 6-0
Fort Zumwalt S. 6-2
Kirkwood 5-2
Lafayette 1-3
Summit 3-3
Alton 8-0
Parkway W. 3-4
Kirkwood 5-1
Fox 4-2
Vianney 5-2
Francis Howell N. 4-2
Mehlville 16-3
DeSmet 0-2
Alton 10-1
Fox 8-2
Lindbergh 5-2
Kirkwood 2-5
SLUH 2-2
Chaminade 4-1
Francis Howell C. 5-2
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Oakville 4-3
Oakville 9-8
Marquette 2-3
Marquette 2-5

Forward Mike Odman, junior, defenseman Zak Kays and goalie John Edwards, seniors get ready for a face-off on their zone.

At an after school dry land training Nick Metcalf, junior, does a broad jump for the coaches to measure. To help get prepared for the season these outside practices became a weekly event.

Goalie Jon Edwards, senior, makes another save by stopping an airborne puck. Preceding and following that save Edwards blocked almost every shot.

In between the second and third period of the Oakville game coach Dave Garth gives the boys a pep talk, followed by the traditional routine of putting their heads together and yelling "Let's go Webster."

Jeremy Lafica, junior, and captain Dan Odenwald, senior, celebrate after Lafica's goal.

Matt LaBrier, Zak Kays, seniors, and Mike Odman, junior, celebrate after LaBrier scores a goal against Francis Howell making it a 5-2 win in their first playoff game.
Bleach Blonde

It was easy to identify a hockey player after they took part in their annual hair bleaching tradition. Junior varsity players also subjected themselves to this sometimes unflattering ordeal along with the varsity team.

Many of the players from the junior varsity team played on the varsity level this year. It turned out to be a good way for the junior varsity players to get the experience of playing varsity hockey. It also made a bond between the two teams; more so than just bleaching their hair. The junior varsity team learned a lot about coming together as a team and working together by playing side by side with their varsity counterparts.

In the game against Oakville Matt Canter, junior, makes a quick sweep in and steals the puck from an opposing player. Canter poke check helped prevent Oakville from scoring.

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Evan Boyle, freshman, skates down the ice after a Lafayette player. Boyle ended up taking control of the puck and prevented Lafayette from scoring.

Metropolitan's Tom Moore, sophomore, fights in holding back a Lafayette player to give his teammate Joe Kasch, sophomore, the chance to steal the puck and advance down the ice. Moore's hard work paid off and Kasch was able to steal the puck.

John Odenwald and Dan Cluff, sophomores, raise their hockey sticks and arms in the air celebrating the Skatesmen's first goal of the game, scored by Cluff.

Brad Storr, freshman, checks his opponent, against the glass at a home game to gain control of the puck and help out the rest for his teammates.

Directly following a face off at Webster's end of the ice, Jimmy Flemming, sophomore, holds up his stick to block an opposing player from receiving the puck. This strategy allowed the skatesmen to gain control of the puck and go on offense.

Dan Kuc, freshman, warms up, before a game, by taking a practice shot on the Skatesmen's goalie. Before each game both teams were given time to warm up and stretch.


John Odenwald, and Ian Carsten, sophomores, and Drake Maret, freshman, line up for a face off. These three worked well together because Webster was able to take control of the puck after this face off.
The wrestling team didn't lack skill or camaraderie this year. There was no separation between JV or Varsity; the two teams practiced and worked as one. This feeling of unity was due to their coach.

Coach Tocco returned for his second year as the wrestling coach and hosted the first annual Webster Invitational, which invited schools from around the St. Louis area to participate in a tournament at Webster. Though Webster did not win the invitational overall, many Webster wrestlers received individual medals. Peter Koehlinger, senior, and his brother Zack took second place in their weight divisions. Vincent Hagins, junior, and Brendan In one of his many matches this year, Bobby Madden, freshman, musters his strength to gain the advantage in one of his final duals of the year at the Webster Invitational in Robert's Gym.

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Burnett, senior, Sean O'Bryant, freshmen, and James McLean, sophomore all placed third in their weight classes. "I was extremely excited to get third place because I overcame incredible odds. I was 17 pounds under the weight class and still managed to get third place," said McLean.

Webster also did well in districts, and sent four wrestlers, Peter Koehlinger, Burnett, O'Brian, and Higgins, to the sectional competition. This was an improvement compared to last year when three people were sent to sectionals. "This year is more of a rebuilding year, we didn't do as well as we had hoped to, but the team has really come together as a whole," said Peter Koehlinger.

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In a match against Kirkwood, Evan Marassa, senior, gears up to roll his opponent and gain the advantage. This was Marassa's fourth and most successful year on the wrestling team.

Mike Sivcovich, senior, has his Ladue opponent right where he wants him; in perfect position to flip him over and pin him on the mat. Sivcovich was a consistent wrestler on the Varsity roster this year.

Sean O'Bryant, freshman, struggles to keep his opponent down. O'Bryant used his strength and skill in an attempt to push the other wrestler's left shoulder on the mat and pin him.

Chris Smith, freshman, listens attentively as Coach Tocco prepares him for his next match. In his second year as head coach, Tocco was very dedicated to the team and its members. His contributions to the wrestling program are the first in what is sure to be a new tradition at the high school.

The JV and Varsity wrestling team gathers together to get psyched up before the commencement of the first annual Webster Wrestling Invitational. As these students proudly displayed, being part of a team and making new friends is one of the many benefits of playing a high school sport.
"Halftime is game time." This slogan was certainly fitting for the members of the guard dance line. This hard working group practiced before, during, and after school to perfect their routines and maintain spirit at halftime. In the chilly fall weather they joined the marching band and covered Moss Field with their precise flag moves and constant smiles. This year the girls even got to perform on the turf of the Edward Jones Dome during halftime at the MSHSAA State Championship football game.

"Dancing at the Dome was awesome for the seniors because our freshman year we went there for a competition, so it was a great experience to come back our last year," said guard member Rachael Leahy, senior.

In addition to the fast-paced dance routines at halftime during the football and basketball games, the dance line also prepared other special dance routines for Turkey Day Festivities including the anticipated light show at the night assembly. Besides entertaining Webster fans, the guard dance line also participated in multiple competitions with the marching band throughout the year. With sponsors Ms. Diemert and Ms. Toth, the guard danceline worked hard and it showed in their performances.

During the Turkey Day halftime show, guard members Kelly Jones, junior, and Casey Cook, sophomore, coordinate their flags to go along with the ups and downs of the Olympic theme song.

Guard members Casey Cook and Jessika Redmond, sophomores, strike a pose at the Turkey Day Assembly. Guard and cheerleaders pumped up the crowd for Turkey Day after working long and hard to prepare for the assembly.
Anxious guard members line up in preparation for their halftime performance at the Turkey Day Game. Bundled up and holding their flags, guard took the field along side the marching band to wow the spectators with their well choreographed routines.

After three years of being one of the dancers in guard, Michelle Carpentier, senior, has perfected her dance steps and learned how to whip the flag around with absolute accuracy and grace.

In addition to the football games and the pep assemblies, guard also preformed at many of the basketball games. At one of the girls' varsity basketball games, Beth Reardon, junior, gives a pom-pon performance for the many onlookers.

At one of the home football games, Robin Martin, senior, performs with guard to the Olympic theme song. This was Robin's first year but she fit right in with the girls and enjoyed the experience.

One of the highlights of being on guard is the opportunity to show what you can do in front of your fellow classmates. At the Turkey Day pep assembly Nikki Williams, sophomore, shows her moves for the whole school to see.
After careful thought Martha Ziegler, sophomore, scoots her knight across the board. Ziegler and other members of the Chess Club gathered on Thursdays to duke it out on the red and black squares and challenge their opponents to a game of strategy. Dylan McGraw, junior, Ben Walker, freshman, and Sarah McCann, junior, sit in the balcony of the auditorium and wait for the Amen concert to begin on the stage below. This year Amen held their first annual winter concert. As always admission was free and the audience was serenaded with the old A-men standards and new favorites. Bringin' in da noise bringin' in da funk, Jake Crist, sophomore, plays his saxophone during Jazz III practice. The three jazz bands rehearsed throughout the school year to prepare for their bi-annual concerts in the auditorium.

>2003 SSC members Amy Ford and Jessy Elliot, seniors, fill the display case in the senior entrance with Batman themed T-Day decor.

>YAC member Taylor Barnes, sophomore, rummages through donated cold weather gear after the November coat drive.
Rob Diedrichsen, sophomore, supports International Club by purchasing a carnation for someone special.

Julie Cunningham, senior, is restrained with masking tape while preparing for T-Day hallway decorations.

Environmentally conscious members of SAFE Anna Chollet, Kelly Furlong, seniors, and Pete Chollet, freshmen, sort through recyclables.

Percussionist Rose Martin, sophomore, keeps the beat on the timpany drums with the marching band at the Edward Jones Dome.
Members of the SAFE (Student Action For the Environment) club helped encourage students to become more respectful and aware of the environment. SAFE met every Thursday after school in Mr. Wieland’s room.

At each meeting, members divided into groups to complete their recycling tasks. Emptying the aluminum cans out of the white recycling bins in the cafeteria was the most gruesome task. Meanwhile, the rest of the club walked to every classroom in the building to collect the recycled paper in the brown boxes. In addition to their weekly tasks, SAFE went to the recycling center once a month to deposit the paper and cans. For those environmentally driven students, SAFE was the club where students could make a difference.

Anna Chollet, senior, and her brother Peter Chollet, freshman, work together sorting aluminum cans in the recycling bins. Picking out the trash students have thrown into these white bins is the grossest part of the job, but somebody’s got to do it.

Molly Fasterling, junior, and Rosemary Melton, freshman, help balance Danielle Hebel, freshman, while she stands on the recycled paper can attempting to smash down the overflowing paper. Every week, SAFE went to every classroom to collect paper from the teachers to recycle.

Surviving the cold weather outside of the cafeteria, members of the SAFE club develop a system to sort out the aluminum cans in the recycling bins. After the cans had been sorted, SAFE took the cans to the recycling center about once a month.

Rosemary Melton, freshman and Anna McFarlane, junior, use teamwork to collect recycled paper from classrooms around the school. Every teacher in the building had a brown cardboard box, labeled “Recycled Paper” for the SAFE club to empty each week.

Mr. Wieland, SAFE sponsor, hands Gabe Temming, sophomore, a trash bag and a pair of gloves to protect his hands while sorting the aluminum cans. Before everyone leaves the room, Mr. Wieland gave the group instructions about who was to do which job.
Sarah Byrne, sophomore, ponders her next move in the hopes of conquering her opponent, Martha Ziegler, sophomore. They met on a Thursday afternoon, in Frau Sittmann's room for this match-up.

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Mike Rathbone, junior, shows Tim Fagnani, junior, a new strategy to use against his next opponent. Chess is a game of strategy and skill, and the Chess Club helped folks improve each of these in an enjoyable learning environment.

Chess Club met every Thursday after school in Frau Sittmann's room. In chess club, students could learn new strategies, and improve their old ones. Experienced chess players competitively played against each other while some people went for the social interaction. While students played chess, they enjoyed refreshments. Chess Club was an excellent way to get involved in an activity combining both competition and recreation.
And The Band Played On...

Marching Band is Always There, Come Rain or Shine.

All throughout this year’s very exciting and eventful football season, the band was there for every step along the way. From the beginning to the end of the school year, they were at every game and every event and lived up to every expectation anyone could have had.

They began the year with their first performance at the September 11 Remembrance Ceremony, where they played from Selma Field, the same field that they practice at each day.

After that they went on to be Webster’s good luck charm as they played at each of their games’ half times in the team’s amazing winning series.

The marching band was lead by their instructor Dane Williams and three of their classmates, Drew Spiegel, Samantha Niemoellier, and Amelia Randich, seniors. The conductors were required to wear tuxes to each performance, even though Cole usually sported a spirited Webster sweat shirt. It was an exciting experience for them to stand up there with a hundred eyes watching for their signal to begin.

But the excitement did not begin and end with just the conductors. Not only did the marching band get to play a critical part in this year’s team spirit and success, but they also get to say that, at one time, they were able to play in front of thousands of screaming fans at the Edward Jones Dome. Not many high school bands would ever get the chance to make that kind of claim.

Their excitement, dedication, and enthusiasm showed through in each performance and halftime show they did this year. At every show they proved themselves again and again, and no matter what had happened this year, you could always count on the marching band to be there.

During the freezing months of November and December, the football team could always count on a stand full of dedicated fans known as Marching Band. Come rain, shine, sleet, snow-okay, maybe that’s a little too far, but they made it out to almost every game to keep up the morale of Webster’s team and fans. On one such cold day B.J. Heuermann and Noah Speigel, juniors, bundled up and played the 20th century song during a crucial play of the game.

Marching band practiced before school and during first hour every morning in front of the school in order to be perfect in every step and in every note; to have the perfect lines and coordination so that they moved together in perfect harmony. At each game they gave an outstanding performance so why should playing at the dome be any different. If they were at all nervous, they didn’t show it as they gave an amazing performance at the state game, in front of thousands of onlookers.
During the halftime show for the Turkey Day Game at Moss Field this year, the marching band took the field in hopes to raise the esteem of the crowd as our home team fell behind. Andrew Elkins, senior, plays along with the band the Olympic's theme song, a new tune added to their set this year.

Part of the responsibility of being one of the band's conductors, is helping to make up the set list. During this year's Turkey Day Game, Drew Spiegel, senior, and the marching band instructor, Dane Williams, discuss what is to be played next, and later on in the much anticipated halftime show, where they will play, and march, along with guard and their whirling flags.

This year Samatha Niemoeller, senior, had the privilege of conducting her fellow classmates in the band at their many performances. This was an honor that she gratefully accepted and shared with two other students and the band's instructor.

Playing at the Edward Jones Dome was a huge thrill for this year's Marching Band; to get to go down onto the field and play in front of the cheering fans was such a rush for the entire group. But, as if all this was not enough, Travis Norman, senior, was asked to play a solo in the middle of the halftime show.
It's Easy as 1, 2, 3!

Math Club was a very unique club offered by the high school. It allowed students to show off and enhance their math skills. It was made up of students who were passionate about math and enjoyed working out problems in their spare time. The club met about once a week and participated in a Missouri wide contest once a month. During meetings they would practice sample contest problems and Ms. Mongan would teach them helpful strategies and techniques. After all their hard work during the meetings the students were rewarded with drinks and treats.

Andrew Hudson, sophomore, calculates the problem that he has been given. Hudson did his best to solve his equation while all the other mathletes worked on their own.

Ben Bethge, senior, concentrates hard, as he attempts to solve a problem. He focused his energy on math, even after the school day was over, to enhance his math skills for competition.

Jane Davis, freshman, punches numbers into her calculator and hopes for a correct answer. She prepared herself for an upcoming math competition with new strategies that she had learned.

Ben Bethge, senior, works on an equation, after school during a meeting of Math Club. He concentrated as he diligently worked through this timed test.
Joey Pettibone and Georgia Dubson, seniors, discuss with Mrs. Hampton about signing up for the school’s spaghetti dinner and Bristol Elementary School mini courses.

Courtney Hensic, senior, organizes canned food at St. Vincent’s Church. Every year the church holds a food and toiletry pantry for families who need assistance during the holiday season.

Mike Caramanna, junior, listens to new projects that Ms. O’Brien introduces to the club. Key club met the first Tuesday of every month before school to discuss volunteer opportunities.

The Friday before Christmas at St. Vincent’s Church Erin Musko, senior, helps stock the “grocery store” for the Saturday morning families.

Keyed Up

Key Club was a service organization affiliated with Kiwanis International. The Webster Groves Key Club performed multiple community service projects such as the Christmas tree lot at Edgewood, volunteering at a food pantry, and wrapping presents for those less fortunate.

Members also worked on environmental cleanups, helped mentor younger students from other schools, and donated their time and energy to help those in need of food, shelter, and friendship.
The little theater is a buzz with conversation before an after-school meeting. Members from the different class councils met regularly to update each other on class and school-wide events.

Leader of the Pack

Student Council met every other week, and filled the Little Theatre. Each class council came together and updated the other classes on what they had been working on. The senior class helped the younger classes, especially the freshmen, because the seniors were more experienced.

The Student Council President usually took supreme position on top of the stage and led the meeting. "This year we tried to make it more of a parliamentary procedure," said President Patty Hake. "It was also a reconstruction year for us. We wanted to make it more service oriented."

Student Council proved they could meet that goal. They organized several fund-raisers, such as selling footballs to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy and collecting money during lunch for the family they "adopted." They showed that they care about the community as well as the school.

Katie Csoiak, sophomore, waits for student council to be adjourned to their separate class meetings. Dedicated members of the student body stayed after school to participate in activities and projects.

Marcus Grillut and Samantha Scott, sophomores, wait in the little theater for a student council meeting to begin. The sophomore class council touched base with the other classes before heading off to their own SSC meeting.

Erica Pratt, Claire Botnick, and Amy Nieman, juniors, discuss plans for the Sweetheart Dance. Members of the junior class council were responsible for the February tradition.

Chester Kennedy and Ryan Peterson, sophomores, don't seem to mind spending time at a student council meeting. Kennedy, Peterson, and other Webster students discussed school fundraisers and community service.

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Looking over music for A-men's most recent song, Chris Thurman, junior, and James Allen, sophomore, help each other prepare for the next concert. A-men was a good place to make new friends that had similar interests.

Wearing their usual performance attire, A-Men sings at the Webster Jazz and Blues Festival. Eric Mumm, senior, Phil Gill, Paul Cereghino, and Robin Mead, juniors, and Jason Hamill, senior, snap their fingers to the beat in front.

During the intermission of the A-Men concert, Robin Mead and Landon Fitzgerald, juniors, try to sell CD's to their fans. The CD featured all of A-men's newest songs, and some old favorites.

During A-Men practice in Mr. Dunn's classroom after school, brothers, Nathan Parker, sophomore, and Sean Parker, senior, rehearse their parts together. They were both new additions to A-Men this year.

Joe Brown, senior, belts out his solo, with approval from the audience, at the Winter Choral Assembly. School assemblies were a good place to show off the choir's talents, but they also performed outside school at many parties and functions.

Boy's II A-Men

A new group of guys this year had A-men singing a fresh tune. Half of the men's acapella group was all new but Eric Dunn, sponsor, said that, "even though many of the guys lacked experience, it's one of the best blends I've had."

The audience saw more complex and challenging routines from A-men throughout the year with the additional leadership of John Brader, Webster Groves High School faculty. Brader, who started the men's acapella group at Truman State University, joined Dunn and the other guys to help give A-men one of it's best years.

In addition to giving performances to the community and at the high school's concerts, they also added a winter show to their schedule and gave their annual end of the year show.

With a look of enthusiasm from his peers, Zach Towers, junior, belts out his solo at the first A-men concert of the year. Towers joined A-Men his sophomore year.

Getting down on his knees, Aaron Walker, senior, has an effect on the audience as he passionately sings while clenching his fist and closing his eyes. He received back up from Paul Cereghino and the rest of A-Men.
Sharing the same paint palette, Anna Nieman and Shannon singer, freshmen, paint their pictures with tempera paints. In Art Club, students had a lot of freedom to do any art related project they wanted.

William Belloli, sophomore, focuses on every curve and shadow of the woman sculpture while he draws a sketch of her on paper. Like many Art Club members, Belloli was also enrolled in other art classes such as ceramics.

Art for Art's sake

Many students at Webster wished they had more artistic talent but didn’t have the supplies or guidance to practice. Art Club set out to solve that dilemma. They met every Tuesday in Mr. Throm’s room and chose what they wanted to work on. They had many big projects in the spring, including the kick wall on Selma Field and painting murals on the walls of the boys locker room at Hixson. Mr. Throm stressed the fact that artistic talent was not a prerequisite for joining the club. It was open to all who were looking for an outlet to express themselves through art. It was a great way to do art without having to worry about grades or due dates.
All The World's A Stage

Thespians are a group of students that enjoyed taking drama to the limit. They participated in the One Acts that take place every spring. The One Acts were short plays written by students who then performed them for their audience. This year the club also attended a drama convention along with other schools who performed for one another.

"I'm glad to be a part of the Thespians," said Dan Olson, junior. The group had a very close bond. "We all just joke around with each other and basically have a good time. We all get along with each other," said Olson.

Each year new members are invited to join the Thespians. The new people are subjected to some ridicule but all in the name of fun. All the members took their initiation in stride and were soon invited into the group.

"Being a Thespian is a great opportunity to meet new people and practice performing," said Olson.

Goofing around is the next best thing to acting for these Thespian members. Jesse Gaffny and Valerie Gough, seniors, acted out their "anger" on each other while enjoying their time at the Thespian convention.

Beth Tobin, sophomore, takes an order from Suzie Alger, junior, in the one of the plays that were included in the One Acts this year.

Introducing the play he wrote and directed, Ben Osburg, sophomore, gets the audience laughing before the One Acts begin.

Erin Hensley, senior, dresses in a bath robe and hair curlers in order to play the part of a single mom in one of the short plays.

Paul Cereghino, junior, takes a break at the annual Thespian convention after getting off the bus.
Making it Better

There was a group of students at Webster Groves who strove to better the lives of their class-mates. Whether they were a part of Circle of Friends and dedicated themselves to getting people involved inside and outside of school, or wore the hat of the Conflict Mediation Team helping smooth out problems between students, these groups dedicated hours to making Webster Groves High School a place where people liked to be. Club members took many field trips during the year and participated in many activities at school. “It’s one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done in my life,” said Julie Cunningham, senior, who says that the students in Circle of Friends have become very important to her.

Other students also felt like they were making a difference. “It feels good to help others become more involved within school,” said Josh Shepard, junior.

“I think what makes the system work is that the mediators are pretty good,” said Dr. White, assistant principal and sponsor of C.O.F. and C.M.T. By learning how to deal with various difficult situations the members of the Conflict Mediation Team were able to sit down with their peers, discuss a situation, and with the guidance of an administrator, work to solve problems.
Stylin' at the NBA store, DECA members got a chance to learn about merchandising from a top New York store. Members of this school organization visited the city to learn about the many different facets of marketing.

DECA members try to stay toasty during their visit to the Statue of Liberty in January. While in New York City, they took in a lot of sights, visited the Empire State Building, and went to a Broadway show.

New York, New York

DECA, an international association of marketing students, was a co-curricular organization of students in the school's marketing classes. This year the DECA students got the opportunity of a lifetime; a five day trip to New York City with their new sponsor, Ms. Toth. They traveled to the Big Apple with 110 other students from the St. Louis area. Once in the city they visited the New York Stock Exchange, the Federal Reserve Building, and went to business seminars to see how marketing helps people in the real world.

Their trip, however, was not all work and no play. They got to see some of the sights too. They got to tour NBC studios, go up in the Empire State Building, and see the Statue of Liberty. It was an experience that allowed them to assimilate real world skills and enjoy being a tourist in New York City.

DECA President Ava Turner, senior, and Anna Woolridge, sophomore, work in the school candy store. DECA was in charge of the school store and under the direction of Ms. Toth, many students had the opportunity to experience retail and merchandising firsthand.

Researching the different categories of a DECA competition, Ryan Smith, senior, reads "The Competitive Edge," to prepare for his role-play in full service restaurant management. Smith is just one of many DECA students who competed in marketing competitions this year.

Practicing for a DECA role play Mike Burnett, junior, shakes Ms. Toth's hand. In a DECA competition they were two parts: a marketing test and a role play. The students spent the day rehearsing as Ms. Toth played the role of the official.
Memories that last a lifetime

Every year students receive a yearbook to help them remember the year past. Rarely do they think about all the hard work that went into creating it. This year the yearbook was created by a highly dedicated group of students that worked long and hard to produce a quality yearbook. Many changes were made this year, including a new advisor. Other changes included more color, more pages, and a huge effort to include more people in pictures.

“It's a great feeling to know we created something for everyone else to remember high school by. When we look back we don't just remember the events and people in the pictures, we remember all the work that went into putting it all together," said Maggie Dillingham, senior.

Molly Russell, senior, works hard at editing proofs for the yearbook. Proofs are a preview that let staffers fix any mistakes they might have made on the original pages. Molly was responsible for editing all stories on the proofs.

Ali Macon and Nicole Leone, juniors, look over rough drafts of designs for the yearbook. They were two of four juniors that worked on the yearbook. They will be responsible for teaching many valuable skills to next year's yearbook staff.

Maggie Dillingham, senior, edits copies of captions and stories. As editor of the yearbook, she had almost final say on what did and didn't get into the yearbook. Once all the other editors checked first drafts and were revised, they were on to Maggie for final review.

Kelly Volding, senior, enters her design onto the computer. Much of yearbook work is computer related which was the cause of many headaches, but also made the work a lot easier. The yearbook staff had to learn how to do everything on paper and also on the computers.

Katie Knutsen, senior, works diligently at highlighting students on a list after they had a picture in the yearbook. The yearbook staff tried to get as many different people into the yearbook as possible, which was quite an undertaking.

Maggie Erdman, senior, looks over pictures and helps decide which will be used in the yearbook. Erdman was the photography editor and responsible for taking and choosing many of the pictures.

Hannah Cross, senior, writes a first draft of a story for the yearbook. This year there was text on almost every page, which helped to make the yearbook more interesting, it also meant a lot more work for the staff.
Walking through the crowds at the Turkey Day game, Jenny Weber, senior, sells Turkey Day programs to Webster and Kirkwood fans. The Turkey Day program was written by both school's newspapers, but was put together by the Echo staff.

Juniors Jen Ayres and Sam Pounders take pictures at the State Championship game. "Taking pictures at the dome was a great way to capture moments on the field and in the stands. It was exciting with the players enthusiasm and the crowd's energy," said Pounders.

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The Echo staff looks at all of their hard work put on paper in their finished product while others are still hard at work on the computers. Staffers also must fold every issue of the Echo by hand days before selling the newspaper.

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Caitlin Mulvihill, freshman, takes a break after decorating Charlie Brown to chat with her friends. Mulvihill, along with the other freshmen, decorated on Friday to prepare for the judges' review.

Akiela Lyles, freshman, begins the Turkey Day hall decorating process. Lyles painted the white stripes on the Freshmen's "Peanuts" football field while her classmates worked on building and painting Charlie Brown and his friends.

Lizzie Edwards, freshman, stops in the middle of her hallway during Turkey Day week. Showing her own spirit, Edwards proudly wore her spirit beads while putting up decorations for the class of 2006.

Alek Krautman, freshman, puts the finishing touches on "Lucy" for the freshmen hallway. The Peanuts characters and the class of 2006 proved they had what it took, tying the seniors in the hall decorating contest.

The Class Council of 2006, was a great help around the community and around the school. They helped out with the community by adopting a family and trick or treating for canned goods for the homeless.

The freshman council raised money for their prom by having a spaghetti dinner. They also helped out at the senior breakfast.

The freshman class council showed spirit for their class in the annual hall decorating contest. They learned how to decorate the hallway and display case, from a workshop put on by the senior, junior, and sophomore classes.
Students from the class of 2005, participated in various activities that helped around the community. The also helped around the school, raised funds for their prom, and still found time to decorate their hallway.

Around the community they went “trick or treating” for canned foods, adopted a family for which they provided clothes, toys, and other personal or household needs. “We enjoyed being able to help out our community look nice,” said Akira Davis, sophomore.

What the council mainly focused on, was making money for their prom. “We sold candy, scrubs, and T-Shirts to make money for our prom,” stated Marissa Lewis, sophomore.

During Turkey Day week, the sophomore class kept up with the competition. “It gave us an opportunity to put stuff up in the hallway and make it look different,” said Marcus Grillot, sophomore. “We also worked really hard and it showed.”

A Chance to Give Back
Erica Pratt and Amy Nieman, juniors, strategically place pieces of tape to the wooden archway near the senior entrance. Sky blue sheets of paper were placed over the pieces for tape to create the entrance to the junior hallway during spirit week.

Takin' Care of Business

In previous years, The Student Legislative Board and Student Council were two separate groups but both seemed to be working for the same cause. So this year the groups decided to combine. What came out of the combining of these two groups is known as the Student Service Council. They worked together on things such as Turkey Day decorations and the assembly, raising money for prom, and planning other dances.

SSC's 2004 treasurer, Leslie Delworth, junior, commented on the combining of the two groups, "This year for the first time, the SLB and Student Council combined and it really helped us plan for the Sweetheart Dance. The more people, the easier it is for everyone involved." The 2004 class council also took the time this year to narrow down a destination for their prom. "The location has to be decided before planning anything else," commented Abby Smith, junior.

The class of 2003 continued to plan their prom, located at the newly remodeled, Chase Park Plaza. "It is going to be wonderful!" Carey Uxa, senior anticipated, "We have raised enough money over the past four years to keep the price of tickets low and still have everything we want." The 2003 prom will include a D.J., a live band, plenty of food, and a huge dance floor.
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Nathan Corley and Jim Futhey, both juniors, decide to give the blow up superman doll a good luck kiss before hanging it from the ceiling of the senior entrance. This was the designated area for the juniors to decorate during spirit week.

Becca Keller, junior, decides to protect the newly tiled floor by lying down newspaper before she starts painting. Keller spent many after school hours, along several other juniors, working hard and preparing for Turkey Day festivities.

John Ziegler, senior, is putting masking tape on the back side of a Batman logo. The logo was later hung in the senior hallway during Turkey Day spirit week. Over the past four years Ziegler displayed real dedication to the class of 2003 class council.

Many dedicated seniors take time out of their afternoons to stay after school and help out in class council. These seniors tied black pieces of yarn to foam bats that were later hung in the 2003 bat cave.

Anne Brockmeyer and Heather Fields, seniors, use teamwork to tear off long pieces of duct tape. These pieces of tape were used to cover the senior hallway in a black cityscape.

Carey Uxa, Chelsea Detrick, and Jenny Walker, seniors, work on decorations for the senior hallway in Mrs. Genovese's room. The task at hand was painting orange windows on black boxes that would later form skyscrapers.

Senior Class Council
The sounds of vocal music could be heard almost every hour of the day in the music department. Webster's vocal music flourished through its five choral groups that each required auditions by talented singers.

All choirs, with the exception of Madd Jazz, are taken as a fine art credit during the school day. The two youngest singing groups, Freshaires, which consisted of freshmen, and Trebleaires, which was mostly sophomores, were the only two choir groups that were all female. The most advanced choir class was Concert Choir, which was for men and women in the junior and senior classes. The singing and dancing choir group was Show Choir. In Show Choir, students learned choreography and performed several additional events throughout the year. Madd Jazz met only after school and was a very select choir group of men and women.

This year, a couple of changes were noticed in the music department. A new face was added to the department as Scott Kinworthy took over as the new Choir Director for all choir groups. In January, however, Mr. Kinworthy, a reservist, had to take a leave of absence because he was called up for active duty as the United States prepared for war with Iraq. The second change was Show Choir singing and dancing in their new costumes for both the men and women.

Not only did the choirs perform in winter and spring concerts, and the Broadway Dinner Theater; they also performed at MIOS (Music In Our Schools) Festivals, a holiday concert, district schools, holiday events, and competitions. Over spring break Trebleaires, Concert Choir, Show Choir, and Madd Jazz said aloha to WGHS and traveled to Hawaii for a competition and fun in the sun.
Meg Strange, freshman, sings a new piece during the winter choral assembly, while looking out at the large number of audience members. This was the Freshaires first concert in front of the student body.

Alicia Peirce, Alison Levitz-Jones, and Molly Clarke, freshmen, watch Mr. Kinworthy as they prepare for the next song.

Brance Bulard, sophomore, shows off the new show choir attire during the winter choral assembly. In addition to the singing, show choir also performed choreographed dance routines.

Brittany Bandy, senior, sings out during practice for concert choir. After practicing scales at the beginning of the hour, Bandy and fellow choir members got out sheet music.

Concert Choir members of all ages practice together after learning a new piece. Having older choir members gives the new members the confidence to sing out.

Members of Concert Choir, join together third hour to practice for their upcoming concerts. After spending the first part of the class period warming up, they worked on individual songs that needed improvement.
Always the perfectionist, band leader Mr. Cole gives suggestions and directions to jazz band members Drew Spiegel, senior, Kelly Moore, junior, Lauren Burke, senior, and Celeste Levitz-Jones, junior.

Megan Day, junior, pays attention to her sheet music as she plays along with the rest of the band during one of their hour long, morning practices.

Preparing for their concert on February 13 Mike Pitts and John Ziegler, seniors, rehearse in the band room at a night practice.

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Jacob Crist, sophomore, plays his saxophone with the band. They practiced long and hard to be able to play well in such a large group. When the band was all together practices were always an adventure because of the large number of people.

Nick Neutzling, junior, strums his guitar at an after school Jazz 3 practice. The band's hard work paid off at their multiple performances throughout the year.
Many students who participated in Marching Band and House Horns didn’t get enough musical euphoria for the year. Second semester those devoted students joined Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band. They had practices first hour, but once a week they’d tear themselves out of bed a half-hour earlier.

These practices weren’t only beneficial to school concerts and performances, but also prepared many students to play in what they considered “almost professional” orchestras. Ten students played their hearts out at YPCO, YPSO and Youth ensemble, which are local, very renowned orchestras in St. Louis. The music enthusiasts spent numerous of hours playing their best for plenty of crowds, but Webster students knew that they were the number one audience.

School spirit was something Pep Band was not short of. Travis Norman and Ryan Smith, seniors, Brandon Gross, sophomore, Katie Rommeler, senior, and Melanie Stolzenburg, junior, perform in front of the school at the Turkey Day Pep Assembly. Each year, the pep band performed at the Pep Assembly and was a favorite of the crowd.

Drew Thompson, Molly Fasterling, juniors, and Fiona Carmody, sophomore, add pizzazz to the clarinet section while practicing for an upcoming concert.

Trombone in hand, B.J. Heuermann takes a quick nap during his first hour band class. As Heuermann slept, the rest of the practice continued on.
They've got Character

Amy Nieman, junior, listens to Tim Dribbin, junior, as he gives suggestions to the group for organizing Mix-it-up Day. Dribbin participated in ABC and peer helpers, so he shared tips with both groups to help organize Mix-it-up Day.

Leslie Johnson, senior, and Mike Carmanna, junior, listen to Erica Pratt, junior, President of ABC. After handing out footballs to sell for MDA, Pratt informed the members of the events they would do in the future.

Scheduling a time to make a banner for Mix it Up day, Phil Gill and Claire Botnick, juniors discuss where the banner should hang. ABC wanted the banner to be in the perfect spot, so students would participate in another successful Mix-it-up Day.

Hailey Watson, junior, enjoys one of many early meetings ABC had this year. During the Tuesday morning meeting, sponsor Mr. Raimondo told the group about the upcoming project: Celebrating Differences.

Acting to Build Character (ABC), members had a big job on their hands. With the help of Mr. Selk and Mr. Raimondo, their sponsors, these students did a lot for our school. Each month ABC chose a character trait, from integrity to honesty, to promote good character throughout the school.

This year, ABC also participated in Red Ribbon week to make Webster a drug-free school. Along with these things, this year they assisted peer helpers with organizing the first mix it up day, which was very successful. Mix it up day allowed students to sit with people they wouldn’t normally eat lunch with. For the members of ABC the group is more than just a club. “It was a great year, the people that were involved actually cared about what we did and were willing to put effort into it,” said President Erica Pratt, junior.
Actions Speak

The students for awareness and action, or simply SAA, is an organization whose goal is to make students realize educational, social, political, and economic issues that impact their lives.

For many years, SAA has hosted the Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly. The assembly consists of skits and speeches from students. "It's very rewarding to help preserve the memory of someone as influential as Dr. King. It's really an honor," said Fallon Scales, junior.

During a meeting of SAA, Ms. Hassler and Kharole Compere, sophomore, think over their plans for the Martin Luther King Jr. assembly. Each year SAA ties in a theme to go along with the assembly to show the significance of the holiday.

Jorde Blackwell and Alicia Turner, juniors, listen and discuss ideas for the theme of the 2003 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. assembly. The assembly was held on April 4th rather than on its original date due to school being cancelled because of a broken water pipe.

Ms. Hassler and Jorde Blackwell, junior, think over their plans for the MLK assembly. "SAA is a good way to get involved in school. It also gives people an insight into other ethnic groups," said Blackwell.

Myisha Sims, junior, takes down her ideas for organizing the Martin Luther King Jr. assembly at an after school meeting of SAA on February 18.

"SAA is a good experience for everyone. It's a lot of fun too," said Tiffany Esters, sophomore. SAA got students involved in an extra curricular activity and gave them a chance to talk about the impact that some important issues had on our lives.

SAA, students for awareness and action, get involved by inspiring students to become aware of differences in their lives. Alicia Turner, junior takes down ideas for their upcoming assembly.
Yackety YAC

With only one year under their belt, Youth advisory Council (YAC) came together this year to voice their opinions to the community. Last year, Unite 2000, a committee of adults organized by the city council, asked these students of WGHS to help prevent drug and alcohol use in the school. YAC members voiced their concerns and those of other students to encourage communication between the community and school.

In an effort to start an after school program at the Rec center, YAC administered surveys for Unite 2000. It asked many questions to find out what students do in their free time. The rec could provide a safe environment to hang out at after school.

Although YAC was a small organization they did their best to make it a productive and rewarding year. "The coat drive was really successful, this year has paved the way for the club in the future," said Foster Bond, junior,
Say it loud

Speech club was a very unique organization that helped students improve their communication and debate skills. This year the club put the most energy into preparing for their debate competitions. While the whole group focused their minds towards debate, some also worked on individual interests such as acting or public speaking.

The group met in Mr. Osterburg’s classroom and was a good way for students to improve speaking in front of a group of people. It was also a good way to have fun after school with something that was academically challenging.

Nathan Beck, freshman, tries to get his point across during a practice session during one of Speech Club’s meetings. He debated and argued so he could eventually win the debate.

Chris Swanson, freshman works to persuade his audience during debate practice after school. The Speech Club met in Mr. Osterburg’s room to practice for their competitions.

Sarah Frazier, freshman, argues her view until the bitter end of her debate. She debated against her peers to get practice for a competition with students from other schools around the area.
It's a Small World After All!

The International Club is a mix of people that come from all over the globe. It includes all of the foreign exchange students and others who are interested in learning about what it is like to live in other parts of the world. “It's nice because you meet different people there who are interested about other cultures. It's also a good place to make friends,” said Julia Rosa, a senior from Brazil.

The club also takes multiple field trips around St. Louis and Webster Groves. They have been to the St. Louis Zoo, visited a haunted house, and they took a tour of Webster Groves. Club members also help to beautify the high school during campus clean-ups.

Hrvoje Brumen, senior, an exchange student from Croatia, and Julia Rosa, senior, an exchange student from Brazil, create collages about themselves. Foreign Exchange students did this at the beginning of the year to get to know each other. “It was not hard to make friends at all, like it was easy,” said Brumen.

Jack Chenault, freshmen, Lauren Pey, Katie Palazzolo, and Sarah Breidenbach, sophomores, meet to chat about different countries and cultures. Members of the International Club met after school on Tuesdays.

Dowon Kyung, and Vanessa Renza, got to know each other with the help of the International Club. International Club planned activities for the exchange students on the weekends. “It helped to get to know each other,” said Kyung.
You Write the Book

For all the budding writers, poets, photographers, and artists who thought there was no outlet at Webster for their talents the was the Literary Magazine. The publication, sponsored by Mr. Gallagher, set out to do be that outlet and produce a book of various writings and works of art that was all created by students. The staff collected submissions, reviewed, and edited them and produced the Literary magazine that was distributed with the Echo newspaper. Even though they worked with a small staff, they were dedicated to the magazine and proud of the finished product.

"I like that the Magazine gives people an outlet for their creativity, and it gives people a chance to see what other people's abilities are," said Jenny Wilson, senior. Working on the literary magazine was something colleges looked favorably upon.

"I enjoy going to the meetings and discussing people's writings with the group," said Sarah Clark, junior. This was Clark's first year participating in the Literary Magazine, and she hoped that students respected and appreciated the writings submitted.

Members of the club watch Mr. Gallagher as he looks over their ideas. All year, the literary magazine looked for ways to increase the amount of stories and poems submitted.

In an after school meeting in Mr. Gallagher's room, Racheal Finkelstein, junior, and Lacy Stevenson, sophomore, brainstorm for ideas on what to put on their next group poster. The poster will be hung around school.

Demonstrating a way to hang their poster, Fiona Carmody, sophomore, receives feedback from her fellow Literary Magazine members. Maggie McReynolds, senior, responds with laughter. They were hoping to receive more submissions before their next publication.

"I like hearing people's different perspectives on various works that are submitted to the literary magazine," said Polly Omura, senior. Literary magazine members met often to discuss and edit the writings.
Every spring a new group of students is invited to join NHS, a club committed to helping the community. In order to be an inductee, one must have had a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 in five semesters and been an outstanding student. Teacher recommendations were also required.

NHS was responsible for many activities such as a blood drive held in the spring, a toiletry drive to benefit the needy, and participation at soup kitchens.

NHS took a trip to Places For People on February 8 and 9 to volunteer. Places For People was a shelter where unfortunate people could come for comfort every day, including holidays. NHS members helped to decorate the building for the Valentine's Day party and also baked cookies. Each person also got the opportunity to meet and do things with the individuals there. Some activities they participated in were playing cards, playing pool, and getting to know each other. "It was really cool," said Travis Norman, senior and president of NHS. "I even got a hug."

The group met once a month before school to plan their activities. "NHS is a great opportunity to get students involved around the community and it also looks good on college applications," said Leslie Marecek, senior.

Julie Cunningham and Carey Uxa, seniors, have a conversation during a meeting on February 4 in the cafeteria. "It's nice to be in an organization where the members are focused on helping others," said Uxa.

Jenny Wilson, Kelly Furlong, and Travis Norman, seniors, help out at Places For People by making sugar cookies. They helped to prepare for the Valentine's Day party that the visitors of the center participated in.

Steve Greene, senior, plays some pool with a new friend at Places For People, a center dedicated to helping folks. This was one of the various activities NHS participated in during the course of the year.

During one of the NHS meetings Danielle Leone, senior, signs her name on the attendance sheet in the cafeteria. The club met once or twice a month to plan and discuss senior projects.
Working for a Brighter Tomorrow

Peer Helpers was a group of students who joined together to help educate kids at the elementary schools about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Students involved in Peer Helpers went and visited nearby elementary schools and presented to them information about the dangers of smoking, drinking and doing drugs. "It's really rewarding to know that something you did can help make a difference in someone's life." said Ali Macon, junior.

Ms. Meier, Peer Helpers' sponsor, helped them with their presentations so they could be as affective as possible. Meier helped them to get the scientific facts correct so they gave the elementary school students accurate information.

To show kids the dangers of smoking, Peer Helpers used props to emphasize their points. Ms. Meyer shows Laura Wilding, junior, the diseased lung of a smoker.

Josh Boling, sophomore, listens to the instructions given to him by the Peer Helpers sponsor, Ms. Meyer, during a workshop which would help prepare them to talk to elementary school children about the dangers of smoking cigarettes.

Graham Knight, junior, prepares himself and his teammates for the trust fall. Knight had to fall into his teammates arms, and trust them not to drop him. Students involved in Peer Helpers often did team building activities in order to keep their group as united as possible.

Ali Macon and Hallie Clyde-Rich, juniors, work hard on their presentation for elementary school kids. Peer Helpers had to prepare and practice everything that they wanted to teach the kids.

Molly Fasterling, Tim Dribben, juniors, and Akira Davis, sophomore, work together on their anti-smoking presentations. They were given packets of information about smoking to use as resources.
Brrr, it's cold in here!

With the leadership provided by six seniors on the squad, the hockey cheerleaders developed a close bond not only with each other, but with the hockey team as well. Each cheerleader was assigned a hockey player, for whom they bought a little something for to psych them up for the game. "The year was fun. I like being on the squad with the five other seniors because they're all my close friends," said Marina Kulish, senior and co-captain.

In addition to cheering at games, the cheerleaders also participated in a competition in January, and Spirit Day in September. At Spirit Day, all hockey cheerleading squads met at Kirkwood Park to learn new cheers for the season.

"The squad became like a family to me because of everything we did together this year," said Kulish.
The third season for the women's racquetball team was a very successful one, with the team posting a five to five record. The players consisted of seniors Terry Crist and Hana Videen; juniors Molly Fasterling, Jennie Adolf, and Celeste Levitz-Jones; and sophomore Marian Klemm; the coach was Susan Adolf. The Stateswomen defeated Kirkwood, Visitation, Parkway West, and St. Joseph's, with the team defeating St. Joseph's twice; crushing them 5-0 on December 3 and eking out a close 3-2 second victory for their last match of the season on January 30. All the returning players had vastly improved records, with the best individual records being posted by Jennie Adolf, 8-1, and Molly Fasterling, 8-2. The team practiced at Concord Racquet Club twice a week, with matches being held at numerous clubs throughout St. Louis County. Terry Crist, Hana Videen, Jennie Adolf, and Marian Klemm competed in the Missouri State High School Racquetball Tournament, with Terry Crist making it to the round of 16 before she was finally defeated.

2002 marked the first year for the Webster Groves Statesmen Men's Racquetball team. All juniors, the 5 students were quick to pick up on all the different ways a small racquetball can travel around a 4-sided court at speeds of 90 mph. Learning a power serve, the 4 offensive shots and optimal positioning on the court, the men were able to hold their own as a Junior Varsity team among area high schools. And they managed to have a great time while doing it! The newly formed men's racquetball team had a season running from November to the end of January with state competition the beginning of February. While it took a lot of practice to learn all the nuances of this exciting sport, it was quite easy to learn the fundamentals.

As the men's racquetball team looked toward the 2003 season they were hoping to field a varsity squad, and a junior varsity I and II team.
Lesley Bley, junior, reads a story book to children in the Statesmen Preschool. Students in Ms. Stromberg’s childhood development class got to work in the preschool as part of the class. As a student in Advanced Childhood Development, Bley got to plan lessons for and spend more time with the kids. Advanced Chemistry students, Liz Spiegel, Amy Nieman, and Noah Spiegel, juniors, marvel at the orange and black substance in their graduated cylinder. Later that week members of Ms. Ahern’s Advanced Chemistry class performed this spirited experiment at the Turkey Day Assembly. Physical education has always provided students with an outlet for excess energy during the school day. Here Kira Brandt, sophomore, enjoys a game of basketball during Mr. Manwarring’s second hour P.E. class. Throughout the year this and other gym classes organized their own games of sports like volleyball, mattball, and ultimate frisbee.

Rebecca Zazove and Merin Kern, seniors, voice their opinion in Mrs. Moore’s discussion based Women and Gender Studies class.

To get a better look, Andrea Giles, sophomore, holds her project up to the window in Dr. Drake’s Basic Art class.
Mr. Dunn, math teacher, savours some easy cheese from the stash under his desk.

Amber Watkins, senior, creates a masterpiece on the throwing wheel in Ms. Antrim’s ceramics class.

With the advice of English teacher Ms. Shaw, Lindsey Williams, junior, tackles her vocabulary worksheet.

With calculator at hand, Charles Fasterling, senior, works hard on his calculus in Mr. Washington's math class.

During his plan period, Mr. Dunn, math teacher, savours some easy cheese from the stash under his desk.
They Blinded Me With Science

Students learn science through Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

From dissecting a squid to experimenting in a laboratory, the science department offered a variety of over 20 courses to choose from for the little scientist in everyone. To graduate, each student must have taken one year of biological science and one year of physical science. However, beyond the standard biology, chemistry, and physics classes, some students took additional classes in a career field that interested them or just for fun.

Life science classes such as Animal Behavior, Microbiology, Genetics, Human Anatomy, Plants and People, and Global Science were choices the biology student could choose from.

The most popular class for that curious chemist was Ms. Hencken's Forensic Science class. Students investigated scientific methods used to solve crime scenes.

For the student who didn't mind coming to school at 4 a.m. to study the galaxies, Mr. Yates' Astronomy class was the one for them. Also offered in the spring semester only, was Meteorology for future meteorologists. In this class students studied weather patterns using mathematical predictions.
Mary Bathani and Heather Riney, juniors, work together to perform the experiment correctly in Ms. Skouby’s seventh hour General Chemistry class. Students were required to wear safety goggles to protect their eyes from harmful chemicals.

Jessica Caston and Jason Ingram, sophomores, write down their observations about their specimens in Mrs. Kadner’s biology class. Mrs. Kadner taught her students how to properly adjust the lenses and handle the microscopes before using them.

Katie Davis, Tim Dribin, and Mike Cunningham, juniors, have fun making butter in Mrs. Ahern’s Advanced Chemistry class. In the background, Mrs. Ahern played “Shake Your Groove Thang” to get her students excited about the lab.

Mr. Wojak, physics teacher, helps his students Melica Ladd and Mike Odman, juniors, to solve one of his many complicated problems in his Physics A class. Mr. Wojak also used songs to help his students understand physics.

Mr. Wieland steps back with surprise as Kohl Martin, sophomore, demonstrates a bright fire experiment to his General Chemistry class. Mr. Wieland used demonstrations in his classes to help his students understand the material better.
We Are the World

Whether taking German, Latin, French, Spanish or Japanese, it often seemed like a daunting task to take on a whole new language. It could be very overwhelming, but most students got through it and surprised themselves. Many students took advantage of the chance to begin in middle school and got a two year head start. If they continued through the four years in high school, students could be up to Spanish and French AP levels by their senior year.

If students planned to continue their language in college or hoped to be fluent one day, this was a great opportunity. "I wanted to follow through with French even though it's been hard the past couple years. I've grown to love it, and I'll probably take French in college," said Sarah Teczar, senior and French VI student. Samantha Niemoeller, senior, continued to take French, "because it's very useful for literature and it's so pretty and lyrical. But it's not as practical as Spanish is for living in the U.S." Hana Videen, senior and Spanish VI student, hoped to use it when she travels to a foreign country so she will be able to communicate.

Foreign language classes were a great opportunity to learn about another culture, cultivate a new way of speaking, and realize that there is so much more in the world to experience.

Sarah McCann staples up her thoughts in Ms. Carmell's Spanish VI class. Around the holiday time, it seemed fitting for the students to write their recommendations on how to help with world peace.

Jenny Weber thumbs through the Fodor's Paris Guide for her French research project. French VI required much more application of the language including a final research project, reading, and lectures.

As far east as Japan and as far west as Germany... five different languages were taught at Webster.

J'aie pris la classe de francais parce que j'aime les garçons francais.

I took french class because I like french boys.

- Ashley Fields, freshman

Meine familie ist Deutsch und es ist nicht Französisch oder Spanisch.

My family is german and not french or spanish.

- Katie Rahmoeller, senior

Nihon ni ikitai.

I want to go to Japan.

- Brian Smith, senior

I took spanish class because I wanted to learn about spanish culture.

- Francesca Noero, freshman
Many students were rushed to make it to school by 7:55 and had no time to eat. The McDonald's drive through was popular for students on the go. Mariah Collins, sophomore, enjoys her Egg McMuffin during Spanish class.

Graham Pursell, senior, focuses his attention on Frau Sittman during his German IV class. Being a small class of only six made for a laid back working environment.

During Videen Sensei's Japanese class, Mandy Schwab and Christy Emory, freshmen, assist Ally Wehrman, freshman, get into full Japanese attire. Short of the tiny shoes and excessive make-up, she looked very authentic in her floral kimono.
Just take a look, it's in a book, it's reading rainbow!

"It's time once again for another exciting installment of Mr. Leftridge's trivia challenge! Let's go to the board!" This phrase couldn't be heard booming through Mr. Leftridge's' classroom every Friday. This aspect of his class, was a favorite activity of those in his class. Not only could one learn English, but facts that may or may not be useful.

"I started playing trivia, because I like trivia, and I had about fifteen minutes of class to fill up. So, I decided to make a game out of it," stated Mr. Leftridge.

Even though, most of the time trivia had nothing to do with English, Mr. Leftridge sometimes focused the game on a book that the students were currently studying, to prepare them for an upcoming test.

"Trivia Challenge became really popular, students start asking me about it at the beginning of the week." said Leftridge.

Trivia was a fun, good way to get the students involved in class. It also gave them an incentive to make it to the end of the week. Not all English classes were this exciting, but one will never know.

Jenny Weber, senior, expresses her opinions during Ms. Moore's Women Gender and Diversity class. Much of the time, the class is based on a class discussion.

Mrs. Walters helps Rekita Henderson, freshman, during Language and Literature. Mrs. Walters helped students with their vocabulary assignment.
Dwayne Robinson, Jeremy McCluer, and Jay Robinson, sophomores listen to Ms. Phillips talk about a current book, during a World Literature class.

Mr. Mendelson gets his point across to Mitch Greene, junior, with a rolled up piece of paper during an Honors US Studies class. Mendelson joked around with his students often.

Max Bouvatte, sophomore, takes a break during Continents and Cultures. This class was both an English and History class taught by Ms. Christoffersen and Mr. Kirschman.

Emily Duckworth, and Katie Hansen, seniors, give their Jane Austin report in their colonial style clothes during British Literature. Ms. Brewster's groups of students all found creative ways to portray Jane Austin.

Sarah Teczar, senior, takes notes during AP British Literature in Ms. Brewsters room. Taking notes was a common activity that took place in most English classes daily.
During Ken Winningham's fifth hour psychology class, Eric Dunn, math teacher, takes a break from his math curriculum to pose as a student and catch up on the workings of the human mind.

Jay Sonderman, senior, and Mike Lane, junior, took a day off from desks and decide to rest comfortably on the heater and take notes during Mr. Verstraete's 2nd hour class.

With the latest technology, Mr. Gallagher teaches his class by using a Power Point presentation. Luke Sandman and Zach Goebel, sophomores, follow along with the presentation.

Missy Herbert, senior, pays close attention to an interesting military video. Missy had to make sure to catch the answers for the worksheet given to her to go along with the video.
Being that there was such a vast variety of unique classes offered in the social studies department, there were always lots of fun and interesting things to say about them. Ranging from psychology to sociology to world civilization, one could learn anything from inherited folk sciences to the history of the constitution. With the talented line up of teachers, students who completed a class had the chance to leave satisfied and confident about their knowledge on a subject. In addition to the intense classes offered by the social studies department, philosophy was added this year to help widen students' selections. With the social studies department increase in size it was able to fulfill more of the students interests.
Behind the Music Teacher
There was more to the new choir teacher than singing

Fine Arts helped students to develop their skills in music, drawing, ceramics, photography and more. This year Webster Groves had two new fine arts teachers come on board. Ms. Zoller was hired to teach Drama and Mr. Kinworthy received the job of conducting the choirs.

Unfortunately for Webster Groves High School, Mr. Kinworthy's year was shorter than expected. On Friday, January 31, all members of the high school choirs were called to the auditorium to hear the news that Kinworthy was being called to active military service. Kinworthy was enlisted in the army reserves and was called on to fulfill his duty to his country as the United States prepared for a possible war with Iraq. "For a lot of the choir students, Mr. Kinworthy leaving us brought the war in Iraq home. Before, it seemed to be a faceless enemy, but now the threat of war seems so much more realistic." said Rachel Leahy, senior.

Ethan Belloli, sophomore uses masking tape to finish his mold during Ceramics. After completing it, Belloli covered his mold with clay.

Maliea Croy, junior, works on a piece in Drawing and Painting class. Croy practiced her techniques under the direction of Mr. Throm.

Maggie Rahmoeller, freshman, concentrates on her work in Basic Art. After making a small error in her cartoon, she quickly erased the mistake before moving on with the project.

Julie Cunningham, senior, and Ben Hughes, freshman, place the finishing touches on their Turkey Day banners. Each student in Mrs. Genovese's 3rd hour art class made a personalized banner to show their spirit for the Statesmen.

Kate Edgar, sophomore, dips her paint brush into the palette in Art Club. Working with the color wheel from Mrs. Genovese's class, she painted her own masterpiece.

Sarah Clark, junior, works on her drawing during Art Club. Every Tuesday after school, the group met with Mr. Throm.

Laura Hastie, sophomore, sketches during Dr. Drake's Basic Art class. After completing gray scales and color wheels, Hastie moved on to a cartoon project.

Sophomore members of Trebleairs practice during the school day. Under the instruction of Mr. Kinworthy they prepared for their upcoming winter concert.
Ben Unger, junior, strikes a pose in his Drama class. Under the instruction of new teacher, Ms. Zoller, Unger played his role in a game during class. Classmates watched as they prepared for their turn.

Chris Smith, junior, begins his project in Ceramics class. After wedging his clay, Smith gets the excess moisture out of the clay kneading it on the cloth table.
This year was the first year Webster Groves High School offered a Fashion Design class. The class was offered through the FACS department and was considered a practical arts credit. The class was similar to the very popular clothing construction class, but included in depth research on different clothing styles. The class was a semester long which was broken down into nine weeks of textbook work and research and nine weeks of sewing. The students were also given the opportunity to create their own styles of clothing on paper, to show off their creative abilities. They also got the chance to make purses out of denim scraps. Overall, this new class was perfect for students interested in fashion and it gave them a chance to express their ideas and show their talent through something tangible.
Sandra Martell, Sophomore, carefully maneuvers wood on the table saw under Mr. O'Tool's supervision. In woods and construction, students constructed things from bookshelves to cutting boards.

Rachel Green, senior, colors with a pre-schooler during the children's play time. Green, who had a two hour internship in the preschool, helped plan activities for the kids.

Peter Koehlinger, Senior, checks the belt in a car donated to the auto maintenance class. In auto maintenance, students learned everything about how to buy a used car to changing the oil to safety precautions.

Antoinette Lawrence, Junior, stirs her chili to perfection. Along with her classmates, Lawrence spent the semester improving her cooking skills.
Let's Get Physical

Students learn that physical education lasts a lifetime.

Teaching the life long lessons of staying fit and being healthy are the goals physical education teachers tried to reach. “Physical education is important to teach because it gets students in the habit of being healthy for the rest of their lives,” said David Cady, outdoor education teacher.

“I thought that I would hate having to dress out everyday, but it is really a nice break,” said Jenny Brown, junior. Stress acquired through out the day can be taken out in gym. “Sometimes the mental benefits of exercise exceed the physical ones,” said Jerry Collins, health and weight training teacher.

Students also got the chance to do many things that they may have never had the opportunity to do before. In outdoor education students could rappel of the side of the school, learn how to cook on a campfire, and practice rock climbing on a climbing wall in the gym.
Rappelling off the side of Roberts Gym, Patrick Dillon, senior, tries to ease himself down the wall. Students in this outdoor education class got to climb onto the roof.

Climbing the ladder, Alex Oneil, sophomore, arrives on the roof and receives a chance to rappel off the side of the high school building.

In his physical education class Tyler Edgerton, sophomore, practices his soccer skills.

Getting stronger, Eugene Barrow, freshman, does his push-ups in Robert's Gym.

Doing his chin-ups, Mathew Brauer, freshman, hangs out in his weight training class 2nd hour.
Math classes vary from year to year, but this year a new course for math became available at the high school. Instead of bringing a pencil and notebook to class, the students in the Math Tech class, taught by Ms. Fillion, could construct graphs and learn information about real life problems. Research is done on the Internet and through graphs and spreadsheets. For students who were looking for something fun and somewhat different than a regular math class Math Tech filled the bill. It was held in the business lab during the second hour of the day. "I like this math class because it is different than my past ones and I can teach myself more and the computer can correct my answer," said Corey Graves, senior.
Sarah Cowin and Tim Carlson, seniors, work on math problems in their computer math course with teacher Ms. Fillion. They worked out the problems on paper before entering them in the computer.

Mr. Grote works with his geometry student Fletcher Johnson on a problem during his second hour class. Grote often took time out to help the students with their homework and classwork individually.

The prankster of the math department got caught in action. Mr. Dunn gets tied up by his own students and beaten with rulers in his Algebra II-Trig class.

Jennise McKay, senior, works on her math problems for her math tech class. She concentrated hard on her final answer before entering her problem on the computer.
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10. Markita Luster
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224. John Ziegler
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Rich,

Wether it was your game face for a showdown or a strikeout, you're always #1 in my eyes. Wishing you success and happiness always.

Love,
Your #1 supporting Dad

To Erin,

Like Elton John Said:

How wonderful life is with you in our world!

We love you!
Mom & Dad

To the greatest kids in the world, you have so much to feel good about.

Carey,
CONGRATULATIONS on graduating, you did an outstanding job, good luck at college...

Ehren,
You're so unique, no doubt you'll write your own ticket...

Brendan,
Your first year in high school was exceptional, there's no doubt about your future...

Love, your parents,
Michael & Lisa
Meghan:
You qualified for the State cross-country meet 3 years in a row. Your placement in the race is not as important as the journey you took to get there. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom & Dad

Emily-

The past 18 years have been a wondrous time with you. Whether you were claiming the Christmas party cookies for your half-birthday or "buying" a new fence on McKnight Road, it's always been...an adventure! Thanks for many mirthful moments; you're just the best! God Bless you.

We love you tons-
Mom, Dad,
Colin, Anne and Tim

Ryan-

May you experience all the love, happiness, and joy in your future that you have given to us- GO NAVY!

Love-
Mom & Dad

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Lisa,

Wherever you go in the big, whide world—remember, "We love you, Lisa Bisa Boo!" We’re very proud of you and there’s nothing you can’t do.

xxxooooxxoxo

Mom & Dad

Nikki

What a great kid
smart, responsible, fun, happy, always smiling

What a beautiful girl.
So loving, helpful and full of wit.

What a wonderful young woman.
Lots of friends, makes good choices, and stands her ground.

Nikki we love you and hope and pray for all the best in your life.

LUF
Mom

"...Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life’s longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you, yet they belong not to you.
You may give them your love but not your thoughts.
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow;
Which you cannot visit,
Not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them,
But seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward
Nor tarries with yesterday..."
Taken from: “The Prophet,” (on Children) by Khalil Gibran

Erin,

We cherish the privilege of being your family.
We admire your unique vision & great integrity. The world is yours! Congratulations, Graduate!
With love, Mom, Dad, Jon & Grandma
Aunts, Uncles & Cousins
John...

Always a man of distinction.

We Love you.
Mutti, Vati, Mary, Martha, Mitzi and Ginger

The Dream Catcher

Love,
Mom & Bub

Lisa-

Have fun in college.
I'll really miss you!
Love,
Jon

Love,
Mom & Bub
What a joy it has been watching you continually grow both academically and athletically. We are so proud of all you have accomplished!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Katie:
Your smile and love for life has given us great joy, now share your joy with others throughout the world.

Philippians 4:13

Isaiah 55:12

Much love, Mom & Dad

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And- which is more- you'll be a man, my son!
-Kipling

Congratulations Andrew!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Glen
As the parents of a beautiful baby girl, we thought our feelings of pride and love could not grow any greater... As the parents of a beautiful young woman, you’ve proven us wrong. No parents could possibly be any prouder or feel any greater love than we do for you. We look at the person you’ve become and know that we did something right with our lives.

We love you to the moon...and back.
Mom & Dad

Thanks for giving us something to smile about
we love you!
Hannah & Ari

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Good Luck
Class of 2003

From the Junior Skatesmen
Our little Strumfy is all grown up! Through all the dances, laughs, and times that weren’t funny, we have been lucky to have a sister as Strumfylicious as you!

We love and are so proud of you
Tarra, Angela and Ashley

Way to Go Alex!
...You kept on moving

Inner beauty
and strength

A warm heart
and generous spirit

Rachael,
You have grown into a lovely young woman. We’ve treasured the moments. You have accomplished so much, and your future is bright. Continue to dream— you have what it takes to make it happen! We are all so proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Sarah

With love from: Mom and Dad
Aleah, Elissa, Jessa, Greg, Anthony and Nathaniel, Gaga, Melanie and Dave, Daniel and Julia
Gaitlin,

You have been my joy. I am proud of you and I love you.

Mom

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined."

- Thoreau

Caitlin,

You have been my joy. I am proud of you and I love you.

Mom

...and now you really are ready to go. So begin this new journey with our blessing and love. You've made us very proud and you've grown into a strong, honest, accomplished young man. The world is at your doorstep. Make the best of it. Thank you for being a terrific son and brother.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Josh and Jonathan

Congratulations Maggie!

We are so proud of the strong, talented woman you have become. Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Claire, Michael and Kipper
Andy a.k.a. Cookie, Blue Eyes,
Best of luck to a great all around kid and super athlete. We've enjoyed watching you these past four years on and off the field. Hope your dreams become a reality.
Love,
Your Proud Family

Oy Vey! Our seedling blossomed overnight into a sunflower. "Sunrise, Sunset"...(sniff)
We all love you,
Sarah Nicole Schwartz
Mom & Dad

Congratulations Kelly!
We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. You've grown to become a beautiful, spirited and independent young woman. We wish you all the success the world can provide.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Michael

Prouder we couldn't be, We love you, Kat, you see, Wow, 18 years, you're a GRAD!
Love,
Lily, Michelle, Mom & Dad

Well, it hasn't been boring! Congrats on being the "sister" to graduate! We love you,
The Family

Julie-
We knew you could do it! You always make us proud!
Love,
Dad, Kim, Jordin, Jenna

Hannah-
We are truly blessed. You give us great joy. Congratulations and best of luck.
Love,
Dad & Mom

Todd
To our artist in the art of living... as you begin to create a life for yourself, we're so very thankful for all you've added to ours. We love you!

Mom, Dad, & Lisa
Congratulations from your entire family!

Congratulations Danielle!
In the blink of an eye you have grown into a beautiful, confident, and capable young woman. The future is yours....Make all your dreams come true.
Much Love,
Jeff, Terry, Matt, Kaity and J.J.
Dear Leonore (Chichi),

Congratulations!

You are a blessing to us, bringing into our lives more happiness than we can say. You've accomplished St. Louis City & County Supreme Queen Pageant, french horn & piano player, dancer with Shelly Mack, dancer at the Muny, International Panamanian folk dancer, Honor Roll student (4.0) every year in your schools, singer & dancer in Webster High Choir & musicals, 1st runner up in Ms. Pamama pageant in our area, optional gymnast, diver, cheerleader, track & field athlete, and Candidates Choice Winner at WG pageant. We're very proud of you. May your future be full of love and happiness.

All our love and devotion,

Mom, Dad, and Bertha
Carey "SB-AB":
You are everything we hoped for and more. You've managed to succeed beyond our wildest expectations! Thank you for being you, and giving those who you've touched with your infectious zest for life the time of our lives! You're the best travel bud a mom could have: St. John, Paris, Venice, Oregon, Chicago, The Beaches. The shoes! Oh the shoes! May your life be filled with the same light, love and joy you've brought to all of us, especially me!
Momma

Ry, Congratulations!

Wow- You made it into college
"Don't lose the dreams inside your head" (Dave Matthews)
Be a rock star!
Love,
Erica

I am going to miss you.
I get your room!
Love,
Connor
Rock on Grannies, Rock on!

Anna, Sarah, Lisa
With love from your parents

“Lots of laughing, crying, squabbling, pajama parties, birthday parties, shopping, travelling together and talking on the phone.”
“Friends know each other better than they know themselves.”
Congrats Graduates!

Maggie,
We are proud of the young woman you have become.
Keep your warm smile and generous heart, and all your dreams will come true.
Work hard, play hard!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Nat, Rosie and Callie
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Love,
Dad

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Danielle,

The world is yours to explore. Follow your dreams, use your mind to be happy. And know you are always loved...

Mom, Dad, Nicole, and Jamie

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Thanks for taking this on and for keeping things from falling through the cracks.

Hannah, Julia, Katie, Kelly, Rachel, Brett,
Leslie, Lindsay, Leslie, Nicole, and Ali,
Thanks for all the hours and effort.

You all stepped up. I told you you would be heros

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Congratulations on scoring the winning field goal that propelled WG to the playoffs.

The fans also enjoyed watching you on the other school teams for soccer, wrestling, baseball, and golf.

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All the best,
Linda
300 rolls of film later there are more pictures and faces than there are stories and spaces...

...And the hits keep coming
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Chris Dickie, junior

Corey Taylor, sophomore

Stephanie O'Brien, sophomore

Brett Marren, sophomore

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Whether you thumb through this book, or read and scrutinize every caption, story and picture, your yearbook is an undeniable collection of the greatest hits of 2002-2003. Here on these pages is the record of a year. At first it seems easy to remember; the classes, events, games, activities, and friends still hold a prominent place in your mind. However, some day the faces and memories will begin to fade, and hopefully this scrapbook of the year will help you remember... ...and never forget.
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Upon re-entry into Earth's atmosphere, NASA's space shuttle Columbia loses contact with Mission Control in Houston and breaks apart in the skies over Texas. A crew of seven astronauts, including the first Israeli in space, perished.

Bahamian oil tanker "Prestige," carrying 20 million gallons of oil, sinks off the coast of Spain. Nearly 2.6 million gallons of oil polluted the coast.

Because of improper accounting and a debt load of $41 billion, WorldCom files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, the largest in U.S. history.

Police Chief Charles Moose arrests two snipers that terrorized the Washington, D.C. area.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi becomes the first woman party leader in the House or Senate.

FBI agent Robert Hanssen receives life without parole for selling secrets to Russia.

Minnesota's Democratic Sen. Paul Wellstone is killed in a plane crash.

An earthquake measuring 7.8 magnitude rocks Colima, Mexico. Iran and Italy experienced major quakes measuring 6.3 and 5.9.
A $4 billion annual loss causes US Airways to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Rilya Wilson is missing for 13 months before Florida's child welfare realizes it.

AOL Time Warner's $54.2 billion quarterly loss is the largest in U.S. history.

Hewlett-Packard and Compaq merge to create an $87 billion global technology company.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter is awarded the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize.

Luke John Helder is arrested for planting 18 pipe bombs in mailboxes.

U.S. President George W. Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin sign an historic arms treaty calling for a two-thirds reduction of nuclear warheads.

Torrential rainfalls cause major flooding in Prague, Beijing and Lucknow, India.

Nine miners are rescued from a flooded Pennsylvania coal mine after being trapped for more than three days. The entrapment occurred after the miners accidentally broke through to an adjacent, abandoned mine containing more than 50 million gallons of water.

UCLA doctors separate Guatemalan conjoined twins in a landmark surgery that lasts more than 24 hours. The twins returned home after a five-month recovery.
Chechen rebels hold 800 people hostage in a Moscow theater. More than 100 died after inhaling gas used to end the siege.

The new architectural design for the World Trade Center site features a memorial to the Sept. 11 victims and a 1,776 foot tower, making it the world's tallest building.

Longtime Forest Service employee Terry Barton is charged with setting the largest fire in Colorado's history.

Athina Onassis Roussel inherits $1 billion on her 18th birthday.

Actor Robert Blake is arrested for the murder of his wife.

Elizabeth Smart is nabbed at gunpoint from her Salt Lake City home.

Bill Gates testifies for the first time in Microsoft's four-year antitrust trial.

The remains of intern Chandra Levy are found in a Washington, D.C. park.
McDonald's posts the first-ever quarterly loss in its 47-year history.

Germany's unemployment rate rises to a five-year high of 4.623 million.

A four-winged Microraptor fossil is found in China.

More than 120 people perish in a South Korean subway fire.

England celebrates Queen Elizabeth's 50 year reign with an unprecedented Golden Jubilee. The month-long festivities included parades, parties, concerts, exhibits and more.

The credibility of the Catholic Church is severely threatened by allegations that church officials covered up molestations by current and former priests.

OTHER NEWS

• FBI Lawyer Coleen Rowley disclosed to Congress that the FBI disregarded information that could have prevented the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

• A Chicago nightclub stampede left 21 people dead.

• A piece of the World Trade Center was buried at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, in honor of the Sept. 11 anniversary.

• Fifty-six beached pilot whales died at Chapin Beach, MA.

• Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel was convicted of the 1975 murder of Martha Moxley.

• A band's pyrotechnics ignited a Rhode Island nightclub fire that killed more than 90 people.

• R.J. Reynolds was fined $20 million for targeting cigarette ads at teens.

• U.S. wildfires burned more than 1.5 million acres in 2002.

• Former Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry was convicted of the 1963 Alabama church bombing that killed four girls.

• Florida's Pembroke Pines Charter Middle School was the only middle school in the world to have an experiment aboard Shuttle Columbia.
President Bush names Tom Ridge the Department of Homeland Security Adviser. The new department is intended to analyze threats and guard U.S. borders, airports, and infrastructure. It will also coordinate responses to national emergencies.

THE WAR ON TERRORISM

Over the course of the year, the world's attention focused on a chain of tumultuous terrorist events. In Afghanistan, the Taliban regime fell from power as U.S. troops crippled the al-Qaeda network and cleared caves in search of Osama bin Laden. World-wide, civilians and military personnel fell victim to terrorist bombs and acts of hatred. On the home front, "bioterrorism" became a common term after it was revealed that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was producing biological weapons. Hussein's defiance of United Nation's imposed sanctions prompted the United States to seek world support of military action against Iraq. Members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization wrestled over conflicting opinions on the issue, while North Korean leader Kim Jong Il threatened to deploy nuclear weapons if Iraq was attacked. As tensions rose among political leaders, the world watched and waited to see what the next chapter in "The War on Terrorism" would bring.
One million emergency and military personnel receive Smallpox vaccinations.

World-wide, terrorist linked bank accounts are frozen indefinitely.

In Afghanistan, troops overtake the Taliban regime and dismantle the al-Qaeda network. More than 156,000 U.S. troops are deployed to Kuwait in case of a war with Iraq.

World economies cringe as oil prices rise because of threats of war.

Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden evades U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Iraq's Saddam Hussein is uncooperative with U.N. weapons inspectors.

In response to a barrage of suicide bombings, Israeli troops invade Palestinian Yasser Arafat's Ramallah compound. Arafat is thought to have supported terrorist groups.

North Korea's Kim Jong Il threatens deployment of Korea's nuclear weapons.

Anti-war marches across America and around the world are attended by thousands hoping for peace.


OTHER EVENTS

- Top al-Qaeda operative Qaed Salim Sinan al-Harethi was killed during a U.S. missile strike in Yemen.
- Al-Qaeda military leader and alleged Sept. 11 mastermind, Khalili Shaikh Mohammed, was arrested in Pakistan.
- Richard Reid pled guilty to charges that accused him of trying to smuggle explosives concealed in his shoes aboard an airplane.
- "Dirty Bomber" Abdullah al Muhajir was detained after evidence indicated he was plotting to detonate a radiological weapon.
- Malaysia, Kenya and the Philippines were hit by terrorist bombs.

"Friends" wins its first Emmy for Best Comedy Series. Star Jennifer Aniston collects Golden Globe, Emmy and People's Choice awards for her role as Rachel.

Reality shows such as "The Bachelorette," "The Bachelor," "Joe Millionaire," "Survivor" and "Fear Factor" sweep the nation.

"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" earns more than $240 million.

Leonardo DiCaprio shines in "Gangs of New York" and "Catch Me if You Can."

Actor Tom Hanks receives the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Golden Globe Awards.

George Lucas's "Star Wars: Episode Two - Attack of the Clones" earns $310 million, making it 2002's No. 2 box office hit.

Kelly Clarkson beats out Justin Guarini to win her own record deal and become the first "American Idol."
Creator of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," Fred Rogers, dies at 74.

TV's "The Simpsons" airs its 300th episode during its fourteenth season.

"The Bernie Mac Show" is one of Fox's new critically acclaimed comedies.

"The Osbournes" are America's favorite heavy metal family.

Hollywood's hottest couple, Jennifer Lopez and "Daredevil" star Ben Affleck announce their engagement.


Academy Award nominated "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" becomes the largest grossing romantic comedy of all time.

"Alias" star Jennifer Garner appears on the big screen in "Daredevil" and "Catch Me if You Can."

OTHER NEWS in TV & MOVIES

• History was made in 2002 when box office totals exceeded $9 billion and more tickets were sold than in any year since the 1950s.

• Oprah Winfrey received the first-ever Bob Hope Humanitarian Award.

• Musical hit "Chicago" was nominated for 13 Academy Awards.


• Entertainers Milton Berle, James Coburn, Richard Harris, Dudley Moore and Richard Crenna died this year.
The Dixie Chicks win Favorite Album and Favorite Band, Group or Duo, Country, at the American Music Awards. They also won three Grammys including Best Country Album for "Home."

No Doubt wins the MTV Best Pop Video Award for "Hey Baby" and a Grammy for Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal. They also performed at the Superbowl XXXVII halftime show.

Michelle Branch records "The Spirit Room" featuring "Everywhere." She also won a Grammy for "The Game of Love" with Carlos Santana.


Run DMC's "Jam Master Jay" dies after being gunned down in October.

Creed wins Favorite Band, Pop/Rock and Favorite Artist, Alternative at the American Music Awards. Their album "Weathered" went platinum six times and featured "My Sacrifice."
Trey Anastasio reunites with Phish after an extended hiatus.

Avril Lavigne debuts "Let Go" featuring "Sk8er Boi" and "Complicated."

Eminem stars in "8 Mile" and releases a new album "The Eminem Show."

Lisa "Left Eye" Lopez, member of R&B trio TLC, dies in a car accident.

Bruce Springsteen and The E Street Band tour the United States and Europe following the release of their album "The Rising" which wins Best Rock Album at the Grammys.

Norah Jones is Best New Artist and wins two Grammys for her album "Come Away With Me." She also took home two Grammys for the song "Don't Know Why."

John Mayer wins the Best Male Pop Vocal Performance Grammy for "Your Body Is A Wonderland."

**OTHER NEWS in MUSIC**

- Sheryl Crow released her new record "C'mon C'mon" and won a Grammy for "Steve McQueen." She also teamed up with Kid Rock for the single "Picture."
- "Spider-man" won Favorite Soundtrack at the American Music Awards.
- Justin Timberlake launched his solo career with the album "Justified."
- Rosemary Clooney died at 74 of cancer.
- Britney Spears won Best Pop Vocal Album at the American Music Awards for her self-titled album.
- Other names in music this year include Tim McGraw, Usher, Pink, Vanessa Carlton, Eve, Shania Twain and J.Lo.
Honda designs a four-foot robot, Asimo, that knows how to walk, climb stairs, recognize voices and understand human gestures and movement. The robot operated within the human living environment, connected to the internet and provided news and weather updates.

**TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY**

- **Yoga** is a popular exercise for the mind, body and soul.
- **Honda and Toyota** introduce hybrid cars. Gas engines and electric motors powered these environmentally advanced and fuel-efficient vehicles.
- **Pepsi Twist, Vanilla Coke, Jakada Coffee Latte and Red Bull** are trendy drinks.
- **European-style sneakers and shoes** are a popular look this year.
- **Digital camcorders, DVDs and digital media receivers** are hot buys.
- **The technology industry** introduces the handheld computer.
- **Cell phones** connect to the internet, send e-mails and take pictures.
Nokia introduces "N-Gage," a video game console combined with a mobile phone. N-Gage played MP3 files, had multiplayer capabilities and could send e-mail and text messages.

Credit cards take on a new look with the Discover 2GO Card.

GPS (Global Positioning System) is a satellite-aided tracking system.

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Actors from the film "L.A. D.J." model fashion fads. Low-rise jeans, tank tops, wide belts, cargo pants, rugby shirts, 70's style clothing and terry cloth sweat suits were also popular.

Kelly Rowland is stylin' with extreme color highlights in her hair.

Advancements in laser technology give surgeons the ability to reshape the eye to reduce or eliminate the need for contact lenses and glasses.

OTHER NEWS in TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

• TiVo, a digital video recorder, allowed viewers to record their favorite shows without tapes or timers. It also had the ability to pause, rewind or replay live TV.

• The price of a 42-inch plasma television dropped to $6,000. The gas-based displays were as thin as four inches.

• Nintendo released the limited edition Platinum Game Boy Advance priced at $79.95. They also unveiled a new video game console, GameCube, which sold for $199.95.

• Scientists turned to desktop printers in an effort to produce three-dimensional tubes of living tissue. Many laboratories were printing arrays of DNA, proteins and cells.

• Segway introduced the first "Human Transporter." The upright, personal transportation device was designed to operate in any pedestrian environment and retailed at $4,950.

• The Packbot was recruited by the U.S. Army to help fight the war against terrorism. The robot transmitted images from inside caves, letting troops know if it was safe to proceed.
The Anaheim Angels celebrate their first World Series championship. They beat the San Francisco Giants in a seven-game series.

Andre Agassi wins his fourth Australian Open.

The University of Maryland claims the 2002 NCAA College Basketball Championship.

Michael Waltrip takes the flag at a rain-shortened Daytona 500. This was his second Daytona victory.

Brazil defeats Germany 2-0 in the first FIFA World Cup to be held in Asia.
Serena Williams becomes the fifth woman in history to hold all four Grand Slam tennis titles at once.

Lance Armstrong is the first American to win four consecutive Tour de France titles.

The University of Connecticut wins its 39th consecutive game and the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship by defeating Duke.

The PGA's money leaders for 2002 are Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh.

Boston Red Sox baseball legend Ted Williams dies at 83.

Baltimore Colts football great Johnny Unitas dies at 69.

Ohio State stunned Miami in double overtime to win college football's national championship.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers claim their first Super Bowl Championship with a 48-21 victory over the Oakland Raiders.

The Detroit Red Wings capture the Stanley Cup by defeating the Carolina Hurricanes.
Tasha Schwikert wins the 2002 International Women's All-Around Gymnastics Championship.

Winter X Gamers Shaun White and Gretchen Bleiler claim the gold in the Men's and Women's Superpipe.

Gary Kasparov beats a super computer after a four-hour chess match.

Annika Sorenstam is the first woman to play on the PGA tour in 58 years.

Michael Jordan announces his retirement at the NBA All Star game.

Patrick Tillman leaves his $3.6 million NFL contract to enlist in the Army.

Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and the L.A. Lakers defeat the New Jersey Nets in a 4-0 sweep of the 2002 NBA Championship series. The win was the Lakers' third consecutive title.

OTHER NEWS in SPORTS

- The University of Texas men and Auburn University women won the 2002 NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

- Minnesota Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett was named the NBA All Star MVP. Garnett led the West to victory in double overtime.


- The University of Texas defeated the University of South Carolina to win the College World Series.

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Spring Supplement

Greatest Hits


Batter Up

Injured or not, Webster baseball puts on a show

“Ladies and gentlemen, Welcome to WGHS baseball,” announced Spencer Gleason, senior, one of Webster baseball’s biggest fans and resident announcer. Gleason was one of many unique aspects of Webster baseball.

Changes this year included a new head coach, new scoreboard and two sophomores and a foreign exchange student playing on varsity. The team had a rough start losing all of their pre-season games in the Mehlville/Lindbergh Tournament. The home opener against Ladue was interrupted by thunderstorms but that didn’t stop Webster; they defeated Ladue 14-4.

Throughout the season the team was plagued by injuries, both on and off the field. Chris Ray and Jake Chicoineau, seniors, had injuries that kept them from playing their best. In the game against Clayton, T.J. Gold, senior, burst an artery in the Clayton second baseman’s leg with his spike as he was sliding back to second. Later in that inning Gold was running home when a wild throw knocked out several of the Clayton catcher’s teeth.

Only days later in the game against Rockwood Summit, catcher Tim Dribbin, junior, was knocked unconscious when he failed to see a ball that was thrown at him. Even after the ambulance had taken him away, the excitement was far from over. Webster came back from a 7-4 slump and defeated Rockwood with help from a home run by Mike Hope and a triple by Ryan Pratt.

Brian Toney, senior, pitches to a Ladue batter in the home opener. The game was played through rain and hail, showing just how tough Webster baseball players were.

Spencer Gleason, senior, Announces the game against Summit. Gleason has announced for varsity baseball for 2 years and his efforts have always motivated the team at home games.

The team gathers to congratulate Mike Hope, sophomore, for hitting a grand slam and pulling them ahead in the game. With the team’s constant support Hope was able to hit numerous home runs throughout the season.

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Steve Fuchs, sophomore, Mike Kearbey, senior, and Mike Hope, sophomore, watch intently as their teammates bat against Clayton. Webster’s offense was very strong with some unexpected players leading in hits.

Following a triple, Ryan Pratt, senior, races to beat the throw home. Pratt was able to score allowing Webster to gain the lead in the game against Rockwood.

Steve Fuchs, junior, swings away at a pitch in the game against Clayton. The baseball team worked many long hours in the batting cages to improve their offensive skills.

Catcher Blair Bozarth, junior, signals to the outfield that there are two outs. Bozarth has played on varsity for two years and has helped lead the team to many wins by keeping the team together to the field.
The future of the Webster Groves varsity baseball team depends on the freshmen and sophomores, as they worked hard to improve themselves and work together as a team. Their eventual goal is to play at varsity level. "We have a lot of talent and in a few years we'll be really good," said Brandon May, sophomore and JV player. They concentrated on working as a team so that way by the time they play on varsity they will be able to concentrate on beating other teams.

Players were strong in pitching and defense, and the year was successful overall. "Our team has jelled pretty quickly, and I think we are going to win a lot of games," said Evan Zanders, sophomore, who plays on JV.

The freshman team was also successful even in their first year playing together. They had help from a new coach, Mark Grey, who proved to be a good addition to the Webster baseball program. They were able to get to know one another quickly and all bonded well.

Overall, both teams strived to achieve success, whether it was by strengthening their skills or winning their games. The members of both teams are well on their way to becoming varsity material and have proved themselves a force to be reckoned with.
Summoning up his strength, Chris Lemming, sophomore, pitches the ball to the batter. The team worked to improve many fundamental baseball skills to become a better team.

While watching the game unfold, Sam Toole, junior, Josh Boling, and Kevin Picco, sophomores, wait in anticipation for the outcome. They were very supportive of their teammates as they batted.

During a game on April 10 against Lindbergh, Jeff Dutcher, freshman, gets a hit and proceeds to round the bases. All the time spent in the batting cages paid off in the games.

Chris Smith, freshman, pitches the ball at high speeds trying to strike out the batter during a game against Lindbergh. Smith was a very intimidating force on the team.
Within the first couple games and practices, the Varsity girl's soccer team's goalie Claudia Sittman, sophomore, was injured. Kate Edgar and Caitlin Martines, sophomores, took over the position of goalie. Neither Edgar, nor Martines play goalie during a normal game, but many of the games that took place they would alternate in goal. The Team was in desperate need for a goalie, so Edgar and Martines were called upon because they both played goalkeepers in previous years. Edgar helped lead the team to defeat Northwest in overtime that went into penalty kicks. The final score was 4-3, a Webster Stateswomen victory. With the help of new goalies, players, and a new coach, the girl's Varsity Soccer team vastly improved their record since the 2002 spring season. The new coach helped improve everyone's skill, in all areas of the field. "Our new coach is really cool," stated Nicole Yaciuk, junior. "He has taught us a lot and he motivates our team to do our best, even when times are rough."

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Kait Fischer, junior, passes to her teammate Cindy Heine, junior, in attempt to score a goal, during one of the soccer games at Moss Field. This year was Fischer's first year playing on the Varsity team.

During a game, against the Ladue Rams, Natalie Murray, junior, defends the Webster goal and passes the ball to one of her fellow Stateswomen.

Kelly Dillon, junior, attempts to get the ball away from her opponent. Dillon guarded the goal in the hopes of a Webster victory against Clayton.

Sherry Whitledge, sophomore, fires the ball down the field to keep it away from the Webster goal, during the game against Fox High school at Moss Field.

Dodging her opponents, Abby Smith, junior, takes the ball down the field. She passed it to a teammate in anticipation of a Webster Stateswomen victory.

Anne McNeely, junior, flies through the air as her opponent shields herself from McNeely who dribbled the ball down the field in attempt to score a goal and help Webster defeat Clayton.

**Varsity Girls' Soccer**
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At a game against Clayton, Anne Henry, sophomore, keeps the ball in-bounds helping her team to go home victorious.

Defender Becca Hughes, freshman, clears the ball on a goal kick.

Rachel Dowd, sophomore hustles to get control of the ball at an afternoon game against Clayton.

Meg Strange, freshman, dribbles the ball around her opponent in an afternoon game on the Selma field.
Splish Splash

Girls Swim and Dive Team--Much More than Average

The scent of chlorine was ever-present in the halls this spring--coming from the girls swim and dive team. This year the girls upped the ante by practicing eight times a week; including before school and Saturdays. "Average is not acceptable to me and I know it is not acceptable to our team members as well," explained Coach Broshears.

The extra practice paid off; the girls posed a competitive threat to seasonal favorites like Parkway North and Kirkwood. Despite high pressure and a large crowd, they were able to defeat Kirkwood, 92 to 76.

"We were really excited when we beat Kirkwood, but we knew we could do it, because we worked hard and have a lot of talented swimmers," said co-captain Erin Musko.

The team returned with strong upperclassmen, like Jenna Bonham and Megan George, but also had a strong freshman force. With many experienced freshmen joining the team, the contributed even more than in the past.

In addition to a strong swim team, diving gave the team the extra push often needed for their success. With only one returning diver, Jennifer Marecek, junior, no pool to practice in, and a new coach, the divers certainly had a challenge. Standing strong in the face of adversity, Marecek was able to finish a strong second in conference. Also building in the program were underclassmen, Barbara Pfitzsinger and Marion Klemm. "Every other team gets to practice twice as much as us, it can be hard to get experienced."

With a strong lineup of dedicated swimmers and divers, the team proved themselves to be much more than average.

Quick off the blocks, Emily Spradling, junior, starts her 50 freestyle. Start speed was a key factor that contributed to fast sprint races like the 50 free.

Demonstrating her back-stroke form, Jane Davis, freshman, races at Parkway North. The team took extra care this year to correct form and stroke technique. They practiced by drilling and even watched videotape of themselves underwater.

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Lauren Tappana, freshmen, shouts, “Webster Relays” as she cheers for the 400 free relay. The swim team had numerous cheers they yelled to get pumped before and during meets.

Outstretched, Jenna Bonham, senior, swims the 100 butterfly. Bonham was a top competitor in the butterfly this year. This was a dreaded event for swimmers, as it required both strength and speed.

Pre-meet, Coach Broshears, gives a pep talk, “we’re going to race today--top speed.” An increase in practice difficulty and a slight change of coaching style gave the team the extra push they needed for a successful season.

Checking her point totals, Jennifer Marecek, junior, talks with coach Paloma Garner. Garner was new to the coaching staff this year. Also joining the dive team were Barbara Pfitzsinger, freshman, Ashley Hill, senior, and Marion Klemm, sophomore.

In anticipation, Rachel Hagely, Katie Hansen, seniors, and Jennifer Marecek, junior, check their results at the Rockwood Summit Invitational, only the top 16 competitors, returned for finals. All three qualified to return the next.

In the 500 freestyle, Aleah Owens, freshmen, takes a rhythmic breath. On the high school level, 500 was the longest distance swum. It was 20 laps and usually took around 6 minutes to complete.

Girls Swimming 11
Looking back, the boys varsity volleyball team at Webster has been quite successful. With a high ranking last year, it would seem that things were looking positive for this year’s team. However, last year the team consisted of all seniors, making this a completely new team who would have to start from scratch. But the team this year overcame the odds and worked together with the new talent within each of the new players. With only three seniors on the team, the leadership role was taken over by Mike Forney, Rich Kettler, and Paul Bachelder. They led the young and somewhat inexperienced team, helping them perform more strongly at the varsity level.

“It was definitely a struggle,” said Rich Kettler, senior, “the team is mostly underclassmen and there’s a few freshmen.”

Along with a new team, the players were introduced to a new coach as well. Helen Buckley joined the Webster coaching staff this year. She was also the head coach for Nerinx Hall this school year and was graciously welcomed by the players. Said Kettler of his new coach, “She really knows what she’s doing and knows a lot about the game. I like her a lot.”

The team came together for a strong finish to a tough year. It was a year full of firsts and learning how to work together and succeed as a team, no matter what the odds were.

Mike Forney, senior, sets the ball from the back row in attempt to give a teammate the chance for a hit. Forney was one of only three seniors on the varsity team.

Nate Diekman, sophomore, makes a pass to the front row for the setter. Rich Kettler, senior, sets up the pass, set, and hit for the sideout.

Back row, l to r: Coach Cusamano, Alek Krautman, Nathan Parker, John Dennan, Coach Buckley, Mike Forney, Kyle Kukoris, Eric Meyer, Eric Runyon, Nate Diekman, Josh Turner Rich Kettler, Paul Bachelder
The boys shake hands at the end of a close game versus Oakville. Webster lost, but made a comeback late and came close, nipping at their opponents' heels.

John Dennan, sophomore, and Eric Meyer, freshman, attempt a block at a home game. Together they formed a double block, making it difficult for the opposing players to hit against them.

Rich Kettler, senior, and Eric Meyer, freshman, await the serve from a Kirkwood player. With three players in the back row ready to pass, they were prepared for any serve coming to them.

Mike Forney, senior, watches through the net as back row players wait for a free ball coming over. Forney waited until the last of three hits before backing off the net and preparing to set for his teammates.

Josh Turner serves from the back court while his teammates watch the ball sail over the net. After the sideout, Webster got the ball back and scored to make a rally to catch up to their opponents.

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John Dennan serves the ball to the opposing Kirkwood players during the second game in Robert's gymnasium. After the serve, Kirkwood passed the ball out of bounds giving the Statesmen a point.

Josh Turner serves from the back court while his teammates watch the ball sail over the net. After the sideout, Webster got the ball back and scored to make a rally to catch up to their opponents.
"It’s my first year and we are playing really well as a team," said Reginald Jones, freshman. Jones and the rest of the team are all freshman and most have never played volleyball before. “We’ve improved a lot this year, but it’s been tough because most of us have never played before," said Leon McElrath, freshman. Against Parkway South, the team really came together and started to play well. In the second game of the match, the team scored 13 points and barely lost. “We congratulated each other on every play, talked well, passed well, set well and hit the ball over the net well," McElrath said. Jones added, “Next year I think that we’ll be a lot more successful because we are just learning how to play this year.”

Peter Chollet, freshman, serves the ball over hand across the net to the opponents. “We have worked hard to get better,” Leon McElrath said.

Hitting over a blocker from DuBourg, Reginald Jones, freshman, jumps as high as he can. Scott Stout and Leon McElrath, freshmen, watch and prepare to receive the ball.
After receiving a set from the setter, Leon McElrath, freshman, Adam Wirth, freshman, spikes it over the net to the opposing team. A player from DuBourg tries to block it.

After their first match, Zach Syms, Adam Wirth, Will Rimel, Reginald Jones, and Peter Volinger, freshmen, switch sides of the court. The team did not win their first match.

Derek Volinger, freshman, gets low and bumps the ball. His teammates Peter Chollet and Richard Mueller, freshmen, stand ready to help out.

Practicing his serves and ability to make aces, Zach Syms, freshman, warms up. The game was at home against Parkway South and was one of the best games the team played.

Leon McElrath, freshman, sets for Scott Stout, freshman. Stout prepares to spike it. This is the first year most of the team has played volleyball, and they all agreed that they improved.
Run Around Sue

Harder practices paid off for the girls track team

From hurdles to poles to cleats, the hard-working girls of Webster’s track and field team had one of the biggest turnouts ever. Even though they lost a lot of seniors from last year, they proved that age wasn’t an issue.

This year four freshmen ran at the varsity level. The girls claimed that their success this year came from harder practices. The track meets that the girls looked forward to were the Henley Holmes and the Webster Invitational.

At the annual Webster Invitational, there was more than running going on. Shotput, high jump and pole vaulting were some of the other events that happened that day. Patty Hake, senior, was this year’s only pole vaulter and she also ran long distance. With her own private coach, Hake practices pole vaulting 2 times a week. The Webster Invitational was the first meet she competed in. “I’ve always wanted to do it but my mom wouldn’t let me, she still won’t let me. It’s fun that no one else did it, I got to represent my school,” said Hake.

Jana Nestor, junior, puts the shot with all her strength. At the Kirkwood Invitational, Nestor competed against many other girls in hope for first place.

Even though Hake was the only pole vaulter, there wasn’t a shortage of runners. The girls from last year and the new runners this year practiced every day after school. Their hard work paid off. The girls improved individually and as a team throughout the season.

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Desareai’ Williams and Chris Shonda Hudson, freshmen, warm up for their races. They had to keep their muscles warm to help prevent injuries.

16 Girls' Track and Field

Beth Reardon and Maddy Raimondo, juniors, practice for the 4 by 800 meter relay. The girls placed third in this event at the Webster Invitational.
Maranda Watts, sophomore, springs off the starting block at the Kirkwood Invitational. Watts and the rest of the JV team competed against many other schools.

Rhonda McClure, junior, clears the pole and advances to the next round of competition in the varsity high jump.

Alisha Turner, junior, flies through the air in hopes of a good landing. In the long jump, each participant got three tries and the longest distance was submitted.

At the sound of the starting gun, Sarah Byrne, sophomore, starts the 100 meter dash with determination. The 100 meter dash was 1/4 of the track and many of the girls participated in this event.

Lea Garcia, sophomore, passes up an Affton runner looking ahead for her teammate to pass the baton. This was Garcia's second year on the girls track team. She also ran cross country in the fall.

In her first attempt, Patty Hake, senior, uses all of her strength to clear the bar at the Webster Invitational. This was the first meet Hake pole vaulted in, she improved after each attempt.

With baton in hand, Katie Tullman, junior, strides towards the finish line. Her determination paid off, Tullman helped lead the girls to a successful season.
Running Down A Dream
Senior leadership helps young team to stick together.

Rain or shine, the boys track team must cross the finish line. Webster boys proved just that at this year's Webster Invitational, when April showers weren't strong enough to keep the team from running. "Running in the rain is a good experience until your skin starts to wrinkle and you slowly get sick," said Greg Stribling, senior.

Out of 47 athletes on the team, only seven of the boys were seniors. "Even though we had a young team," said Scott Brotherton, junior. "A lot of the underclassmen stepped up when it counted in an important event."

Although the team placed sixth out of 13 teams at the Webster Invitational, the statesmen could not have made it without its top performers. D.J. Jackson, sophomore, Brian Nicklaus and Anthony Ivy, juniors, Jesse Reimann, Patt Beezley, Brent Dawson, and Brandon Kibby, seniors, have pulled the team through this season.

Whether it was running around the track, throwing the shot put, or jumping over hurdles, the boys track team ended their season on a high note with several young athletes to help lead the team to victories.

Ray Lewis, freshman, soars high to hit the dust in the long jump at the Rockwood Summit Invitational. Lewis was one of the leading jumpers on the men's track team.

At the Rockwood Summit Invitational, D.J. Jackson, sophomore, reaches behind for the baton hand-off from Scott Brotherton, junior, in the 200 relay.
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Brendan Schmidt, freshman, leaps high over the hurdle at the Webster Invitational. This was Schmidt's first year running and ran on the JV team.

Michael Eubanks, freshman, holds the starting block steady for Damien Wilson, junior, before taking off in the 4 x 200 at the Rockwood Summit Invitational.

Flying high, Ray Lewis, freshman, clears the high jump bar with ease at the Rockwood Summit Invitational.

Jesse Reimann, senior, runs his fastest around the track at the Ladue Invitational at MICDS. Following him close behind was Brian Nicklaus, junior.

Using all of his strength, Brandon Kibby, senior, throws the discus in the Ladue Invitational at MICDS. Kibby was the top competitor on the men's track team.

Members of the JV team stay close together running in the 1600 at the Rockwood Summit Invitational. Freshmen Kevin Arends, Paul Bellora, senior Andrew Elkins, freshmen Jack Chenault, and Nathan Beck ran together.

Brendan Schmidt, senior, leaps high over the hurdle at the Webster Invitational. This was Schmidt's first year running and ran on the JV team.
Bye, Bye Birdie...

Varsity seniors say goodbye as JV players look forward to moving on up.

Teeing off the season with the varsity golf team was head coach Cary Morrison. Over the course of two months, Morrison led the team on a long winning streak which, in turn, led to an invitation to Nationals. Although golf is not often thought of as an team sport and not so much a school one, the boys of Webster worked together to accomplish victory. Very confident in the abilities of his team after placing high in the May 1st Suburban South Tournament, Andy Doyle, senior, said, “Not only will we win the state tournament, but an invitation to Nationals just came in the mail.” Andy, along with Brandon Smith and Steve Greene, seniors, have been on the team for four years.

Varsity’s winning season set a good example for those coming after them; the JV team. The JV team was coached by Todd Westen, a social worker at Steger. Their season started out a little shaky, but as the months went by they gained experience and confidence in their abilities. When asked about their 2003 season, JV player Nick Intrieri, junior, commented, “This year we had a lot of kids new to the game but I think we can look forward to a very productive year.”

With the home advantage of playing at Paradise Valley, Nick Nolan, senior, takes a swing against opposing team, Parkway North.

Watching as one of his teammates puts against Parkway South David Becker, senior, prepares to lift the flag. With Becker tending the flag and marking the hole, his team mate made the putt.

At one of the team’s matches, Steve Greene, senior, says that the key to putting is simply taking the advice of Chubs, pro-golfer from the movie Happy Gilmore, and just “Taps it in. Gives it a little tap tapperoo.”

During one of his first varsity practices, Paul Dillon, freshman, carefully lines up his next shot on the green at as his fellow players watch.


As his fourth year on Webster’s golf team drew to an end, Brandon Smith, senior, reflected back and said, “We got off to a slow start this year losing our first two matches, but we came together by the end of the year with a great showing at Conference. It was a good year to end most of our high school careers, we had a good time.”

At a practice at Paradise Valley Golf Club, Matt Pieroni, senior, waits for his chance to putt. In golf, patience and quiet are essential factors in a perfect game.

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Lacrosse demands a lot from those who play it

Webster’s Lacrosse team, the Webster Woodchucks, received their name from the indigenous creatures that dwell on the Steger field. Lacrosse is a brutal sport, where checking and hitting players with lacrosse sticks are just part of the game. Since lacrosse is such a rough sport, many injuries ensue. Foster Bond, junior, was sent to the hospital after being pierced in the thigh with a broken lacrosse stick. Bond received both internal and external stitches. This is the only serious injury this year, but minor cuts and bruises are a common occurrence.

The team has a feeling of unity that Coach Grote helped to bring about. “We all get along really well,” said Bill Carroll, sophomore, the goalie of the Webster Woodchucks. “We did pretty well this year, but I’m really looking forward to improving our team for next year.” Carroll said.

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Mike Sivovich, senior, catches his breath after a fierce game against Summit on May 5. Sivovich and his team came out victorious after a tough match.

The Webster Woodchucks get pumped up before a game against Parkway South on April 17.

Bryan Todd, senior, the teams' starter, prepares himself for the start of play. Todd battles furiously for control of the ball from the opposing team, Eureka.

Dan Adams, senior, dodges around a Eureka player in an attempt to score against the opposing team.

Steve Pierce, junior, runs toward the opposing teams goal. The Woodchucks went on to beat the Eureka Wildcats.
High Stick It
JV lacrosse grows with members from every class

The JV lacrosse team finished a strong year with the help of students from all four classes at the high school. Many of the team’s players were sophomores and freshmen, however, there were also some juniors and seniors dressing out for the JV lacrosse games. Many chose to begin playing within their last two years of high school, so for those juniors and seniors, playing time was mostly gained on the JV level.

With lacrosse becoming more popular each year at Webster, the teams themselves have grown in size. From last year, the number of athletes participating grew from around thirty to over fifty. With the interest level so high and the space so limited on varsity, many players became “swing” players, constantly switching from the JV to the varsity level. While this made the varsity team stronger and more united, it was hard on the JV team who were losing players all the time. Varsity coach Jason Grote said, “The sport has grown so much here in two years and there is a lot of interest. This made for a lot of upper-classmen playing JV, since some of them were new to the game.”

With the team consisting of players from many different age groups and many who were playing for the first time, they came together finishing strong and keeping the interest within this sport constantly growing.
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Rockwood Summit  
Parkway Central  
SLUH

Mike Mantia, sophomore, pushes an opposing player as he tries to get the ball to one of his teammates. Lacrosse is a very physical sport and often the players will return bruised from the games.

Sam Stewart, freshman, waits patiently in the goal as his teammates attempt to defend it. While preparing for any oncoming shots, Stewart kept his focus on the ball and the opposing players coming towards him.

Mike Eckrich, junior, bends down to prepare for the face-off at the JV game against SLUH. Waiting for the referee's whistle, Eckrich watched the ground and awaited the ball that was about to be dropped.

Walter Schwarzenbach, sophomore, cradles the ball while he runs across the field during a drill prior to a game. Schwarzenbach and his teammates completed the drill and huddled up before the game for some last minute words from the coach.

Webster JV players line up before the game and listen to the referee. As they peered through their SLUH opponents, the players waited for the game to begin and intensely prepared to play.
It Don't Mean a Thing, If You Ain't Got That Swing
Boys Tennis Keeps the Swings Going and Their Heads High

"This was a great improvement," Coach Verstraete said; taking Mehlville by storm and winning 6-1. After losing their first two games the Mehlville match proved to be a great comeback for the boy's tennis team.

A lot of changes helped the team improve. One coach for a team of twenty is sometimes a challenge so when the team had the opportunity to hire new assistant coaches they jumped at the chance. Dr. Brady, the Bristol school librarian, returned as head coach, joined by the new assistant coaches. “With Mr. Verstraete and John Navarro we get a lot more individual help and it shows when we play,” Dan Emmons, senior, said, "They are both really enthusiastic and prepare us to play anyone mentally, not just physically." Charles Fasterling, senior, agreed when he said, "Our team is bigger and stronger this season.”

In addition to the new coaches, a few new players and some experienced players also contributed to the team’s skills. With returning seniors, Emmons and Fasterling, playing the spots of number one doubles and number one singles, their chances of winning greatly improved. “We are the only two who have played all four years of high school on varsity,” Emmons said. Fasterling played the number one doubles slot with newcomer, Alex Meilleur, sophomore. Meilleur moved to the United States from France at the beginning of the school year when he decided to join the team for the high school and was a very valuable player. Newcomer Casey Dryer, junior, also showed great skill. Dryer took up tennis last summer and enjoyed it enough to join the team. Dryer proved to be a great addition.
Matt Blosser, sophomore, leans in to take his forehand shot and puts it back over the net. Blosser enjoyed playing doubles and worked hard all year.

Making the shot across the net, Alex Meilleur, sophomore, got a high five from his doubles partner. His shots were continuously quick and accurate, keeping him in the number one doubles spot.

Keeping his concentration, Nathan Corley, junior, forehands the ball back over the net. Playing behind the line gave Corley the advantage of returning the ball to his opponent more easily.

Following through with his stroke, Casey Dryer, junior, makes a shot, sending it over the net to win the point. Dryer played singles all year and proved to be one of the best additions to the team.

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Ben Harding, freshmen, takes an over-the-head shot in his match. When facing the sun in a match, Harding had to concentrate harder on the ball but came prepared with sunglasses.

Jake Boling, senior, makes an over-the-head shot back to his Lindbergh opponent. Boling enjoyed playing his often competitive singles matches.
Holiday in the Sun

WGHS Students bask in the joys of Spring Break.

Every year as the weather begins to warm up students begin to daze out of classrooms windows day-dreaming about days to come. The inevitable hiatus in homework and classes, known as spring break, gives way to vacations and sleeping in and always seems way too short. This year was no exception. With only ten days of freedom from tardy bells, textbooks, and rushed lunches, students made the most of their highly anticipated sabatical. Most Spring Break plans were made well in advance. Some students left in search of warmer climates, old friends, and new adventures while still others stayed to experience a little more of their home town. “I worked all spring break, but it was okay because I made a lot of money,” commented Amy Schmidt, senior, on her spring break in St. Louis. Pat Dillon, senior, also spent his break at home and made the most of it, “It was definitely fun. You can look at your spring break like chicken wings, you can have hot and spicy or you can just put them under the burner and wait for them to be done,” he said. As the week came to a close, students returned to class, rested and tanned, and ready for the last long stretch of classes before the year’s end.
Travis Norman, senior, bares a striking resemblance to Rodin's *The Thinker* while spending his spring break in France with family friends.

Nicole Leone, Anna Glarner, and Nicole Yaciuk, juniors, ride a ski lift up the mountains in Breckenridge, Colorado. They hit the slopes for a full day of fun in the snow, on their skis and snow-boards.

While visiting his friend, Adam Laug, in Los Angeles Joe Jacobs, senior, hangs out with Slash formerly of Guns 'n' Roses.
The class of 03 bas in the benefits and privelages of being a senior

Each year in high school has a different feeling, and for some, different degrees of importance. The consensus usually is “Senior year is the best.” Many students chose to create an easier schedule, enjoyed senior privelages and partook in the highly anticipated end of the year events.

The class of 2003 took advantage of senior skip day, a temporary fix for a case of senioritis, and had the biggest number of “skipees” in years. They also got to skip their first period class and relaxed at senior breakfast as the freshman catered to them, in good spirits. The first group of seniors headed for Camp Wyman, with two groups following in consecutive weeks. They spent a day in the sun at Busch Stadium, cheering on the Cardinals and commenting on what class they’d be in had they spent that day at school.

Another day off was spent at the senior picnic which allowed seniors to play games, sign yearbooks, and enjoy the company of their graduating class for one of the last times. The students went glamorous for prom at the Chase Park Plaza and spent the night eating, dancing and looking forward to the next big event- Graduation.

“Savor your senior year. People always tell you it goes by quickly, but you have no idea until you’re writing your senior will and sending out graduation announcements,” said Molly Russell, senior.

Jessica Long and Julia Coleman, seniors, hurry to finish their cream cheese smeared bagels before the bell to second hour forces them back into “school mode.”

“I don’t care what I have heard, soil is not a dirty word.” Donning a marching band hat and suave fuzzy jacket, Travis “Dirt” Norman leads the counsellors in a chant on the mast day of week 1 Camp Wyman.
Hungry seniors wait in line at the buffet style breakfast that recognized their time at Webster. The seniors dined on bacon, eggs, toast and fruit.

Mary Windle and Paris Hirsch, seniors, discuss how they will fill out their senior surveys. Each year the Echo newspaper passes out surveys that ask pop culture and personal questions, which are then published in the senior issue.

Leslie Marecek, senior defends herself from being bombarded by fifth grade boys. Many fifth graders got attached to the "cool seniors" because they could look up to them and do the same when they're in high school.

Rebecca Diani, senior, talks it up with other seniors while waiting in the corner rounding line for the complementary senior breakfast. Seniors spent first hour eating, talking and taking home prizes such as restaurant gift certificates and tux rentals.

Justin "Buckeye" Cook talks with a camper while sipping his third cup of coffee of the day at Wyman. By the end of the day, with a packed schedule of hiking and running after fifth graders, he will have consumed many more cups.

All fourteen Camp Wyman counselors gather in their closing ceremony garb. After a week with the campers, the counselors got a chance to dress up and go crazy.

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Renaissance awards, Statesmen awards, Senior awards. WGHS made sure to recognize students for outstanding achievements with a variety of awards given to students. These students received awards of recognition because of leadership, athletics, grades, and service.

Renaissance awards were given to students from every class for their exemplary grades. Statesmen awards were given students who completed a certain amount of service hours.

"It's really an honor." said Melica Ladd, junior, recipient of the Statesmen award. Each teacher nominated one student for the Top Hat award. Every teacher had different reasons for the nomination, but Top Hat awards were generally given to students who show leadership, kindness, and service. Senior awards were scholarships given to seniors for service, leadership and more.

Although many students deserve to be recognized for their actions, only a few receive these awards a year.
James Allen, sophomore, receives the Statesmen Service Award for his active participation and community service in his church's youth group.

Michelle Carpentier, senior, is awarded a scholarship during the Senior Awards program on May 6. The scholarships are presented by officials from the Parent Club.

Alex Bulejski, freshman, receives the Statesmen Award for Service. Bulejski completed over fifty hours of community service projects and received a certificate of recognition.

During Statesmen Awards before school on April 25, Laura Wilding and her family, along with the families of other Statesmen Awards recipients, get treated to a breakfast before the awards were passed out.

During Senior Awards Night, Heather Schmidt, senior, receives a Thespian Scholarship. Schmidt will be attending Wright State University in Ohio.

Tom Riti, junior, receives the Renaissance Award for his grades. Students must receive at least 3.0 GPA to receive an award. Cliff Ice congratulates Riti on his achievements.
The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round

Beep Beep! The next stop is success! This year the school featured *Bus Stop* as the spring production. *Bus Stop* was about a group of strangers taking refuge from a storm in a small diner. The group consisted of cowboys, an alcoholic former professor, and a showgirl.

Heather Schmidt, senior, played a showgirl who tried to make it outside the club. Jeff McDonald, junior, and Aaron Walker, senior, played cowboys going to the big city. Paul Cereghino, Junior, played a drunken professor who tried to seduce the naive diner employee, Sudie Nieson, Junior. Mike Caramana, Junior, played the towns sheriff, Nick Intreri, junior, was the bus driver, and Valerie Gough, senior, made her onstage debut as the diner owner.

McDonald, who played Virgil Blessing, said “The play was really fun to perform.” Schmidt agreed with McDonald. “Working on the play was a golly and a half!”

Also new to the WGHS stage was director Andy Sloey. His assistant director was Jesse Gaffney, senior. His was her second year being an assistant director.

Overall, the show was an overall success. “If you didn’t see it, you sure missed a party onstage,” said McDonald.

In preparations for the show’s dress rehearsal, Valerie Gough, senior, puts on her make-up in the mirror. “This show has been really fun to do, especially because it’s my first time on stage,” said Gough.

Sudie Nieson and Paul Cereghino, juniors, sit at the bar during the storm that kept them inside. Cereghino is educating the naive young waitress, Nieson, on the facts of life.

Sitting at the table, Nick Intreri, junior, has a cup of coffee. Intreri plays the driver of the bus that gets stranded at the diner during the storm.

Heather Schmidt, senior, is in distress over a cowboy that has been hassling her. Her character Cherie is pleading with the towns sheriff to help out.
Sarah Schwartz, senior, jells back the hair of Paul Cereghino, junior, for his part as a drunken professor. Schwartz is the head of the makeup crew.

Mike Caramanna, junior, and Valerie Gough, senior, have a very friendly conversation over the counter at Gough’s diner. This is Caramanna and Gough’s first performance on stage.

Sudie Niesen, junior, waits for her Paul Cereghino, junior, to recite his next line. Niesen and Cereghino were reciting lines from *Romeo and Juliet* in the talent show the people decide to perform.

Heather Schmidt, senior, is repulsed by Aaron Walker, senior when he tries to convince her to go with him. Schmidt plays a nightclub singer who is the object of a cowboys affection.

Cowboy Jeff McDonald, junior, is the accomplice of a fellow cowboy. McDonald tried to explain that his friend meant no harm and really was a good person.

After being punched in the stomach Aaron Walker, senior, doubles over in pain. Jeff McDonald, junior, tries to comfort his friend while the local sheriff Mike Caramanna, junior, stands in the background ready to throw another punch.
Let The Games Begin
Special Olympics let students learn about Disabilities

The Special Olympics are a good way for WGHS students to lend a helping hand. Each special needs student was assigned to a buddy who helped them around during the day and also to be their friend. All the kids enjoyed being recognized for their accomplishments. There were many things for the athletes to do, such as the long jump, basketball, throw, pie throw, and petting zoo. Each class also had a booth for the Olympians. The Special Olympics was a good way for students at Webster Groves High School to learn about children with disabilities and for everyone involved to make new friends.

Candice Bowie, senior, helps her athlete open a tootsie roll, during the day while resting between events. Many students volunteered to be buddies and got the chance to make a new friend.

Candice Woody and Jay Robinson, sophomores, stand together during the opening ceremony at Moss Field. Each athlete was awarded for their performance in each event they took place in.

Ben Walker, freshman, talks with his partner about the fun they had during the day. Walker and other buddies helped to show their athletes where upcoming events would take place.

Jake Boling, senior, listens intently to an athlete make a speech during the opening ceremony in the morning.

Haley Bakker, sophomore, walks hand and hand with her Olympian, showing him around the track, walking by fun events and booths, deciding what to do next.

Kyle Helle and Andy Cook, seniors, watch the Olympians run a race while talking to their athlete, Katie, who attended school in the Fox district. The Special Olympics brought children together from all over St. Louis.
Ted Mark, junior, cringes as the needle enters his arm. Mark was a first time donor. Luckily he finished quickly and was able to have his juice without complication.

I Don’t Feel So Good
Giving Blood Proves Quite the Task for NHS

Once a year, the National Honor Society hosts the annual blood drive in the band room. Before the actual donation of blood, people were told to read an informative packet and fill out a questionnaire about the history of the donor’s blood to make sure that their blood could be used. Also the donor was given a test on their blood to see if there was enough iron in it. The blood was used for blood transfusions and other medical needs. After students donated their blood, they were given food and juice which kept them from getting light-headed. Their bodies were then given time to work on replacing the lost blood as they sat and ate their snacks. Many people were proud of how fast they filled their bag up while others were just proud to have donated. It was a good way for students to get involved and to give back to their society.
Lights, Camera, Action
Students act out in Martin Luther King, Comedy Sports, and One-Acts

Spring assemblies not only gave students a break from classes, but also time to enjoy either the comedy of their peers in the Comedy Sports Assembly or the seriousness of the Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly.

In the Comedy Sports Assembly, Drama One students competed in front of the school in the comedy games they did in class. Only the most creative students were chosen from each class to act on stage in their goofiest manner, to prove their class was the best. The Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly was held on the anniversary of MLK's assassination. New to this year's assembly were performances by the concert choir and jazz band.

In addition to these assemblies, the spring One-Acts were held twice this year in the Little Theater. "We had a full house both nights and received nothing but positive feedback," said Sarah Zoeller, drama teacher. There were six One-Acts performed which were all written and directed by students.

"Hi, I'm Ross Perot," said Jay Robinson, sophomore, during the Comedy Sports Assembly. Robinson was a member of the 4th hour team which placed 4th in the competition.

Students in the back laugh at Jenny Weber, senior, falling to the floor in the one-act "Pale In the Face of Life and Love." This one-act was written and directed by Ariel Carson and Jenny Weber, seniors.

Deja Knuckles, junior, rehearse her speech for the Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly. Tierra Edwards, freshman, Kharole Compere, sophomore, and Neia Long, freshman, stand by to help prepare for the assembly.

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Representing the 5th hour advanced drama class is Ryan Smith, senior, and Jeff McDonald, junior, in the Comedy Sports Assembly. This 5th hour class finished 2nd in the school competition.

Amber Distasio, junior, shys away from Ryan Lily, senior, in the one-act "Yesterday I Saw the Sun." This one-act was written and directed by Jesse Reimann, senior, and Dan Olson, junior.

Delivering a speech during the Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly is Fallon Scales, junior. Scales was president of SAA which is responsible for putting together the MLK assembly each year.

Liza Detrick, sophomore, Travis Norman, senior, and Spencer Gleason, senior, act out together in "Fate At the Door." Valerie Gough, senior, was the writer and director of this one-act.

Concert Choir sings "Lamentations of Jeremiah" during the Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly. In addition to concert choir, jazz band also played inspirational music throughout the assembly.

Ms. Zoeller, drama teacher, leads warm-up for her students before the Comedy Sports Assembly. Warm-up helps the actors to loosen up before their big performance.

Ali Cramer, junior, Nikki Storr, senior, and Christine Delworth, junior, stand at the Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly. Students were told to stand during the Negro National Anthem at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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Ambr Watkins, senior, gently sets a fellow ceramic student's clay pot down in a flaming trash can making sure it doesn't break. Watkins job during the firing was transporting the pots from the kiln to the trash cans.

Pat Reedy, junior, has just taken his pot out of the cold water bucket and cleans it off as Cindy Heine, junior, watches and waits for her pot to come out of the kiln.

Kat Johnson, senior, shows great talent as she balances a scalding pot with two foot long tongs, as she moves it from the kiln to the selected trash can.

Karen Antrim, ceramics teacher, and Emily Duckworth, senior, restock the trash cans with shredded newspaper. The cans had to be refilled after each load had passed through them.

Dan Hansbrough, senior, carefully places another student's pot in one of the trash cans while trying to avoid the huge flames.

It has become a tradition over the years, for Mrs. Antrim's ceramics students to get the chance to take part in both the Raku and outdoor fires. These events are set up to let the students experience different ways of firing their clay pots, rather than always using the same indoor kiln.

In preparation for the Raku fire, students had to come up with sturdy, nonfunctional pots. Then the students transported them over to Webster University, where the firing took place. The pots were added to the kiln that reached 1800 degrees Fahrenheit. When taken out of the kiln they were pated in trash cans and then in buckets of cold water to cool them off. Once they were cooled, they were ready to get scrubbed off allowing their vibrant colors to show through. For the outdoor fire, each student made a pinch pot out of red clay, that was both burnished and oil burnished. The outdoor fire took place in the teachers parking lot at the high school. The kiln that was used only reached about 1400 degrees Fahrenheit, and when the pots came out they were black and shiny. "The outdoor fire gives the students a chance to fire their pots the same way the Indians did, and both firings are fun experiences for them," said Mrs. Antrim.
Matt Labrier, senior, takes time out to sit down and admire the final result of the Bob's Copper Red glaze he put on his coil pot.

Rachel Harmon, senior, cleans off her cylinder shaped pot with silica powder, which makes the white crackle glaze she used turn out brighter.

Lindsay Payne, senior, takes a short break from loading and unloading the kiln to wipe the leftover soot off of her vase.

Mark Wright, senior, uses a sponge to clean out the creases on the outside of his piece of pottery to enhance its different formations.

Anna McFarlane, junior, scrapes the leftover ashes, from the trash can, off of her metallic pot before she rinses it off the water bucket again.

While waiting for their pots, Rebecca Diani, and Marina Kulish, seniors, admire the glaze on another student's piece of pottery.

Jake Chiconeau, Lindsay Payne, and Maggie Erdman, seniors, help to unload the kiln at the Raku Firing. Chiconeau moved the pots from the kiln to the trash cans as Erdman and Payne held open the lids and attempted to hide themselves from the smoke.

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