ECHO

VOLUME 100

Get Involved

Webster 2014
A look back at some of the events and groups.

100 Editions of the
ECHO YEARBOOK

Webster Groves High School is more than 100 years old. The Echo Yearbook came into existence following other publications with different names. In 1911 it was ‘The Senior.’ In 1916 it was the Echo. Over the years, the yearbook has captured the activities and ‘going ons’ here at WGHS. The yearbook had been produced in black and white, and then it changed to just the Senior sections being in color in the 1980’s, until 2005 when it became a full color yearbook.

Pages 4 thru 7 shows a variety of groups and activities over the years. The first cheerleading squad was an all male group in 1922 called The Razzer. The building itself has gone through many changes to what it is today. The staff has changed. The student body has changed in dramatic ways, that these photos will show.

Here is a little history review.

The above photo shows the Rifle Team, circa 1940’s. Above right is the 1919 Girls Basketball team. Middle photo is the 1916 Boys Basketball team. Below right is the 1922 Boys Track Team.
Echo Court circa 1920's

1932 - 33 Formal Choir

Cafeteria 1969
Clubs and Activities

Webster's first exposure to the national media was the documentary "16 In Webster Groves" that aired on CBS.
Webster Groves had Drivers Ed. classes until the 1980's.
The library once had wooden floors.
Below is a photo of the Student Council from 1962.
Cheerleaders leading the crowd at Moss Field in 1974 is the bottom photo.
Ray Moss, for whom the field is dedicated, talks with members of the team in the top photo.

Above is a view of the old woodshop.

Upper right is the Cafeteria as it appears today, in 2014.

Middle photo is one of the Choir in 1966.

Photo at the right is of the Echo Yearbook Staff from 1928.
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Caroline Dowling
Katherine Dowling

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Amy Downing
Lucy Downing
Sara Drost

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Christopher Endicott
Elizabeth Eppolito
Mary Estifanos

Denzel Ferrell
Chelsie Fischer
Kirsten Fischer
Haley Fitzpatrick

Sydney Ford
Christopher Frey
Teresa Fuhrmann
Corey Galczynski
Rishon Loper
Samuel Lucas-Wissmann
Clare Maas
Morgan Maguire

Salvatore Mancuso
Allison Mantia
Samantha Martin
Natalie Matheny

Danielle Matthews
Trenton Mayes
Aydan Mcarthy
Marissa Mcburnett

Mark Mccord
Kathryn Mchugh
Ryan Mcintyre
Caila Mclaughlin

Elizabeth Mclaughlin
Miles Mcmillin
Marissa Medlin
Rachel Mehringer
Morgan Merkel
Rebecca Meyer
Spencer Milford
Alexander Mitchell

Lily Molina
Ryan Moll
Daniel Moore
Gabrielle Moreland

Patrick Morgan
Brandon Morris
Brittany Morris
Brian Munoz

Madlyn Nagel
Kelly Nash
Hailey Nelson
Daniel Neville

Lauren Newsome
Arielle Nobles
Gregory Nobles
Monica Noce
Margaret Redstone
John Rellstab
Claire Rennard
Paige Ribaudo

Chase Richards
Tavon Richardson
Sara Risker
Ryan Roemerman

Benjamin Rosenblatt
Elisha Ross
Justin Saelee
Jonas Sandbrink

Bri'on Sanders
Donnielle Savage
Mary Schrader
John Schurk

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Nigel Scott
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William Thomas
Daniel Tolliver
Ethan Trevor
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Paul Tumminello
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Darby Turner
Melanie Umbaugh

Ruby Varghese
Constance Vaughn
Madeline Vetter
Nyasha Vinson

Courtney Vitale
Joshua Vitoux
Anthony Walker
Angelique Washington

Montrell Watson
Kristin Watt
Sophie Wehrung
Jacob Welker
Autographs
MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Talor Crawford and Alex Puricelli

BEST DRESSED

Talor Crawford and Tyler Pursley
CLASS CLOWN

Lily Molina and Ryan Mohl

MOST ATHLETIC

Donvonte Johnson and Claire Conners
MOST DRAMATIC

Duncan Kinzie and Olivia Kohring

Most Changed Since Freshmen Year

Tara Bray and Adam Obermeier
BEST FRIENDS

Jessica Barger and Samantha Martin

Tyler Pursley and Jesse Pinkner
MOST INVOLVED

Lauren Newsome and Justin Saelee

MOST SPIRITED

Miles McMillin and Lily Molina
COOLEST CAR

Luke Komotos

Jasmine Peterson

Libby Eppolito
Where do you hope to be at your 10-year high school reunion?

I hope to be fighting crime as a masked vigilante in a chicken suit with superhuman cactus-throwing abilities (Sorry ladies, I’ve already pledged my heart to justice).

Christopher Frey

Either a fashion journalist or the owner of a successful boutique living in New York City with an awesome fiancee

Melanie Grasso

What’s in your pockets?

Money, chapstick, hairband, Jolly Ranchers, phone (Not all of them everyday, but these are the average things I would have.

Kelly Nash

Lint, a wallet, phone with no new text messages, self-written poem, and a hand held translator for the lingo said in school.

David Azar

The Breakfast Club, on VHS of course! A wonder woman cape! Some earphones, 3 paper clips, and some magical beans (they were a gift).

Julianna White

Sometimes change I find on the street.

Haley Fitzpatrick
5 Things you didn’t know about me.

Maurice Brown

* I make Lemon Cake every year for my birthday.
* My favorite food is Mac & Cheese
* I have 5 sisters
* Everyone knows me
* I got stitches in my left eye when I was 5

Marissa Medlin

* I own seven chickens
* My dogs weigh as much as kindergartners (beagles)
* I have maroon colored carpet
* I buy phone cases every week off Amazon
* I’ve had my Sperry’s for five years

Maddy Vetter

* I don’t care what anyone says, I love watching ghost hunting shows
* I have moved 13 times in my life
* I have a legitimate fear of bananas
* I like pictures of cats more than I like actual cats
* I’m obsessed with Julian Casa Blancas, Alex Turner, and Jimmy Fallon

Monica Smith

* I am the oldest of 7 kids in my family
* At 12 years old, I backpacked 50 miles in the Appalachians
* I know Morse Code
* I’m the only girl in AP Physics
* I can lick my nose.
5 Things you didn’t know about me.

Symone Palmer

* I’ve played 3 sports - softball, golf, and basketball
* I love jazz music
* I had the opportunity to skip high school and go to college at age 13
* I started playing basketball on an all boys team
* I’m addicted to the show ‘Scandal’

Amee Bird

* I’ve seen the northern lights
* I’m obsessed with the 1980’s
* I don’t like modern music (rap, R&B, hip hop..... etc.)
* I only like Italian and Greek food
* I played the piano for 15 yrs
* I don’t like anything that has to do with Texas

Josue Jaquez

* I’m bilingual learning a third language
* I’m not the youngest person in our class
* I’ve lived in the Dominican Republic
* I secretly listen to Taylor Swift in my free time
* Despite my constant listening of EdM, my favorite genre is reggae.

Brittney Johnson

* All 4 of my grandparents are deaf
* I love to sew
* I don’t eat chicken
* I plan to be a Special Education teacher
* I can be super sweet, once I trust you!
Which Teacher said What!?
5 Things You Didn’t Know About Me.

1
* I have a deep affinity for Gingers
* I was once a reigning Queen Soya of the LaPlata Soybean Festival.
* I used to live in a haunted house.
* I am the oldest of three girls
* I can tie a cherry stem in a knot using only my tongue.

2
* I was paddled in a 3rd grade at school for fighting over a leg warmer.
* I had a cow named Hamburger.
* I know every word to Ice Ice Baby.
* A guru India predicted I’ll live to 82.
* My nickname in my family is the “Jeneral” b/c I’m so bossy!

3
* I met Nelly.
* Been on service trips to Galveston, Memphis, Joplin, Colorado Springs.
* Painted the tiger on mid court at Mizzou Arena
* Been bungee jumping, sky diving, and cliff jumping.
* Needed 12 stitches for a self inflicted golf injury.

4
* I love tornado season! (Yet, deathly afraid of hurricanes!)
* My idea of lifting weights for sports in high school was carrying buckets of water and grain to our livestock.
* I scored over 1000 points in college basketball
* When I graduated from college my goal was to become a college basketball coach.
* I’m one of the most competitive people I know.

5
* I make a killer eggplant parmesan
* I am 1/2 deaf.
* I like volkswagens and have owned 3 vintage VW’s in my life.
* I taught myself how to play the guitar.
* I just turned 40.

6
* I sing in a band of 3.
* I have an XBox gamertag.
* I can whistle through my right tear duct.
* I have 4 tattoos.
* I drive shuttles at the airport part-time.

Match the teacher with their quotes.

A. Jamie Noble
B. Kristin Moore
C. Angela Thompson
D. Todd Schaefer
E. Jenni Vanderwalker
F. Justin Mathes

Answers at the end of the Index.
Much has Changed!

1. Amee Bird
2. Caroline Dowling
3. Doug Austin
4. Casey Scott
5. Ethan Trevor
6. Jordan Brice
7. Katherine Dowling
8. Marquita Cooper
9. Paige Ribaudo
10. Rebecca Meyer
11. Bonnie Kerr
55. Emma Addison
56. Emma Bryant
57. Ethan Baer
58. Eugene Gardiner
59. Gabe Crabson
60. Greg Nobles
61. Harper Atkins
62. Hayley Williamson
63. Jesse Billingsley
64. Jessica Pierce
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68. Katelyn Haniford
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71. Lonita Benson  
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81. Miranda Hopkins  
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83. Moriah Boyce  
84. Quavian Wesley
85. Revenna Kerr Grant
86. Ruby Varghese
87. Ryan Moll
88. Ryan Roemerman
89. Saba Kassar
90. Sam and Jack Kemp
91. Sam Bennett
92. Sam Martin
93. Sam Short
94. Samantha Cox
95. Samantha Drost
96. Talor Crawford
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98. Tara Bray
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173, Duncan Kenzie
174. Emma Lingle
175. Gabby Berkley
176. Hannah Kaufman
177. Jessica Barger
178. Joe Buckley
179. Josh Vitoux
180. Kirsten Fischer
181. Marissa Medlin
182. Mark Phillips
183. Natalie Matheny
184. Nicole Lawson
185. Norah Paschen
186. Ronan Dorsey
187. Destiny Wilson
Do you remember where you were sitting on this day?

October 2, 2013

SENIOR PANORAMIC
Juniors
Class of 2015

Derek Abbott
Muna Abdes-Haraz
Mark Abegg
Sarah Addison

Addielea Agnew
Emma Ahern
Hanna Albers
Dennis Allen

Devin Allen
Brianna Anderson
Christopher Anderson
Matthew Andorff

Caitlyn Argint
Derek Arnitz
Taimika Askew-Sunkara
Joseph Azar

Precious Banks
Jenny Barnett
Tymothi Barnett
Joseph Bean
Kodie Beck
Peyton Beck
Alex Beezley
Braedon Bell

Brooke Benkelman
Nicholas Berger
Jaylen Billups
Anna Bird

Madelyn Bloemke
Nicholas Bollinger
Tatianna Bollwerk
August Bont

Claire Bremehr
Rachael Brengle
Alayna Bristow
Lauren Brown

Maxwell Bryan
Madeleine Buckley
William Burchett
Michael Burgess

Alexis Burke
Steven Burns
Alexandra Cadenhead
Mary Cahoon
Alexander Haines
Rebekah Hall
Shaun Hannigan
Miceal Hannon

Zebion Harlean
Mary Harmann
Lauren Harmon
Stephen Harris

Deja Hart
Jonathan Hayes
Katherine Hayes
Kametria Head

Lukas Heading
Eliza Heerboth
Elizabeth Helton
Thomas Herber

Cameron Hilton
Elizabeth Hintze
Isaac Hoelzer
Abigail Hoffman

Benjamin Hogg
Tzen-Dong Hok
Sturt Hollandsworth
Nakia Hoskin
Holly Kleinschmidt
Darion Knighten
Jane Knobbe
Brad Kramer

Raven Kuehnle
Roy Lambkins
Stacey Lambkins
Cal Lanouette

Peyton Lansing
Tyler Lawson
Emily Lebaube
Aidan Leckie-Harre

Caroline Lee
Anna Lewis
Savion Logan
William Loucks

Trenton Lucear
Tyler Ludwig
Cory MacK
Thomas Maisel

Zachary Maixner
Hayden Mans
Alexandra Martin
Khari Mason El
Zoe Dickerson
Anna Dodson
Carter Doll
Erica Donermeyer
Christopher Drier

Cullen Drissell
Lauren Droege
Benjamin Drollinger
Corey Dunlap
Tanner Dunlap

Heidi Ehlert
Jacob Engelskind
Margret Englert
Sebastian Escorcia
Abigail Eswine

Tyron Fantroy
Hannah Farrell
Jakeem Fedrick
Hannah Fettig
Kayla Fischer

Leann Fitzpatrick
Abigail Ford
Kayla Fox
Elyse Freeman
Samantha Frese

Madison Fuller
Julia Gallo
Ryan Gardiner
Nathan Gaterman
Matthew Gaus
Rachel Horstmann
Joshua Hosfeld
Tamia Houston
Caroline Howard
Jameson Howard

Hannah Howell
William Howells
Emanuel Huffman
Meisha James
Merr Jockenhoefer

Aireyan Johnson
Kasey Johnson
William Johnson
Margaret Johnston
Aljah Jones

Domenique Jones
Kristopher Jones
Lael Jones
Julia Karsteter
Emma Kaufman

Helen Kaul
Katherine Kazlauskas
Jasha Keller
Jacob Kelpe
Mikayla Kempf

Breanna Kenney
Caroline Kercher
Hannah Kern
Sarah Kern
Annelise Kern-Grant
Grace Martinez
Peyton Matulich
Brian McClure
Alexander McGinnis
Emma McKeon

Olivia McLaughlin
Bryce McLean
George McLean
Madeleine McMurray
Jameese McNeal

Jessica Merkel
Gianna Metzger
Ian Meyer
Natalie Meyer
Matthew Miller

Channin Mills
Frederick Mills
Lucas Mireles
Anna Molina
Sophie Molina

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Typical Lunch at Webster.
The courtyard has undergone many changes over the years. When the weather is great, it has many students, doing many things during lunch. Besides just 'hanging out', there is usually a Chess game in progress.
FRESHMEN CLASS OF 2017

Samera Abdella-Hazak
Cleverond Adams
Hakeema Ali
Abraham Allen
Madeline Allen

Zachary Alton
Namiah Amerson
Camese Anderson
Luke Andres
Mariana Andrews

Hamise Askew-Sunkara
Emma Austin
Jack Austin
Jacqueline Baetz
Brandon Bandelt

Tara Barber
Taran Barber
Jasmyne Beasley
Luke Beggs
Olivia Beggs

Jane Benkelman
Briana Benton
Morgan Bertolino
Walter Bhuyan
Samuel Bilzing
Gage Lanouette
Hannah Leatherbarrow
Dorothea Lebeau
Caroline Lesch
Trevor Lewis

Alexander Ley
Madeleine Littleton
Cameron Litton
John Loida
Guadalupe Lopez

Meredith Loui
Hannah Love
Anna Loyd
Kyra Lucear
Tia Marshall

Peter Massarello
Kelly Maxfield
Camille Mc Clendon
Lamaya McBride
David McCall

Megan McClure
Randi McCollum
Michael McDonald
Gabriel McGilligan
John McHugh

Michael McPherson
Maria Medgaus
Samantha Meyer
Joshua Michalski
Amanda Michenfelder
WGHS STAFF
2014

Jennifer Aguado - SSD
Kathleen Ahern - Science
Nicole Anastasio - Counselor
Terri Bartel - ESL
Mahasin Bias - Unit Secretary

Jay Blossom - Social Studies
Joseph Boeckman - Science
Diane Brockman - Unit Secretary
Julie Burchett - Social Studies
Maureen Cashel - Media Center

Timothy Cashel - Social Studies
Rita Chapman - Communication Arts
Mary Cherrick - Unit Secretary
Jonathan Clark - Principal
Molly Clark - Academic Lab

Nedra Clark - Communication Arts
Sandra Cobitz - Librarian
Kevin Cole - Music
Kristin Cole - Math
Jerry Collins - Activities Director
Stacey Piper - SSD
Teri Pisciotta - SSD
Leah Poe - Music
Christine Poniewaz - Statesmen Ctr
Emily Pott - Communication Arts

Patricia Powers - Foreign Language
Jane Raimondo - SSD
John Raimondo - Asst. Principal
Melissa Rainey - Communication Arts
Caitlin Rambo - Bookkeeper

Michael Reinhardt - Social Studies
Jessica Rhodes - SSD
Susan Riegel - Math
Betty Roberts - Social Studies
Sarah Romanowski - Drama

Lindsey Ross - Communication Arts
Amy Rowland - Foreign Language
Todd Schaefrer - Drama
Mary Schaefer - Registrar
Michael Schawacker - Lab Tech

Chad Schuchmann - SSD
David Schuster - Science
Jaime Schwartz - Foreign Language
Danyell Shaw - Librarian
Kara Siebe - Business

Joanna Sinha - School Psychologist
Cynthia Sittmann - Foreign Language
Margaret Skouby - Science
Barbara Smith - Unit Secretary
Gloria Smith - Physical Education
Jeffrey Smith - Foreign Language
Zachary Smith - Social Studies
Jeffrey Stein - Foreign Language
David Stewart - Permanent Sub
Jacqueline Stilwell - Music

Diane Stromberg - FACS
Daphney Sumner - SIS
Kathy Swanson - Librarian
Angela Thompson - Asst Principal
Elizabeth Thomson - Business

Andrew Throm - Art
Jennifer Tilling - SSD
Charles Vanlarcum - Statesmen Ctr
Jenni Vanderwalke - Social Studies
Karen Verstraete - Counselor

Terence Verstraete - Social Studies
Martha Walter - Science
Pamela Warmbrodt - SSD
Adrian Washington - InSchool
Gregory Wieland - Science

Dane Williams - Music
Marlene Willis - SSD
Kenneth Winingham - Counselor
Philip Wojak - Science
Sean Wright - Physical Education

Latrellie Yancey - Permanent Sub
Back to School Picnic

One of the activities the school district performs each year to address the achievement gap is to host a back to school picnic in August. Everyone, students, parents, teachers, administrators, and the community came together in Bell Park, in North Webster, to celebrate the beginning of another school year. There was food, games, and other activities.
FALL

Field Hockey
Cross Country
Softball
Swimming
### Field Hockey

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GET INVOLVED!

IN A SPORT
Varsity Softball
back: Coach Rosner, Desiree Bell, Madyson Stallcup, Joey Smith, Paige Dobecki. middle: Kate Wylie, Alyssa Young, Samantha Brown, Maddie Sheipeter, Jasmine Peterson. front: Brianna Shatz, Rachel Mehringer, Anna Whelan, Keara Schwieger, Olivia Collins.
Junior Varsity Softball

Varsity Girls Golf

Coach Morrison, Natalie Ribaudo, Kathleen Witte, Paige Ribaudo, Felicia Brown, Sarah Cluff, Aubry Rodriguez

Coach Lopez, Adrienne Johnson, Maria Medgaus, Nicole Bloomer, Pierce Hall
Girls Varsity Volleyball

back: Coach Galdo, Coach Davis, Coach Keane, Malory Moran, Lauren English, Coach Haskins. middle: Hannah Albers, Danielle Blossom, Lauren Brown, Mallory Moran. front: Alaina Appelbaum, Laura Workman, Rachel Sondag, Melanie Grasso, Jane Knobbe
Senior Night

Melanie Grasso

Alaina Appelbaum

Danielle Blossom
Junior Varsity Volleyball

back: Coach Haskins, Lucy Krejci, Hannah Fettig, Hannah Howell.
middle: Madeliene Littleton, Morgan Kern, Danielle Cox
front: Grace Early, Gracey Faulkner, Claudia Glenn, Aireyan Johnson
Roster: Naomi Boyce, Emma Dowling, Alexandra Elliot, Emily Fritz, Katia Gregov, Kathleen Holthaus, Elizabeth Huff, Emma Kanerva, Emma Kerbler, Azaria Weber, Mashylla Young
Boys Soccer - Varsity

front: Wesley Wride, Sam Kemper, David Richards, Michael Hanrahan, Ben Rosenblatt
2nd: Antoine Givens, Carl Shimotani, Sheriden Smith, Cameron Oliver, John Conley, Ethan Harper.
3rd row: Sam Cashel Dennis Paloucek, Dylan Eaton, Sam Craig, Walker Green, Ryan Moll.
back: Coach Cashel, Ethan Baer, Joseph Buckly, William Zempel, Caleb Kuhn, Sam Stanford
Junior Varsity Boys Soccer

ROSTER: Gavin Ashley, Kyle Bishop, Ryne Dobson, Antoine Givens, Daniel Gomez, Trevor Lewis, Joshua Michalski, Benjamin Mitchler, John Moorehouse, William Sprick, Kieran Tilford, Logan Tumninello, Timothy Wiese, Joshua Woodyard, Max Yusen
Tennis - Girls

Roster: Kate Arendes, Jane Benkelman, Claire Bremehr, Anne Buck, Meghan Cashel, Madison Clipp, Courtney DeGroot, Leann Fitzpatrick, Cameron Gebben, Hillary Gerber, Alexandra Harper, Michaela Heintz, Julia Huelsman, Margaret Johnston, Helen Kaul, Kelly Keefe, Annelise Kerr-Grant, Kelly Komotos, Samantha Martin, Meaghan McGuire, Emma McKeon, Sarah Mello, Ella Moss, Helen O’Brien, Lucy O’Neal, Jessica Oliphant, Elise Palmquist, Katherine Perkins, Bonnie Randall, Rebecca Riley, Mia Schnieders, Brady Slattery, Carolyn Smith, Abigail Stoner, Eleanor Thomas, Kristin Watt, Alison Wuensch

Coaches: Smith and Young
Boys Cross Country

Roster: Brendan Andre, Zachary Baetz, Alex Beezley, Lucas Bennett, August Bont, Mateo Carpenter, Mark Curtin, Ethan DeGhelder, Garret Doria, Ranan Dorsey, Brian Dugan, Jacob Engelskind, Ian Fairley, Nicholas Gilbert, Colin Gilker, Joseph Grasso, Jonathan Hayes, Michael Hayes, William Howells William Johnson, Anderson Kimball, Joseph Klein, Benjamin Kuskowski, Tyler Lawson, Trenton Mayes, Miles McMillin, Erickson Moss, Tanner Nelson, David Puricelli, Benjamin Ragan, Alexander Ring, Jonas Sandbrink, Peter Schainker, Isaac Schmitt, Charles Sears, Samuel Short, Quincy Smith, Michael Steele, Ian Stoner, Samuel Syberg, Aron Tolin, Daniel Tolliver, Joshua Vitoux, Matthew Whitaker, Alex White, LaMont Wilson

Boys Swim Team

front: Kurt Krautmann, Lucas Doll, Pascal DeLay, James Buck, Michael Greaves
Roster: Emma Addison, Mariana Andrews, Sierra Bennett, Mia Berg, Carly Borth, Christine Boschet, Annie Bryan, Julia Candelario, Anastasia Chapman, Seena Cherian, Alexandra Clear, Bethany Conerly, Caroline Dowling, Sydney Garland, Emma Harrelson, Rachel Horstmann, Emma Johnson, Bonnie Kerr, Phoebe Mussman, Kelsey Ortinau, Emily Parker, Jennifer Perkowski, Kathleen Placke, Mallory Pokorny, Sarah Reinhart, Elena Ring, Katherine Scheffing, Kelly Siempelkamp, Vivian Whaley, Elizabeth White
Sponsors Mr. Lemay, Coach Kirksey, and Coach Boeckmann. Students Allies started the Pep Club and meet in Mr. Lemay’s room every Wednesday morning. All students are encouraged to join and be loud at games from the student section. All grades cheer and dress up in orange, black, and different themes, such as: camo, American, and whiteout.

**Varsity Cheerleaders**

JUNIOR VARSITY

front: Madison Camdon, Mallory Wongler, Kayla Senizaiz, Heidi Ehlert, Duyen-Anh Vo,
middle: Jasha Keller, Madison Fuller, Sabrina Clement, Abigail Wilson, Allyssa Lang-Taylor,
Cayce Sloan. back: Cheyenne Wilson, Carrie Wagner, Breanna Gewinner, Coach Suggs

FRESHMEN

front: Maggie Brenon, Randi McCullum, Eleweeze Smith, Elizabeth Gilstrap, Kamryn
Senizaiz. back: Kameron Pace, Janette Turner, Francesca Kirdy, Jordyn Thompson
The original cheerleading squad was an all male group called the Razzers.
2013/2014  Varsity Cheerleaders
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37 Willie Taylor RB - DL 12
38 Jack Kamper PK 12
39 Caleb Granberry RB - LB 11
40 Brron Sanders RB - LB 12
41 Daushawn Griffin RB - LB 12
42 Jerome Tuckson OL - LB 11
43 Mark Abegg OL - DL 11
44 Michael Burgess OL - DL 11
45 Wes Hergate OL - LB 12
46 Kevin Stewart OL - DL 12
47 Chris Dirks OL - DL 11
48 Blake Workman OL - DL 12
49 John Schur OL - DL 12
50 Mo Brown OL - DL 12
51 Anthony Jackson OL - DL 11
52 Kris Jones OL - DL 10
53 Josh Kilson OL - DL 12
54 Jordan Shumate WR - PK 11
55 John Thomas WR - DB 10
56 Shaun Hannigan TE - DL 11
57 Joe Herdler TE - DL 12

**Head Coach:** Cliff Ice

**Assistant Coaches:**
- Mike Abegg
- Yarmon Kirksey
- David Curcuru
- Bill Lieberoff
- Mark Gray
- Keenan Miller
- Dwayne Kirksey
- Tom Havrilka
- Toren Sutherlin
- Dwight Kirksey
- Tracey Mack
- Alex Bennett

**Athletic Trainer:** Sean Wright, ATC

**Activities Director:** Jerry Collins

**Principal:** Dr. Jon Clark

**Superintendent:** Dr. Sarah Riss

**Film Crew:** Bret Waelterman
Senior Night
FOOTBALL
STATESMEN

Jesse Billingsley
Marvel Booker
Maurice Brown
DeShawn Griffin
John Hargate
Jocelyn Hartung
Joe Herdler

Bri'on Sanders
John Shurck
Danny Stewart
Kevin Stewart
Harold Taylor
Montrell Watson

Donvonte Johnson
John Kemper
Josh Killion
Dorsey Lawrence
Rishon Loper
Blake Workman
Junior Varsity

ROSTER: Laquan Bell, Matthew Campbell, Christopher Cohen, Donovan Daniels, Tanner Dunlap, Tyron Fantroy, Djakeem Fedrick, Ryan Gardiner, Ginu Kurian, Parker Light, Bryce McLean, Ian Meyer, Nicholas Suber, K’Wane Tayes, Christopher Taylor, Dominic Waller, Jerry Yates

Freshmen

AND EVENTS

Back In Black
STAR
Friendship Dance
DECA
Philosophy Club
Symone Palmer
Kevin Carroll
Rams Diversity Assy.
Veteran's Day
Diversity Conf.
YWCA Conf.
Ameren Conf.
Mr. Whitfield
StatesBot
History Club
Student Council
National Honor Society
Athletic Trainers
Ping Pong Club
Halloween
Frankenstein
One Acts
Turkey Day Activities
Back in
History
It was started by Mr. Jim Muth in 1995.
The Sandwiches go to St. Vincent de Paul in Soulard.
St. Vincent de Paul has a homeless window where people can walk up and get a sandwich and fruit for free from 10am-2pm.
Also once a month the church does a dinner for the homeless.

What do we do?
Star meets five times a year. Students make approximately 700-900 sandwiches within 30 minutes.
Star used to raise money for supplies by selling water but now gets supplies through donations.
Anyone can join by coming to the FACS room on the third Thursday of the month.

"It's a wonderful thing to help the community and you get to meet people you may have never met before." - Ms. Stromberg
The Friendship Dance used to be called the Hi-Y Football Dance, and was started in 1935. The first Webster Football Queen was Jane Clements.

Webster’s Hi-Y Club joined with Kirkwoods Hi-Y Club to form the first Friendship Dance in 1939. The first Webster Friendship Queen was Barbara Ramsay.

The first Black Queen at Webster was elected in 1968. She was Faye de Clue. Kirkwood elected its first Black Queen in 1981. She was Sherry Fantroy. The first Friendship King was crowned in 2006. Ned Stevens was Webster’s first Friendship King. Since 1934 there have been 73 Football Queens, 79 Friendship Queens, and 16 Friendship Kings.

For 2013, the dance was held at Webster Groves High School.
STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Officers

Alexandra Divin, Justin Saelee, Janae Dockett, Michelle Anderson, Talor Crawford, Lauren Newsome.
Symone Palmer:
with her acceptance letter to attend Loyola University/Chicago. Her award totaled $68,000.
Mr. Carroll followed his Red Rubber Ball from soccer fields in the Air Force to the 76ers and then to Nike where he earned the title “katalyst”.

Now he speaks at schools and companies around the world, trying to help others discover their inspiration and encourage them on their chase. He is the author of Rules of the Red Rubber Ball and the founder of Kevin Carroll Katalyst.

Since 2004, more than 350,000 people from 200+ corporations, 150 non-profit organizations, and dozens of schools around the world have been inspired by Kevin’s dynamic presentations.
Mr. Carroll presented students and staff signed books, balls, and other memorabilia. Student Council President, Lauren Newsome, presented Mr. Carroll a photo of Mr. Carroll, Dr. Clark, and herself in front of the Frisco Bell. We thanked him for visiting our school and spending the day with us.
VETERANS DAY 2013
Amnesty International Club

back: Stella Pey, Irene Ryan, Maddie Gegg, Mikayla Richter, Baphiwe Langeni, Emma Lingle, Erin Stanton, Sam Syberg, front Gavin Turner, Gini Kuriyan

Ameren Diversity Accountant Program

Shellece Sharp, Kametria Head, Dalia Escomilla, Mary Estifanos
Diversity Awareness Partnership

DAP and Ameren UE have partnered to develop this opportunity for high school students in St. Louis as a pipeline to potentially change their futures forever. Participating from WGHS is Isaiah Washington, Sam Goben, Alexis Burke, Cameron Hilton, and Sam Craig.

Young Women's Leadership Conference

Octavia Swapshire, Daja Robinson, Anna Goins, Aireyan Johnson, Pierce Hall, Taimika Askew-Sunkara, Elyse Gilmore, Allison Gilmore, Janae Irby, Lauren Newsome, Jasmine Peterson
back: Kimberlee Shaw, Mary Ann Cahoon, Ben Drollinger, Josh Jansen, Casey Thater
middle: Daniel Shaw, Michael Steele, Colin Gilker, Prem Rao, Payton Sullivan, Madeline Allen,
front: Claire Hoeing, Dylan Martin, Rachel Kessler, Dorothea LeBeau

Kennard O. Whitfield

Mr. Whitfield was a graduate of the old Douglas High School before it was combined with WGHS.
He is a two time Mayor of Rock Hill.
He has children who attended the Webster school system.
He was invited to speak to Social Studies class about diversity and the history of race and integration, and give some historical insight into Webster.
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

HISTORY CLUB

History Club at Model UN: Annie Buck, Emily Rapp, Charlotte Gavin, Helen Kaul, Samuel Bennett, Virginia Lee, Jessica Pierce, William Burchett

One of the History Club's activities was coloring bags to be sent to 'First Responders' and troops for Operation Goody Bag. They did this for 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance.
Diversity Awareness Partnership

Ameren Missouri joined with St. Louis Rams and Diversity Awareness Partnership for a screening and discussion of *Third and Long: A History of African Americans in Professional Football*. Students from Webster Groves and Hazelwood Central high schools participated. Joining the discussion were Steve Parks, director, Diversity, Ameren Services, Will Witherspoon (51), Ram’s linebacker and Johnny Hekker (6) Ram’s punter, Nicole Woodie, Ram’s organization.
PING PONG CLUB

HALLOWEEN
WGHS Drama Department
Proudly Presents

Frankenstein

Adopted from Mary Shelley's classic novel
By Tim Kelly

The Cast
(In order of appearance)
Annelise Kerr-Grant ........ Sophie
Peyton Lansing ............ Ernst (Inspector)
Duncan Kinzie* ............ Dr. Frankenstein
Olivia Kohring* ........... Elizabeth
Zack Sullivan .............. Henry Clerval
Eugene Gardiner* .......... The Creature
Emily Jackoway* .......... Mother
Gabrielle Berkley .......... Justine (the gypsy)

*denotes member of I.T.S (troupe 191)

Production Staff

Director
Sarah Romanowski

Co-Director/Tech
Todd Schaefer

Student Director
Emma Lingle

Stage Managers
Lauren Newsome & Janae Irby
Senior Line Dance

PRACTICE
HALL DECORATIONS

The Senior Class won this year's contest. "The 80's"
Tacky Day
2013 Thanksgiving

The Tug of War was
a tie this year.
N E  D A N C E
The Varsity squads of Webster and Kirkwood took the field this year. Their last meeting was in 2008. Kirkwood won the game by a score of 44 - 0, and captured the Frisco Bell. The Ray Moss Award for Webster Groves was presented to John Schurk by Coach Cliff Ice.
WINTER SPORTS and Activities

GET IN

BASKETBALL WRESTLING
Varsity Boys Basketball

back: Andrew Bennett, Stephan Harris, Jamal Hinton, Alexander Floresca, Christopher Gordon, Sturt Hollandsworth, Robert Thompson
middle: Cameron Potts, Christian Wimbley, Cameron Hilton, Samuel Craig, Nicholas Delgado
front: Jaelan Jones, Kevin Butler, Leland Bradford, Thomas Herbler
Above: Ceremony during the Kirkwood game recognizing the Basketball Statesmen 83 consecutive conference wins starting in 2001 til 2013. Former members of those teams were on the court during half-time, as well as member of the current team.

Below: The Statesmen took 2nd place in the 2013 Webster Classic Tournament
Coach Mathis, Andrew Bennett, Caleb Kuhn, Dennis Paloucek, Cameron Potts
front: Jerry Yates, Bryce McLean, Anthony Gulve

Freshmen Boys Basketball

back: Matt Haug, Josua Kuhn, Dodge Dunlap, Anthony Tegenkamp,
middle: Eric Wunch, Jared Deny, Benjamin Mitchler, Max Yusen, Andy Kimball
front: Alexander Ley, Matt Herbert, Brendon Ruganti, Perry Jones
Varsity Girls Basketball

back: Coach Gilmore, Coach Thompson, Mary-Kate Kirbler, Claire Conners, Coach Parker, Coach Perkins
middle: Leah Brand, Sydney Garland, Brittany Morris, Mallory Morgan,
front: Camilla Under, Lael Jones, Rachael Sundag
J. V. Girls Basketball

back: Coach Gilmore, Coach Thompson, Emma Kanerva, Maggy Moran, Alexis Burke, Coach Parker, Coach Perkins
middle: Madeline Gegg, Mary Quartuccio, Anna Dodson, Jacqueline Bates
front: Erica Waelterman, Lael Jones, Ava Burke

Freshmen Girls Basketball

front: Brittany Hartung, Mashylla Young, Genevieve Vaughn,
middle: Haley O'Brien, Mariah Stone, Olivia Oude-Alink, Katherine Perkins
back: Coach Bias, Mahalia Wade-Fluker, Jordan Scurlock, Helena Eames
LETTERS OF INTENT

Samantha Brown
SOFTBALL

Leah Brand
BASKETBALL

SENIOR NIGHT
front: Jenny Johns, Reiley Parker, Alex Wieselman, Anna Rosin, Irene Ryan
middle: Danota Mahoney, Allison Lakey, Erin Wieselman, Abby Finigan, Cortney Vitale, Natalie Meyers
back: Emily Parker, Rachael Horstmann, Maddie Bloemke, Haley Fitzpatrick, Kathryn Rempe, Leann Fitzpatrick, Mikayla Kempf
GET INVOLVED!
Awards were received for meeting their goals. Those could be perfect attendance or achieving their projected grade point average. Dr. Clark and Mr. Kirsey opened the program with remarks and praise.
Renaissance Awards

Freshmen
Sophomores

Juniors
2014 Winter Homecoming Dance

Homecoming Courts
Lexi Divin, Emma Lingle, Anna Bird, Maeve Dolan, Molly Kurtz, Lauren Krodinger, Elizabeth Gilstrap, Kameron Pace
Nick Gilbert, Marvel Booker, Anthony Washington, Cory Mack, Ryan Gardiner, Nick Jones, Kurt Krautmann, Seth Kimzey

2014 King and Queen

Freshmen
Seth Kimzey
Elizabeth Gilstrap

Sophomores
Ryan Gardiner
Lauren Krodinger

Juniors
Cory Mack
Maeve Dolan

Seniors
Nick Gilbert
Lexi Divin
The Photo Booth
DECA in NYC - 2014

Visiting Sports Illustrated

Jewelry Distributor Metal Mafia
Exploring the streets of New York

Costumes from the Disney Theatrical Group

DECA at ESPN

Madison Square Garden Tour

DECA at Teen Vogue

Melanie Grasso and Alison Mantia in costumes from Disney Theatrical Group

DECA girls with the Nicks Girls at Madison Square Garden

Ice Skating @ Rockefeller Center
Students For Awareness and Action
SAA

The 2014
Students for Awareness and Action (SAA)
MLK Assembly

LET
FREEDOM
RING
Art Club

Interact Club

back: Justilien Landry (Rotary Liaison), Sam Syberg, Sara Thomas, Anna Cooke, Casey Scott, Emma Addison, Katie Boschart, Justin Saelee, Mrs. Hampton (Sponsor).
front: Lucy Krejci, Christy Boschert, Maggie Parker, Sarah Addison
International Club
The Student Council raised $1200 for Special Olympics by sending students to Maryland Heights’ Creve Coeur Lake to participate in the Polar Bear Plunge. Participants were Cory Mack, Elyse Gilmore, Justin Saelee, Lexi Divin, Talor Crawford, Alondra Ayala, Maddelyn Whaley, Jack Kincaid, Maggie Nash, Sawyer Buck.
Chamber Choir

Concert Choir
Freshaires

Treblaires
BAND
Pacers

Future Leaders 2013

Yellow Pride

Red Rhinos
Orange Tigers  Blue Bandits
White Lions  Men In Black
Purple Penguins  Green Thing
SENIOR NIGHT
Cheerleaders and Basketball

Elisha Ross
Hayley Williamson
Michelle Anderson
Katelyn Haniford
Lonita Benson
Symone Palmer
Claire Conners
Brittany Morris
Leah Brand
Douglas Night
Senior Ads

Samantha Cox 210
Rebecca Meyer 211
Kelly Nash 211
Jasmine Peterson 212
Paige Ribaudo 213
Ethan Harper 213
Alex Puricelli 214
Zach Sullivan 214
David Azar 215
Madeliene Biggs 215
Natalie Peterson 216
Hannah Kaufman 216
Hannah Gaska 216
Trenton Mayes 216
Ronan Dorsey 217
Chelsie Fisher 217
Lauren Newsome 217
Daniel Moore 218
Melanie Grasso 218
Jessica Barger 218
Lauren Newsome 218
Maurice Brown 218
Lucy Leonard 219
Congratulations

Samantha DeCroix Cox

Class of 2014
15 years of gymnastics, 12 thousand hours at the gym, 7 years of band, 1 trip to Ireland, 13 states together, 4 years of WGHS, 7,000 laughs, and enough memories to last a lifetime.

Rebecca Meyer & Kelly Nash
And suddenly a child is born,  
A gift from God to you.  
She learns to walk, she learns to talk.  
And suddenly- she’s two.  
As years go by, a young girl grows,  
All bright, alert, alive.  
She starts to learn to read and write  
And suddenly - she’s five.  
And all the time it seems to be,  
She hardly changes when,  
She’s caught with mommy’s high heels on,  
And suddenly - she’s ten  
And through it all, you watch this child,  
The years have gently flown,  
She starts to turn to say goodbye,  
And suddenly - she’s grown.  

We Love you Jazz!!  
Mom and Dad
Paige Ribaudo

Our Brown Eyed Girl
Oh the places you’ve been and the places you’ll go
You have made us so proud
Good Luck on your journey

Love
Mom, Dad & Nats

Friends Stay United!

Ethan “Harps”

We will miss watching you play.

Love Mom and Dad
Graduation's a time to commemorate your achievements, anticipate for future opportunities and embrace a world of possibilities. Treasure this moment of accomplishment... the TIME and hard work invested!! I’m proud of the obstacles you’ve overcome getting to this day. Congratulations!! The rest of your life is about to begin. Your efforts will bring happiness to yourself and to others. Believe in yourself! Never stop dreaming! Be brave enough to follow your dreams! Enjoy the journey ahead.

I love you! ~ Mom
Dear Sissy:

You will always be my big sister even when I get taller than you. I love you lots!

Little bro,
Calvin

Our Madeleine,

You have accomplished so much already: traveling to China, going to University, excelling at school, and helping others. We can not wait to see what comes next. We are always in your heart. Go have fun, study hard and be Madeleine Marie!

Love you lots,

Dad & M.O.M.
To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else, is the greatest accomplishment.

Native American Wisdom

We love you Natalie

Dad, Mom, Amanda & Drew

“A daughter is wonderful memories of the past, joyful moments of the present, and the hope & promise of the future. May you always follow life’s dreams.”

Love, Mom Dad Andrew

“Let us read and let us dance - two amusements that will never do any harm to the world.”

Voltaire

We love you Hannah!

Mom, Dad & Emma

Trenton,

Words just can’t express how proud I am of you and all you have accomplished. You truly are the biggest blessing of my life.

Love,

MOM
“Ronan’s finally graduating! Who will tell me there’s Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in the vent now? Love, Nessa

We are so proud of you, Chelsie! Love, Mom and Dad

Chelsie

“Say what you wanna say, And let the words fall out. Honestly, [we] wanna see you be brave...” - Brave, Sara Bareilles

We are so proud of you! Love, Mom and Anthony

Lauren,

“Children fill places in your heart that you never knew were empty” Anonymous

“I don’t usually like thinking about the future. I mean, let’s face it, you can’t predict what’s going to happen. But sometimes, the thing you didn’t expect is what you really wanted after all. Maybe the best thing to do is just stop trying to figure out where you’re going and enjoy where you’re at.” Love, Momma & Dad
Daniel,
It’s been great hanging around with you these years! Congratulations on a job well done! Good luck in all you do next! Tsamae hantle, abuti!

With much love.
Mom, Dad, Abbie & Khotso

Jessica,
We are so proud of you. Your dedication to school, family, friends and work is outstanding. You are brilliant, beautiful and big-hearted. We believe in you and love you very much.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Lauren,
Words can’t express how proud I am of you. Holding you in my arms as a baby, dreaming about what you would someday become. I never could have imagined that amazing young lady you have turned into. The sky’s the limit to you Lauren, and I will always be there to support your dreams.
I love you,
Tyler Newsome

Melanie
“Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing”
We love you, Melanie.
Enjoy the journey...

Mom, Dad and Joe 3

Hi R.P.
Congratulations on your upcoming graduation. Don’t forget your aunt/cousins after graduation on weekends, winter breaks and Wrestle Mania. Good luck in upcoming adventures nephew.

Love Neena

Maurice (Big Mo),
What a wonderful journey watching you grow. You’re the young man I always hoped you’d be. I hope all your dreams come true. Don’t hold it against me if I still cut your sandwiches diagonally. I’m still your mom, what can I say.

Love you more, Mom
Lucy Henderson Leonard

"She is quick, curious, playful & strong. Beautiful inside & out." Love,
Mom, Dad,
Haley & Barrett

We are so proud of you!

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Please enjoy this 2014 issue of the ECHO Yearbook.
NEWS OF
MUSIC
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TRIUMPHS
SCIENCE
WEATHER
TECHNOLOGY
&\ THE WORLD AROUND US

YEAR OF THE #SELFIE #POLARVORTEX #OLYMPICS
HAWAIIAN WAVES The north shore of Oahu saw 40- to 50-foot waves in January, the largest since 2004. Though the waves presented the perfect challenge for the big wave surf contest, it had to be postponed because of the 40 mph winds. TYPHOON HAIYAN More than 6,000 people in the Philippines died as a result of November’s unofficially strongest typhoon ever recorded. With winds up to 195 mph, the storm affected 13 million people and caused an estimated $1.5 billion in damages across the Philippines, Vietnam and Laos. VOLCANO IN ECUADOR Tungurahua was expected to erupt in July but no one anticipated gas, stones and ash shooting 45,000 feet into the air, visible from 90 miles away. TORONTO FLOODING Nearly five inches of summer rain fell on Ontario in two hours, disrupting the subway, stranding motorists and causing power outages. YARNELL HILL FIRE A lightning strike in late June caused the Arizona fire. Strong winds and a long-term drought pushed the flames, which overran and killed 19 elite firefighters. It took nearly two weeks to contain the fire which burned 8,400 acres and destroyed 129 structures. SNOW IN EGYPT In December, up to three feet of snow fell for the first time in 112 years in an area which averages less than one inch of rain per year. MIDWEST TORNADOES Tornadoes tore across Midwest states in November, killing six people in Illinois and injuring 200. In all, 12 states felt the effects of the storms and more than 600,000 lost power.
POLAR VORTEX
LIKE A POLAR CYCLONE, THIS WEATHER PATTERN DIPPED SOUTH OUT OF CANADA EARLY IN JANUARY, BRINGING RECORD LOWS.

Normally this great swirling pool of extremely cold air stays over Canada, but in 2014 it came south, plunging temperatures into the teens as far south as Dallas and breaking records in 49 locations on one day. January 6 saw 26 states under wind chill advisories and watches which closed schools across the Midwest and East Coast. For the first time in decades, the Great Lakes were almost completely frozen with only 12 percent open water. After a brief respite, temperatures took a dive later in the month and several inches of snow across Alabama and Georgia brought major cities like Atlanta to a standstill. The extreme weather created problems beyond the United States as unusual cold and snow stretched across Europe. Record snowfall in Japan killed 19 people in February.

NEW SPECIES FOUND
CUTE RACCOON RELATIVE DISCOVERED IN THE AMAZON
Although it was only one of many species discovered in the past year, the carnivorous olinguito drew the most attention. This nocturnal cutie, related to the common raccoon, lived in the Amazon cloud forest. For years, this species had been confused with the common olinguito, perplexing zoo personnel when they refused to mate with others of seemingly their own kind. The Smithsonian’s curator of mammals announced both anatomical and genetic evidence that marked it as a new species. The new breed had more appeal than another new species discovered in 2015: Australia’s leaf-tailed gecko.

GOING GREEN
THE ROOFTOP SOLAR INDUSTRY AGAIN GREW BY MORE THAN 40 PERCENT AS PEOPLE SOUGHT MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY ENERGY SOLUTIONS. THE OPTION TO LEASE AS WELL AS DECLINING SOLAR PANEL PRICES CONTRIBUTED TO THIS GROWTH. ENVIRONMENTALISTS UNDERTOOK ANOTHER BATTLE, FIGHTING TO BLOCK THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTROVERSIAL KEYSTONE PIPELINE THAT WOULD CARRY CRUDE OIL FROM ALBERTA, CANADA, TO REFINERIES IN NEBRASKA, ILLINOIS AND TEXAS. IN NOVEMBER, DOMESTIC OIL PRODUCTION OFFICIALLY PASSED IMPORTS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY 20 YEARS.
TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

FROM COLOR RUNS AND SHARING VIDEOS TO DELIVERY DRONES, NEW IDEAS PUSH THE LIMITS OF IMAGINATION AND INNOVATION

Started as an event to promote healthiness and happiness by bringing the community together to participate in the “Happiest 5k on the Planet,” Color Runs experienced exponential growth again in 2013. Runners dressed in white got doused in neon-colored powders at every kilometer and each of the more than 170 events in 30+ countries in 2013 ended with a “Finish Festival,” a post-race party with music, dancing and massive color throws designed to create even more vivid color combinations. Beginning in June, Instagram added the ability for users to shoot and share 15-second videos, enhanced by one of 13 special filters. The new video feature was released as a free update to the existing Instagram app. A delivery debacle “ruined holidays” coast to coast when demand for shipping of online purchases exceeded capacity and winter storms caused delays in major hubs nationwide. Considering other options, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos told CBS News he expected a drone delivery system to be in place for unmanned aerial deliveries as soon as federal rules changed to allow such flights.

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER PROCTER & GAMBLE’S CFO REPORTED THAT NEARLY FLAT SALES GLOBALLY WERE PARTIALLY TO BLAME FOR A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN SECOND-QUARTER NET INCOME, BUT HE ALSO SAID THAT HIPSTERS AND AMERICA’S LOVE AFFAIR WITH FACIAL HAIR – PARTICULARLY, THE TREND OF GROWING MUSTACHES IN NOVEMBER KNOWN AS “MOVEMBER” – HURT SALES OF RAZORS.

Facebook enabled users to search for conversation topics within status updates and posts with Graph Search, and launched clickable #hashtags. Plus, founder Mark Zuckerberg and crew acquired WhatsApp for $16 billion to add mobile messaging capabilities.
NEW RELEASES. Apple upped the game with colorful and metallic phones in the iOS 5 line as well as adding Retina display to all latest generation products. The Smarty Ring, a Bluetooth-enabled wearable gadget allowed users to check smartphone alerts and manage incoming calls right from their fingers. Users could manage the settings for their Smarty Rings from a mobile app, and use the device as a watch, timer or phone finder. 

FITBIT & NIKE FUEL. Fitness tracking products that synched step counts, fuel burned and other data to users’ phones or computers increased in popularity.

WEIGHTLESS PROJECT. This project was an effort to bridge the gap between obesity and hunger. By partnering with health and fitness brands, social organizations and philanthropic foundations, the project converted the calories burnt into funds, which were donated to programs for food relief and malnutrition.

no genetically modified organisms

The Non-GMO Project — a non-profit with the mission of protecting the food supply and giving consumers an informed choice — was started to identify products produced according to known industry best practices.
More than two years after the Arab Spring uprising began, the conflict in Syria continued to pit forces loyal to the Ba'ath government against those seeking to oust it. A chemical attack—the worst in 25 years—that killed hundreds and wounded thousands more in Damascus in August led to U.S. calls for military action against Syria, which denied responsibility and blamed rebel fighters for the deaths. Within weeks Russia, a longtime Syrian ally, presented a proposal to eliminate the regime's chemical weapons stockpile under International supervision and the White House backed off. While the U.N., the European Union, Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation scheduled a second round of peace talks in Geneva for February, the talks ended in a stalemate.

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While the mission statement for the Internal Revenue Service pledges to "enforce the law with integrity and fairness to all," controversy flared after a report revealed the agency's targeting for closer scrutiny of specific groups applying for tax exemptions, based on their names or political themes. Ultimately, lawmakers called for the resignations of three IRS commissioners, but no criminal charges were ever filed.

**OBAMACARE (AFFORDABLE CARE ACT)**
**THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN HEALTH CARE IN DECADES**

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**POLITICAL WEAPONS STRUGGLES**
**CHINA AND NORTH KOREA FLEX THEIR MUSCLES**

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**STATE OF THE UNION**

**OBAMA: 'THE REST OF MY PRESIDENCY IS FOR WORKING-CLASS AMERICA'**

Action was the underlying theme of President Barack Obama's Jan. 28 State of the Union address. The president — whose popularity ratings had declined to 42 percent — outlined goals and priorities that included economic opportunity, energy and education, and called for more government support to help rebuild the nation's infrastructure in order to spur growth and create more employment opportunities.
HERO OR TRAITOR? Edward Snowden, a former CIA employee and National Security Agency (NSA) contractor, became known worldwide when he disclosed classified documents to the media. The leak fueled debates over mass surveillance, government secrecy and the balance between national security and privacy.

CONTROVERSIAL TRIAL Protests erupted when a jury found neighborhood watch participant George Zimmerman not guilty in the death of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin.

LUNCH POISONING At least 23 students died and dozens more fell ill at a village primary school in eastern India after eating contaminated free lunches. Angered by the incident, villagers took to the streets in protest.

HE'S THE MAN Just one year into his papacy, Pope Francis was named Time magazine's 2013 'Person of the Year.' His acts of humility, simple lifestyle and welcoming ways quickly improved the Catholic Church's image.

EGYPTIAN OUSTER Protests raged for months after the overthrow of Egyptian president Mohammed Morsi. The Islamist leader contended that he remained Egypt's legitimate president because there had been no official decree removing him from office.

A FRESH START The city of Detroit officially became the largest municipality in U.S. history to enter Chapter 9 bankruptcy when a judge ruled the city insolvent. The decision allowed the city to negotiate as it attempted to eliminate $18 billion in debt.

FREE AT LAST In a step aimed at "resuming the diplomatic process," Israel released 26 Palestinian prisoners in a gesture of good will between the two sides, days before a visit to the region by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

RANA PLAZA COLLAPSE An eight-story commercial building collapsed in Bangladesh in April, 2013 killing 1,129 and injuring 2,515 in the deadliest accidental structural failure in modern history.

MERGER UNDERWAY The world's largest airline was created in December 2013 when U.S. Airways and American Airlines joined forces.

UKRAINIAN PROTESTS Ongoing political unrest intensified when the world spotlight was on nearby Sochi, escalating to violence and leading to dozens of deaths.

MORE FREEDOM TO MARRY In addition to a Supreme Court decision ruling sections of the Defense of Marriage Act unconstitutional, eight more states legalized same sex marriage, bringing the total to 17.
IN THE MUSIC SCENE

BRUNO MARS The first lead Super Bowl halftime performer under age 30, Mars was nominated for four Grammys, and won Best Pop Vocal Album with Unorthodox Jukebox.

MACKLEMORE & RYAN LEWIS Best New Artist and Best Rap Song were just two of the four categories the duo won at the 56th annual Grammy Awards.

DAFT PUNK FEATURING PHARRELL The French duo known for their robotic costumes won five Grammys, including Album of the Year for their 2013 hit Random Access Memories.

KACEY MUSGRAVES At 25, this Texas singer-songwriter was nominated for four Grammys (and won two!). Her debut Nashville album Same Trailer Different Park topped the charts and included three hit singles.

LORDE At 17, New Zealand singer-songwriter Ella Yelich-O’Connor won both Song of the Year and Best Pop Solo Performance for her hit, “Royals” at the Grammys.

BLAKE SHELTON Named CMA Male Vocalist of the Year for the fourth consecutive time, Shelton also collected his first-ever Album of the Year honors for Based on a True Story, his eighth studio album which debuted at No. 1.
THE HEAT Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy accept the People's Choice Award for Favorite Comedic Movie. FROZEN Disney's 3D adaptation of The Snow Queen won both Best Animated Feature and Best Song ("Let It Go") at the Oscars. IRON MAN 3 The comic book blockbuster was the highest-earning film of 2013 worldwide at $1.2 billion and won Favorite Movie at the People's Choice Awards. DUCK DYNASTY A&E's reality series that portrayed the lives of Louisiana's Robertson family, who became wealthy from their family-operated hunting supply business, broke cable non-fiction viewing records and created commercial spin-offs. 12 YEARS A SLAVE The Golden Globe Best Motion Picture also won the Best Motion Picture and Best Adapted Screenplay Oscars. Lupita Nyong'o took Best Actress in Supporting Role honors. GRAVITY The Academy celebrated this film's technical prowess with seven Oscars, including Best Cinematography, Visual Effects and Sound Mixing/Editing. THE TONIGHT SHOW WITH JIMMY FALLON After five years airing immediately after The Tonight Show, Fallon took over as host of NBC's long-running franchise when Jay Leno retired in February, 2014. THE BIG BANG THEORY Cast members accept the Best TV Series Comedy at the Teen Choice Awards. THE TWILIGHT SAGA Breaking Dawn—Part 2 won eight Teen Choice Awards including Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy Movie.
# The Final Medal Counts

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Snowboarder Sage Kotsenburg won the first U.S. gold medal of the 2014 games in men’s slopestyle, an X Games event making its Olympic debut. Slopestyle competitors slide on rails and fly off enormous ramps to execute aerial maneuvers scored on style and difficulty.

Volunteers ski in heart formation as a tribute to Sarah Burke who had long lobbied for women’s halfpipe skiing in the Olympics. Burke died in a 2012 training accident at age 29.
ATHLETES FOR ANIMALS After Sochi’s abundant population of stray dogs made world headlines, plans were put into action for the rescue, adoption and care of many. SPARTAN HOTELS AND BATHROOMS Visitors were unhappy with issues of comfort, safety and cleanliness. UNIFORMLY DISAPPOINTED When success eluded the favored U.S. speedskating team, members rejected their new “Mach 39” uniforms produced by Under Armour in cooperation with defense contractor Lockheed Martin and reverted to apparel worn in previous competitions.

TECHNICAL GUTCH Russian organizers made a light-hearted joke at their own expense during the closing ceremony by referring back to the opening ceremony when one of the five Olympic rings failed to appear.

The men’s 15km biathlon competition was postponed due to fog. Canadians Kaillie Humphries and Heather Moyse became the first women bobsledders to repeat as Olympic champions. Marcus Hellner of Sweden celebrates winning gold in the men’s cross country relay. President Vladimir Putin visits Russian skier Maria Komissarova in a hospital after she sustained a broken back in a fall. Meryl Davis and Charlie White won gold in ice dancing, besting their Canadian training partners Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir by just 4.33. Mikaela Shiffrin, 18, won gold in women’s skiing slalom to become the youngest Olympic alpine champion ever.

CANADIAN COMEBACK A disappointed U.S. team wears their silver medals, following a 3-2 overtime loss to Canada in women’s hockey. TEAM CANADA Players celebrate their second consecutive gold medal, after beating Sweden 3-0 in the finals. 13 MEDALS Norway’s Ole Einar Bjoerndalen, 40, added golds in a pair of biathlon events in Sochi and set a record becoming the most decorated Winter Olympian in history. U.S. MEN SWEET SKI SLOPESTYLE United States’ Gus Kenworthy, Joss Christensen and Nicholas Goepper took all three medals in the debut of freestyle men’s ski slopestyle at the games. It was the first American Winter Games sweep since 2002.

DUTCH DOMINATION The Netherlands took home a staggering eight gold medals — and 25 medals overall — in 12 speedskating events. The Polish and Russian teams were next most successful, earning three medals each. JUDGING QUESTIONED When Adelina Sotnikova — whose routine was regarded as having been slightly inferior to that of South Korean runner-up Yuna Kim, won the gold — many questioned the impartiality of the judges.
Since 1897, runners had gathered on the third Monday in April to run the Boston Marathon, which ended in the city's center. But 2013's race was different. Chechen immigrants Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, ages 26 and 19 respectively, set off a pair of bombs made in pressure cookers packed with ball bearings and nails, killing three and injuring 260. Within days, the elder died in a shootout with police and his brother was captured when he was discovered hiding in a boat stored in a backyard. The surviving brother said the duo had hatched the plot as retribution for civilian deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan as a result of the U.S. conflict there. Residents of Boston and others worldwide banded together to be strong in a time of chaos and to raise funds to aid the victims. One Fund, the charity formed to benefit victims, provided more than $70 million in aid. The Boston Marathon — and the city itself — were about courage and resilience and community.

**Princely Magic**

When Pennsylvania's Kevin Grow — a Down Syndrome student and manager of his school's basketball team — made a series of three-point shots in the team's finale, the video went viral. In weeks that followed, he suited up with both the Sixers and the Globetrotters.

Prince George of Cambridge, born on July 22, was Queen Elizabeth's first great-grandson. His birth marked only the second time in history that three generations of direct heirs to the British throne had been alive at one time. Thanks to an elaborate project by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 5-year-old Miles Scott, whose leukemia was in remission, had a chance to fight crime around San Francisco — which had been transformed into Gotham City for a day — in November.
Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, born in a small village in South Africa on July 18, 1918, fought against apartheid and injustice until his death on December 5, 2013. He became involved in the anti-apartheid movement in his 20s and spent 20 years directing acts of defiance against the South African government. In the early 1960s he spent five years in prison for organizing a three-day workers' strike and two years later was sentenced to life for political offenses. He served 27 years and contracted tuberculosis during his incarceration. He shared the Nobel Peace Prize with President F. W. de Klerk in 1993 and was elected South Africa's first black president the following year, serving for five years. He retired from public life in 2004 but continued to promote humanitarian efforts throughout the world.

RIGHTING THE COSTA CONCORDIA
The cruise ship hit a reef off Italy in January 2012, capsizing and claiming 32 lives. After 18 hours and preparation by 500 engineers and divers, the ship was righted in September 2013 so it could be dismantled and scrapped. SAN FRANCISCO PLANE CRASH
An Asiana flight from South Korea hit the seawall short of the runway at San Francisco International Airport in July, shearing off the landing gear and tail section of the Boeing 777. Two of the 307 passengers died at the scene, one having been run over by a fire truck. Another passenger died later and 181 suffered injuries.

NYC DERAILMENT
A Bronx commuter train jumped the tracks after traveling nearly three times the posted speed limit into a curve. All seven coaches and the locomotive came off the tracks, killing four of the 150 passengers. The engineer admitted to nodding off before the crash. DEADLY TRAIN DISASTER
Canada's worst railway catastrophe in nearly 150 years left 47 people dead when a runaway oil tanker train derailed and exploded in Lac-Megantic, a resort town of 6,000 near the U.S. border. The resulting fire burned for more than 36 hours, damaging 30 buildings and forcing thousands to evacuate their homes.

In the aftermath of numerous mass shootings, the president called on lawmakers to take action to reduce gun violence. The effort met stiff resistance from the National Rifle Association and other groups. A proposed bill expanding background checks for all firearms purchases stalled in the Senate in April when supporters came up six votes short of the 60 needed.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS
@NHL BLACKHAWKS - JUN 24, 2013
Your 2013 Stanley Cup champions! http://instagram.com/p/a95Re1CKO0/

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
@AP - SEP 6, 2013
Broncos’ Peyton Manning’s big night ties NFL record with 7 touchdowns against Baltimore Ravens: http://apne.ws/1l6wLg

LEBRON JAMES
@KINGJAMES - OCT 18, 2013
“@TylerC_2: @KingJames would you ever consider playing in one pro football game? In any league?” (I wanna play one NFL game before it’s over)

TROY POLO MALU
@TPOLOMALU - NOV 11, 2013
On my way to Heinz Field for my #VFWManeEvent haircut. Who else is getting their haircut today? http://bit.ly/theVME

THE HEISMAN TROPHY
@HEISMANTROPHY - DEC 14, 2013
“This #Heisman isn’t just for Jameis Winston. It’s for Florida State!” -@Jaboowins

NEW YORK YANKEES
@YANKEES - FEB 19, 2014
Derek Jeter discusses his plans to retire following ’14 at 11:30am ET on @yankees.com & @YESNetwork. #FarewellCaptain pic.twitter.com/jWL7BtyNc

DALE EARNHARDT JR.
@DALEJR - FEB 24, 2014
Tonight seemed like as good a night as any to join Twitter. How is everyone doin’? #2XDaytona500Champ pic.twitter.com/4kJVA7fG9
LOPSIDED Seattle Seahawks players raise the Vince Lombardi Trophy after Super Bowl XLVIII. The Seahawks defeated the Denver Broncos 43-8 at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. For many, one of the Super Bowl highlights was Bruno Mars' halftime performance. BOSTON PROUD After the Boston Red Sox finished off the St. Louis Cardinals in game six of the World Series, David Ortiz was named MVP. His .760 on-base percentage and .688 batting average were the second-highest in Series history. THE HEAT WAS ON Miami Heat all-stars Dwyane Wade and LeBron James celebrate defeating the San Antonio Spurs 95-88 in game seven of the NBA Finals. James repeated as series MVP, earning the honor for the fourth time. WISCONSIN Wisconsin players with the championship trophy after defeating the Atlanta Dream 86-77 in game three of the WNBA Finals. James repeated as series MVP, earning the honor for the fourth time.

STEROID ALLEGATIONS IN BASEBALL In July, 2013, Major League Baseball suspended 14 players accused of obtaining steroids from a south Florida clinic. While many of the suspensions were for 50 games, Yankee Alex Rodriguez’s 162-game suspension kept him out the entire 2014 season.

Australian Adam Scott celebrates after making a putt for birdie on the 18th before going on to win the 2013 Masters at Augusta National. Top-ranked Inbee Park of South Korea won both the LPGA Championship and the U.S. Open. Twenty-two teams entered the Tour de France cycling race, which was won by Britain’s Chris Froome of Team Sky. Britain’s Andy Murray defeated Serbia’s Novak Djokovic in the men’s singles final at Wimbledon. Marion Bartoli of France returns to Sabine Lisicki of Germany during the women’s singles final before capturing the title at Wimbledon. Though the rain stopped before the race, Kentucky Derby track conditions were cold and sloppy. Orb, the Florida Derby winner and a 7-2 favorite, prevailed. Street skateboarder Nyjah Huston wins gold at the 2013 Summer X Games.

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CHAMPIONS
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ESTHER WILLIAMS, UFC HEAVYWEIGHT SHANE DE ROSSARIO, BOXER KEN NORTON, NASCAR DRIVER JASON LEFFLER
After 13 months lost at sea, a Salvadoran man washed onto the shores of the Marshall Islands.

New Yorker David Rees, an "artisanal pencil sharpener," advertised online — then wrote a book.

Friends caught a 920-pound Bluefin tuna off the coast of Massachusetts — enough fish to fill 2,000 cans sold in grocery stores.

Tens of millions of shoppers at Target had their credit cards compromised when hackers installed pre-holiday malware.

A Himalayan-Persian hybrid named Colonel Meow set a new world record with his 9-inch fur.

The number of states with some form of legalized marijuana grew to 20 after recent elections.

Taco Bell dropped kid's meals after years of criticism by public health groups. In December, Los Angeles joined other cities/states in banning plastic bags at grocery stores.

Snapchat was hacked repeatedly after not taking reports about flaws in its security seriously enough.

CRONUT NYC's award-winning pastry chef Dominique Ansel took the culinary world by storm with glazed, cream-filled and fried croissant-doughnut hybrids in a single, monthly flavor.

PANDA MÔNIUM The first surviving giant panda twins born in the U.S. attracted attention at Zoo Atlanta and nationwide. Good Morning America viewers voted online for their favorite names and, following Chinese tradition, the cubs were dubbed Mei Lun and Mei Huan at their naming ceremony when they turned 100 days old. VINCENT VAN GOGH PAINTING An original van Gogh, “Sunset at Montmajour,” was discovered and authenticated after years in an attic. KID PRESIDENT What started as a promotional video for an event at a small college in Tennessee ballooned into opportunities including a TedTalk, YouTube fame, celebrity interviews and a trip to the White House for 10-year-old Robby Novak.
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