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End: FIND YOUR DESTINATION
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Principal: Dr. Jon Clark
Enrollment: 1,388
http://hs.webster.k12.mo.us/pages/WGHS

Let the journey begin...
What do you want to do with your life?

A simple but challenging question that every high schooler is asked. The moment students walk through the doors of WGHS they reach a pit stop in finding their destinations. Over the course of four years students gain techniques and knowledge to help in the journey of life. Whether they have an answer or not at the end of their high school route, WGHS gives hope for the adventure ahead.
"When I was really young I wanted to be a Major League Baseball player... As did many other people my age. But there came a time where I realized that dream wasn't a reality for me. During my senior year of high school, I went on a month long service trip to Honduras. There I realized my interest in the language and culture. After that trip I knew I wanted to pursue a career in Spanish. For a while I thought I wanted to teach abroad, but I didn't want to be far away from home. Instead, I thought of another way I could interact and expose others to language and other cultures... teaching Spanish. I am glad I made that choice. I couldn't be happier."

Señor Bommarito

"When I was little I went through a phase of jobs, from a scientist to an actor. I consistently changed my mind; I was curious about my possible career. Now, I know that I want to be on Broadway. From the first time I stepped on the stage, I know it was where I belonged. I am so glad I found my passion, and can't wait for what's to come."

Caleb Miofsky

"The only thing I can remember ever wanting to be when I was little was a scientist. As a kid I grew things like potatoes and carrots in my room to see what the whole plant looked like and how they grew. I fell in fascination with chemistry when I took my first chemistry class in high school from a great teacher, Doc Whitener. I knew, then, I wanted to become a chemist. A friend pointed out that I had been "teaching" most of my life: my younger sisters, tutoring to earn money in college, and as a volunteer at my children's school. I get to share my passion for science with lots of people and hopefully turn a few students on to a career in science. It affects my students' everyday lives, so I make it my goal to show them I care."

Ms. Hencken

"When I was younger, I was fascinated with Disney movies and cartoons, which got me inspired to start drawing. I've always been interested in the quality of the artwork, the complex storylines, and the inspiration behind my favorite animated films. As I got older, my interest has progressed from illustration to animation. I plan to attend a college that has a great animation program such as SCAD or CalArts. I want to major in animation and minor in writing."

Makayla Felder
"As a child I aspired to be a lawyer. Fortunately, my career aspirations changed during my college years. As I went from one gen. ed class to another, my classmates frequently commented on how easily I explained things to them. I also heard these same comments at work from customers. Having heard this so much, I realized how excited I was when people got the things I was explaining to them. Thus, I changed my major to education and decided to enter the teaching profession."

"I wasn't entirely sure what I wanted to be growing up, but I've always had interest in art. I spent a lot of my time drawing and painting, but I guess I never saw it as anything other than a hobby. Now, I'm planning on going into film, in particular editing and visual effects. Over the years I have stayed true to my love of art and learned I can be anything I want to be."

"In terms of a career, I was trying to become a college professor, but ultimately, I decided that teaching in a setting like this, a high school setting, is more real and that I might be able to do work that is of more value in a setting like this. I didn't really decide to be a teacher until I was 25, and that was right after I finished being in the buddhist temple in Hawaii. A lot of the most positive adults in my life, when I was a kid, were teachers, so I think that's where some of that desire came from. For me career type stuff is more of an expression of my spiritual life and what I value. One of the big things that I value, and this is kind of a Buddhist idea, is interdependence which means that your success is my success. I didn't have that kind of clear career based idea of myself really ever."

"When I was little, I wanted to be a kindergarten teacher because both my parents are educators, and I wanted to carry out that tradition. But now that I've grown up and been exposed to different hobbies, I have found my joy in videography and photography. I had always found videoing different things fun and exciting as a kid, and now I've decided to put that excitement into a career. My plan for the future is to go to a small, out-of-state college, major in film production, and minor in broadcast journalism."
SENIORS
Class of 2017

sophomore yr
2015

freshman yr
2014
The Class of 2017

SENI
Senior, Niabari "Nia" Kaanagbara, stands out from most students as a varsity cheerleader who also maintained a 4.0 GPA. Her parents emigrated from Nigeria to America, and at a young age, they instilled in her the values of a good education.

"I was born in America, and at the age of nine my family and I went to live in Nigeria for six months. The schooling was very different from here in the states. But, it was a good different. It was a one level building and the teachers would dress in very different clothing, not like the teachers here," she smiled. "We learned at a faster rate than in American schools so I feel like because I got to experience that environment at such a young age; it shaped my perception on the value of an education."

Though not the only aspect of her life, education is very important to Kaanagbara. "Staying organized and getting things done early really helps me keep my grades up and also stay on top of my cheerleading," Taking mostly Advanced Placement classes, she often found herself the only African American in the room. "I’ve always been in an accelerated math class, and usually there are one or two people of color in the room, but since I’ve been with the same people since middle school, I am very comfortable..." Kaanagbara has high hopes for the future and plans on pursuing a degree in medicine.

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You don’t know busy if you don’t know Shawn “Blake” Fields. He is the son of a lawyer and a business executive at a major grocery store. Fields was an honor student for many years. In his last year of high school he spent his time as a drummer, a varsity basketball player, and an honor student.

Fields went to elementary school in the Webster District, and he spent a few years at Chaminade College Preparatory School. During the second semester of his junior year, he transferred back to Webster. Fields said, "If I had a choice between the two, it would be Webster. Webster is a lot more diverse and also Chaminade was a Catholic school. I adapted better here because I knew a lot of people and basketball really helped also." Fields was a varsity basketball player in the little down time that he had. Transferring schools did not stop him from excelling in school. He took AP classes for the past two years and honors classes since freshman year. Fields often found himself being the only African American in the class. "At first it was weird, but I am kind of used to it now," he said.

One of his many academic accomplishments was being accepted with early decision at Stanford University, where Fields was accepted into the Honors High School Program last summer. In the program, he attended classes with Stanford’s undergraduate students where he continued to shine. While at Stanford University, Fields hopes to become an electrical engineer.
Samera Abdella-Hazak
Cleverond Adams
Hakeema Ali
Abraham Allen
Madeline Allen

Zachary Alton
Namiah Amerson
Jack Andersohn
Camese Anderson
Luke Andres

Mariana Andrews
Lynae Arthur
Che Askew-Sunkara
Emma Austin
Jack Austin

Louis Avioli
Jacqueline Baetz
Brandon Bandelt
Tara Barber
Taran Barber

Jasmyne Beasley
Luke Beggs
Olivia Beggs
Jane Benkelman
Briana Benton

Morgan Bertolino
Walter Bhuyan
Samuel Bilzing
Kyle Bishop
Nicole Bloomer
Seniors 17

Elena Ring: "Not all who wander are lost."

Autumn Pettitbone: "I don't play by the rules."

Donovan Daniels: "Work hard, dream big, live like you mean it."

Emma Harrelson: "Life is short, XC is long."

Meagan Young and Tara Barker: "We're worth more than 6 words."

Johnny Heam: "Where would life be without honesty."

K'Ron Richardson: "Never did I fold under pressure."

Jume Young: "I came, I saw, I eat."

Meredith Loui: "Happiness lies in a good book."

Ben Keller: "School taught me to write good."

Josh Jones: "The nurse always came to check."

Trevor Lewis: "They underestimated me. George W. Bush."

Sarah Gummadar: "Sing to me Paolo. —Lizzie McGuire"

Dustin Henderson: "Everything is done with a purpose."

Emily Parker: "Quitters don't run, runners don't quit."

Kurt Krautmann: "What's cooler than being cool?"
The Fashionable Kevin Butler

considers clothes as style not fashion.

by De'Avion Henderson

He has always tended to have his own style, wanting to make his own legacy. Butler wants to be remembered as a basketball player that had style. Butler said, “Be you and don’t be afraid to show who you are through your clothes.” He has already created his own clothing line, Final Copy, and thinks he will be a fashion designer, but he wants it as a side job. Over the past years, Butler’s fashion sense changed. This year, he wears white tees, Final Copy clothes, and skinny jeans. The first people to ever wear his clothes at Webster Groves were De'Avion Henderson and Cameron Potts. The person who inspires his fashion the most is A$AP Rocky. The saying that inspired him to go into fashion is, “Always dress like you’re going to see your ex.”

Sharp Dressed Man

by Andy Kimball

In an elegant tie and a lavish jacket, senior John Hoffman walks down the hallway. Hoffman has worn suits since sophomore year. He said, “I happen to enjoy [wearing suits]. They are very comfortable and they are different. I think that [suits] express my personality.” When asked how people react when he wears suits, Hoffman said, “They’re shocked. I don’t really understand it. I think that wearing suits is normal. Sometimes people look up to me when I wear suits.” Hoffman added, “Everyone who is interested in business wears a suit, and a lot of jobs require you to wear suits.” Hoffman wears a suit to school almost every day. When he doesn’t wear a suit, he wears sweaters. “It’s hot sometimes [wearing suits]. If you drop something, it is hard to move around. Also, it is kind of awkward because people stare at you in the hallway when you walk by,” said Hoffman.

Kimzey, Mr. Nice Guy

by Eliza Hartrich and Andy Kimball

“Seth is the definition of what we need more of in this country,” said senior Che Askew-Sunkara. “I’ve known him since elementary school. Seth is the nicest dude I have ever met. He will go out of his way to give you a high five. I have only seen him being happy or sometimes sad,” added Che. Kimzey said some of his favorite things to do are to run and laugh. He also likes to tell jokes. Senior Tia Marshall said her favorite quality about Seth is his sense of humor. Marshall affirmed, “Seth is always very upbeat and loving.”
Senior SUPERLATIVES

Prettiest Eyes

JACKSON JOEDICKE

Prettiest Eyes (tie)

ELIZABETH OCHOA

Most Athletic

MAGGY MORAN

Most Athletic

DONOVAN DANIELS

Most Artistic

SHANE DIONEDA

Best Dressed & Most Likely To Be President

ADI JOHNSON

Best Car

HARRY FU
Most Changed since Freshman Year
JANE BENKELMAN

Best Dressed
JOHN HOFFMAN

Most Spirited
DANIEL KENNEBECK

Most Artistic
RACHEL TRIPP

Class Clown
SARAH KARPEN

Class Clown
ESQUE EWING

Most Changed since Freshman Year
JOSEPH GRASSO

Most Spirited
CIANNA VO
Jack Hurd - "I'll take a Cariac Combo please."

Lyla Scott - "It's nothing like High School Musical."

Brian Speckert - "Not smiling makes me smile."

Peter Schainker - "Is our children learning? -George Bush"

Cianna Ye - "Make in impact, leave a legacy."

Emma Austin - "I can't, my mom said no."

Sarah Karpen - "No one was telling us no."

Morgan Kern - "Find meaning in the fleeting moments."

Daniel Welch - "To the future, whatever it is."

Robert Burns - "Flex like I never knew you."

Ian Weber - "Always confine yourself."

Ella Moss - "Do something that scares you every day."

Harry Fu - "Noodles and rice, pride and prejudice."

Emily Rapp - "I would not change one thing."

Maggie Nash - "Party on Garth!"

Kelly Komotos - "Party on Wayne!"
Isaac Schmitt
Jacob Schmitt
Mia Schnieders
Patrick Schranck
Jacob Schutt

Clayton Schwab
Charles Sears
Grace Shaffer
Daniel Shaw
Douglas Shoults

Brady Slattery
Donovan Smith
Quincy Smith
Tully Smith
Will Smith

Ashley Sontag
Brian Speckert
William Sprick
Jarod Stagner
Mariah Stone

Abigail Stoner
Sydney Stroup
Jeremiah Stutte
Payton Sullivan
Rebecca Sullivan

Anthony Tegenkamp
Jordyn Thompson
Madeleine Toskin
Rachel Tripp
Angela Truesdale
52 WGHS seniors were asked where they are going after graduation. Of the students surveyed, 43 out of 52 are going to schools in state! Even though their high school careers have come to an end, their journey continues.

"Be fearless in the pursuit of what
sets your soul on fire" - Unknown
Matthew Whitaker
Alex White
Hailey Whitman
Audrey Wiederanders
John Wight

Jaredd Williams
Sylvie Williams
Ryley Wilson
Grace Witte
Morgan Woods

Evan Wrice
Lucas Wuensch
Eric Wunsch
Jurnee Young
Mashylla Young

Max Yusen

Not Pictured
Zachary Elbring
Godwill Omodia
Desiree McPhee
Katherine McVey
Ali Wilson
Being a senior in the football program has proved to be difficult, but throughout the years bonds have formed that will always be cherished. Like the bonds formed between seniors Marcell Jones, Noah Perkins, Esque Ewing, and Tamir Caldwell.

"We're like brothers. We've known each other since sixth grade and have been playing football together since the seventh grade. Football is a man's sport. We got that attitude to get where we need to be," said Ewing.

"Marcell, Noah, and Esque aren't my friends ... they're my brothers. I couldn't be closer to anyone else. Football has created a bond between us that honestly can't get any closer. We've known each other for four years, but yet it's truly felt like a lifetime," said Caldwell.
Top Tunes of 2016 at WGHS

**Pop**

"Needed Me" – Rihanna
"Into You" – Ariana Grande
"Work From Home" – Fifth Harmony feat. Ty Dolla $ign
"Starboy" – The Weeknd feat. Daft Punk
"7 Years" – Lukas Graham

**Rock**

"Ride" – twenty one pilots
"Unsteady" – X Ambassadors
"Heathens" – twenty one pilots
"Way Down We Go" – Kaleo
"Ophelia" – Lumineers

**Country**

"Humble and Kind" – Tim McGraw
"Vice" – Miranda Lambert
"Record Year" – Eric Church
"My Church" – Maren Morris
"Wasted Time" – Keith Urban

**Hip Hop/Rap**

"Panda" – Desiigner
"No Problem" – Chance the Rapper feat. 2 Chainz & Lil Wayne
"OOOUUU" – Young M.A.
"Black Beatles" – Rae Sremmurd
"Bad & Boujee" – Migos ft. Lil Uzi
Zachary Ahl
Isabelle Albers
James Andersen
Nicholas Andorff
James Andres
Jordan Andrews
Julian Archer

Arden Armstrong
Melissa Arnitz
Yanna Askew-Sunkara
Cole Baker
Trinity Baker-Simmons
Christopher Ball
James Banks

Marie Bardelmeier
Alexander Barker
Hannah Barnes
Alexandra Barrett
Alexis Barro
Nigeria Bates
Aidan Baumgart
Arden Armstrong, president of the Democratic Club, loves to read legal thrillers. Her favorite authors are Dan Brown, David Baldacci, and John Grisham. Armstrong enjoys watching the PBS show Arthur and making memes for her sister's meme page. She wants to become President of the United States and would love to attend Edgar College in Florida.

Leor Shomroni is a guitarist and pianist. He enjoys playing different genres like rock, blues, and classical. His favorite guitar player is John Mayer, and his favorite foods are pizza and sushi. Shomroni enjoys watching The Office and That '70s Show. He wants to attend college in Vancouver BC, Canada and would like to major in photo journalism.

By Jurnee Young
"Personally, I believe that the biggest challenge of Junior year is knowing your limits while keeping in mind your goals for the future and how much work it will take for you to reach them. Junior year is all about setting your platform for post high school, and I think that can be rather intimidating if you don't know yourself. Going into my senior year, I know that I will be most worried about how fast my time in high school will come to an end and worrying about how prepared I am to take the next step in life."

-Chloe Schneider

"The biggest challenge of junior year is balancing academics and sports. I'm really nervous about finally having to choose what college to go to. I'm looking forward to signing to the college I want to go to and senior night for basketball."

-KK Rodriguez

"I think that the biggest challenge of Junior year is just facing the fact of having to prepare for college...taking the ACT...keeping up with my grades...trying to find things to help me standout for college applications. I'm not really worried about the school part of it, but I'm worried about my plans for after, and facing new challenges that come with that. I'm looking forward to pretty easy classes and just the experience of being a senior. I'm looking forward to just the senior class being together for one more year."

-Caroline Mund
Junior Allyson Lang-Taylor does it all. She is a full time student who spends her mornings at South County Technical School, and in the little free time she has, she does hair. She is currently studying cosmetology. We caught up with her to hear her story.

Q & A With Allyson Lang-Taylor & Tara Barber

Q: How important is hair to you?
A: It's very important. This is what I see myself doing for the rest of my life.

Q: When did you start doing hair?
A: Around the age of ten.

Q: How was it?
A: It was great. I started going on YouTube to learn new things, and I started trying them out on my family and myself, and it was ultimately a success!

Q: So, it's what you want to do when you grow up?
A: Yeah, I plan to go to school for hair and do it as a full time job.

Q: How is it being a full time student and a hair stylist?
A: It's pretty good. I'm doing the things I love to do. It's good to have that extra experience with me being at South Tech. I get to learn and also practice a lot of things I didn't know before, and I get to clean up the things I did.

Q: How do you balance out school and your craft?
A: It's very hard because sometimes there are events that come up and I would like to go but by the time I find out about it, someone has booked an appointment for like braids or something and I can't go or I have to cancel plans to fulfill their needs.

Q: If you did not want to do hair what would you do?
A: If I didn't want to do hair, I would probably be a singer.

Q: Did your mom help you at all?
A: Ha! No, my mom does not know how to do hair! YouTube and my hands taught me.
Prone to Victory

by Cullen Saltsman-Buck

With no one behind her and no one in front, junior Gabi Kohring dominated cross country districts and sectionals. Leading races by one to two minutes every time, Kohring has only lost two races out of the twelve she has run. Sometimes she is so far ahead she leaves spectators wondering where the rest of the race is. After returning from an injury and qualifying for state in 2015, Kohring again was hit with a stress fracture in her hip near the end of the 2016 season, which led her to miss two races. Kohring said, “It was a bummer to watch everyone else get to run and you having to watch.” This did not set her back. She said that, “I became more focused,” which allowed her to get back to full health and start to win more races. Kohring and the rest of the team made it all the way to state this season and were part of a team that finished 12th place out of 16. Kohring will continue to keep getting stronger, and she will be a top contender at state next year.
WGHS students were surveyed to find the most commonly used slang at the high school. Here are the students' responses as well as examples and definitions of the words.

**lit** | adjective | something that is fun, pleasing, or enjoyable

"This party is lit!"

**cooked** | adjective | someone whose actions lack intelligence

"He/she is cooked."

**goob** | noun | a knucklehead, friend, or goofball

"Wenderson is such a goob."

**bet** | interjection | an indication that you enjoy or agree with something; similar to "ok"

"I can give you a ride." "Bet."
Raymond Adams
Teona Adams
Stephanie Aitken
Rahman Ali
Olivia Almquist
Audrey Alt
John Arbuckle

Alexander Arndt
Jack Arrandale
Emma Atherton
Jaffet Ayala
Joseph Baer
Cassidy Ball
Justus Barry

Connor Beck
Lily Becker
Tyler Benbow
Isaac Berkley
Julia Berndt
Mya Bestman
Olivia Bickford
Trinity Madison
A girl with the rhyming words
by Elissa Meyers

Ever since All Write 2016 during Trinity, Madison's freshman year, her poetry career has taken flight. She is a part of a poetry group called Catalyst, which was formed with the help of her adviser, Jennifer Adams. Catalyst performs twice a month. Trinity is especially excited for their big performance that will be at the Brave New Voices Convention. Trinity has performed at the St. Louis County Library and Harris Stowe University. “My favorite part is spoken word because it helps me deal with my problems and is an outlet for pain,” Trinity says.
It all started when Abby Eaton and her mom found injured birds and took care of them until they were able to be transferred to a wildlife clinic. Ever since then, she’s been volunteering to help animals.

“For a while I have wanted to be a zoologist or someone who works with animals. I decided that volunteering would help me work towards that goal,” Eaton said. Wild Bird Rehabilitation mostly gets small songbirds, but they sometimes get hummingbirds, woodpeckers, and crows. She started volunteering last April. She added, “Throughout the whole day you are there, you are constantly going from the baby birds to the adults. You need to feed the birds every hour, clean out their cages, and weigh them.”
Grace Lay
Joshua Lee
Grant Lehmann
Caitlyn Lewis
Barrett Light
Luke Lighthart
Brayden Little

Marco Lopez
Julia Love
Emilee
Luettekemeyer
Nia Lyles
Trinity Madison
Siyanna Mahan
Jacob Mangosing

Thomas Marcinkiewicz
Charlotte Marshall
Eleanor Marshall
Jessie Martin
Lydia Martin
Zachary Mason
Cullin McCartie

Kelly McClure
Ethan McCellar
Graysen McGilligan
Ray McIntyre
James McPheeters
Jack Meyer
Louis Meyer

Elissa Meyers
Jenna Michalski
Sydney Mihill
Eric Mitchell
Gabriel Mitchell
Alexcia Moore
Mikayla Morgan

Sarah Josie
Morgenthaler
Sean Mullins
Francia Munoz
Elizabeth Musial
Camille Mussman
Hannah Nash
Joseph Nash

Michael Nash
Molly Nash
Tobey Nelson
Jake Neville
Neo Nichols
Andrew Niemira
Zachary Niemira

52 Sophomores
Special effects makeup is very important for the drama department. That's why they have Sam Cohen. He does amazing work, from making someone look like they've aged 60 years to making someone look like they've gotten in a fight with a bear. He first got into special effects makeup when he saw a YouTube video on how to make a fake cut. "I tried to make a cut out of hair gel and ketchup. It didn't turn out too great," Cohen said. Although Cohen says he wouldn't do it as a career, he would definitely do special effects makeup as a hobby.
What is the Sophomore class's favorite social media platform?

Snapchat - 40.4%
Instagram - 31.6%
Other - 14%
Tumblr - 7%
Facebook - 3.5%
Twitter - 3.5%
Sophomore Artwork:

It should come at no surprise that we have many gifted artists at Webster Groves High School. Here are some examples from the Class of 2019.

Abigail Eaton

[Image of Abigail Eaton's artwork]

Jenna Michalski

[Image of Jenna Michalski's artwork]

Sean Mullins

[Image of Sean Mullins' artwork]

Sam Getz

[Image of Sam Getz's artwork]

Lydia Martin

[Image of Lydia Martin's artwork]

David Buckley

[Image of David Buckley's artwork]
At Webster, there are just under 1,400 students.

The mascot at Webster is the statesman. The Merriam-Webster Dictionary describes a statesman as "one versed in the principles or art of government; a wise, skillful, and respected political leader."

Webster Groves High School was built in 1906.

Webster has 22 sports and over 45 clubs.
What's your favorite WGHS memory, so far?

Luke Portel- "The dances."

Jasmine Westbrook- "The basketball games."

Bridget Nahmensen- "Meeting new people."
What's in your locker?

Andrew Jenkel-
"I don't use my locker."

Alan Van Sant-
"Extra notebooks and pens."

Dontay Lee-
"I do not know my combination or where my locker is."
Freshman Elizabeth Teeter is already a professional actress. She has performed at The Muny, America’s oldest and largest outdoor musical theatre, in 2012, and more recently played in “The Audience”, and the character Betty Parriss in “The Crucible” on Broadway last year. She is ready to act like a “normal” high school student, the trying different classes offered, and running track. The stage is still possibly in her future.
Fashion: defined as the trending styles that people wear. Style and fashion are constantly changing, and each year brings a new trend. Here’s a glimpse into this year’s trends that appear in our halls.

THE ROUTE TO SCHOOL

Every weekday at 7:55 AM, we magically are all here at WGHS, but does anyone really know what our morning commutes are like? Here are some of our faculty and staff members sharing how long it takes them to get to school, how they get here, and what they enjoy listening to on their commutes.

Mr. Schuster
Webster Groves County, baby!
3.0 km/ 12 minutes by bike
MP3’s, typically hip hop or rock n’ roll
Arrives at 7:20 AM.

Mrs. Maedge
Madison County, Illinois!
39.4 miles and it takes me 45 minutes to get here.
I love to listen to the radio, because I love winning free tickets! When I am not listening to the radio, I listen to the Outlander book series.

Mrs. Chapman
St. Louis County
16 miles, about 30 minutes

Mr. Petter
St. Louis
1 mile, 5 minutes
I listen to 101.1 ESPN Radio or Spotify
I get to school at 7:20 AM.
Dr. Jon Clark
St. Louis
1 mile, 3 minute commute

Ms. Frese
St. Louis City
About 2 miles, 5 minutes
Y98 Phillips & Company Morning Show (try to always catch the Entertainment Schmig around 6:40)
6:40-6:45

Ms. Gray
St. Louis City
About 9 miles, 20 minutes
It varies: NPR; podcasts like This American Life, Radiolab, or the Rachel Maddow show; sometimes music (playlists from spotify that fit my mood)

Mr. Stein
St. Louis County
9 miles, 35-40 minutes
I listen to the birds.
BACK IN BLACK

The beginning of the school year; it marks the start of WGHS students’ next stop in their high school career. The Back in Black dance is a school tradition that celebrates the new academic year. Students welcome in the year by dancing under black lights and wiping away the summer blues. Senior, Morgan Kern, said, “The glow paint is cool and I like to dance at the dance!”
The coffee shop is where students and teachers can go to purchase coffee, hot chocolate, tea, water, and cookies. It's in Mrs. McEntire's room, 114, and it's been there for 3 years. Rocco, Mrs. Phillips, and Mrs. Sinclair work there every day. It's open Monday-Friday from 7:00-10:00, except for field trip days when it closes around 8:30. The teachers opened it to raise money for field trips and so students could get real job training.

Rocco Fiordelisi said he likes working in the coffee shop, does not like wearing the uniform, and works the cash register. Mrs. Phillips likes selling iced coffee the best and helping students when they need help.
FRIENDSHIP
Court & Dance

Back Row: Takeaki Enomoto, Donovan Daniels, Bennett Durando, Tre'shon Wagner, and Tamir Caldwell
Front Row: Kelsey Ortinau, Camille McClendon, Abyana Botan, Cianna Vo, Maggie Brennan, Adrienne Johnson, Harry Fu, Genevieve Vaughn, and Marcell Jones
1) Mariana Andrews and Sophia Killeen
2) Andrew Fahrner, Amalia Julien, Benjamin Hardin, and their friends
3) Marsha Kassa, Emma Harrelson, Vivian Whaley, Adrienne Johnson, Nicole Bloomer, Mary Kimball
4) Karis Robinson and her friends
5) Cecily Schmanske
Turkey Day
Pep Assembly

Cheerleaders center for their performance.

Senior, Cecilia Rosenberg, competes in the "Turkey Bowl".

Junior, Jason Tucker, competes in the "Turkey Bowl".

STEP TEAM
You don't know the power of the Statesmen side!

Lose, you will not.

STAR WARS

We are 2 Dedicated 2 Lose

Beat Kirk

Winner of “The 2016 Turkey Day Door Decoration Contest,”
Ms. Susan Riegel

Turkey Day
Door Decorations and Spirit Wear

Harry Fu

Jacob Schmitt

Autumn Pettibone,
DeAvion Henderson, and
Tia Marshall
Chili Cookoff & Bonfire

Professional Category Winner:
Milagro Modern Mexican
- 6x Winners

Amature Category Winner:
WGHS Class of 2017

Daniel Kennebeck running with WG flag
Michaela Heintz, Sarah Currinder, and Mia Schnieders showing off their chili
Parents selling chili
Eric Shaefer and Jacob Schmitt enjoying chili
Senior Line Dance

by Tara Barber

The Senior Line Dance has been a Turkey Day tradition for many years. The graduating class gets the privilege to show off their dancing skills to popular songs. Many students look forward to their senior year just for this reason. It is one of the last bonding experiences the class will have before walking across the stage and receiving their diplomas. The class of 2017 senior line dance was led by Cianna Vo and Jada Jackson.
The annual Turkey Day Game between the oldest high school rivals west of the Mississippi River took place at Webster’s Moss Field. Despite a strong Webster defense, Kirkwood was able to hold on to the Frisco Bell by defeating Webster 17-6.
Noah Perkins puts a hit onto the opposing quarterback in the Turkey Day Game.

Brianna Vo flies through the air as they cheer on the Statesmen.
Winter Homecoming is an annual tradition at the high school.

Two boys and two girls from each grade were nominated for the homecoming court. Students chose a boy and girl for each grade.

Freshman and sophomores were voted for prince and princess and juniors and seniors were voted for king and queen.

At the Dance, students took selfies, hung out, and danced to music.
Snapchat is a popular trend in social media where users can post photos and videos. A Snapchat Story is posted over a 24-hour period. Here are a few WGHS students' stories. This app became so popular that the school had to block students from using it on the school's wifi.

Emma Atherton - 10th grade

**Why do you use Snapchat Stories?**

"Because it is fun."

**Favorite Filter:**

"The one with sunglasses that plays music."
Natalia Sauer - 12th grade

**Favorite Filter:**
"Probably the Face Swap."

**Why do you use Snapchat Stories?**
"To share photos with my friends."

Colin Shue - 9th grade

**Favorite Filter:**
"Zooming in on faces."

**Why do you use Snapchat Stories?**
"To communicate with friends and document my day-to-day life."
ACADEMICS
"I wake up and I go to the bathroom, get dressed, and then I drive to school with my dad. I then walk around the school for 20 minutes before school starts. I go to first hour and roam the halls until second hour and listen to Mr. Leftridge. Then I go to third hour, Mr. Dunn’s and I practice acapella songs. I then go to choir and sing and then go to lunch. I don’t eat in the cafeteria, I walk around and see people. And then I go to algebra. Then, I go to seventh hour, and I love it. And then I go home and have volleyball practice everyday."
"What is your advice to incoming sophomores?"

A: "Transitioning from Freshman year to Sophomore year is different, so just be open to change!"
a day in the life of a JUNIOR

MATH
Pre-Calc
Honors Pre-Calc
Algebra III
Algebra II/Trig

ENGLISH
20th cent US lit
Honors US Studies
(English)
AP Lang
Gifted 11

HISTORY
Honors US Studies (History)
Honors US History AP/ACC
US History

SCIENCE
AP Physics I
Conceptual Physics
Physics A
1st Hour: AP US History (Mr. Milstead)
“We talk about the news for the first 15 minutes, we take notes, his notes are very general so you have to pretty much take your own. Paying attention is the main thing for his class.”

2nd Hour: AP Lang (Ms. Gray)
“We mainly work on essays. We have done three out-of-class essays and about seven in-class essays. We write essays mostly on argumentative writing prompts and rhetorical strategies. We have homework every night.”

3rd Hour: Academic Lab (Ms. Garcia)
“Mrs. Garcia lets us do pretty much anything if we have our assignments done. She lets us have our phones out except if you have missing work in classes. She goes through your portal to see if you have missing work, and if you have missing work, she usually has you do that.”

4th Hour: ACT Prep (Ms. Keane)
“We mostly practice ACT strategies. We take notes, and we mostly just use our books for practice tests. The class is almost completely strategy based”

5th Hour: Ceramics (Mr. Throm)
“(Mr. Throm) assigns a project every two weeks. We are basically hand-building the projects. We make our own glaze and we get to glaze our projects once they are finished. If you finish early, then you get free time to make your own things.”

6th Hour: Animal Behavior (Mr. Boeckman)
“We have guided notes every unit. We watch a lot of movies and documentaries about animals. We do dimensional analysis about animal behavior. We don't have a lot of homework, and we get a lot done in class.”

7th Hour: Algebra II/Trig (Ms. Cole)
“We have guided notes or notes on our own. We have homework every night and we go through notes or the homework with her during class where we can ask questions.”
a day in the life of a...

SENIOR

1st Hour: AP Psychology (Mr. Petter)
2nd: Forensics (Ms. Hencken)
3rd: Child Development (Mrs. Stromberg)
4th: African American Literature & Culture (Ms. Ros)

Brittany Hartung

5th: Ceramics (Mr. Throm)
6th: Drawing & Painting (Mr. Throm)
7th: Pre-Calculus (Mrs. Haskins)
MATH
Integrated Mathematics
Algebra 11/Trig
Algebra III
Pre-Calc
Honors Pre-Calc
Introduction to Calculus & Discrete Mathematics
AP Calculus

ENGLISH
African American Literature & Culture
Contemporary Literature & Composition
English Literature & Composition ACC
Modern International Literature ACC
AP English Literature & Composition

HISTORY
Honors US Studies AP/ACC
US History
AP World History
Electives (11th & 12th Grade)
The African American Experience
American Military History (Modern-WWII)
American Military History (WWI-American Revolution)
Comparative Government & Politics ACC
AP Microeconomics
Introduction to Law
Psychology
AP Psychology
Sociology
World Religions

SCIENCE
AP Physics I
Conceptual Physics
Physics A
Electives
(11th and 12th Grade)
Animal Behavior
Environmental Science
Genetics
Microbiology
Plants and People
Human Anatomy
a normal day in WGHS's...

**ELECTIVES**

**MUSIC**
- Music Theory
- Marching Band
- Piano I and II
- Orchestra
- Guitar I and II
- Concert Band
- Jazz Band

**INDUSTRIAL TECH**
- Woods and Construction
- Architectural Drafting I and II
- Engineering Drafting I and II
- Robotic Engineering
- Electronic Technology
- Home Maintenance
- Auto Maintenance
- Power Technology
- Advanced Auto Maintenance
- Auto Lab

**P.E.**
- P.E male and female (9th & 10th)
- P.E coed (11th & 12th)
- Athletic Training
- Advanced Athletic Training
- Health
- Weight Training
- Personal Fitness

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES**
- French (I-AP)
- Latin (I-IV)
- Spanish (I-AP)
- German (I-AP)

- Pictured below
BUSINESS

Web Design
Multimedia and Design
Integrated Technology
Computers and Networking
Game Design
Digital Art
Desktop Publishing
Computer Programming
Computer Science
Computer Applications
Marketing I and II
Personal Finance
Business Law
Entrepreneurship
Microeconomics/Macroeconomics
Automatic Accounting

DRAMA

Drama/Advanced
Public Speaking and Debate/Advanced

Radio Broadcasting Technical Theater/Advanced

FACs

Foods & Nutrition I/II
Regional & International Foods
Fashion Design
Home & Interior Design
Child Development I/II
Veterans Day 2016 presents some challenges as the history department and alumni office honor Vietnam veterans. The Vietnam War was very divisive and unpopular, and that dissent manifested itself in negative actions toward those in the military. The goal for the Veterans Day celebration is always to honor American veterans and thank them for their service. This year’s goal was to help students learn the complexities of the Vietnam War, the lasting effects the war has had on American veterans, and the idea that people can disagree with a war while still respecting those who have served.

Webster Students Nicholas Biundo, Kurt Krautmann, Matthew Whitaker, John Cota, Coe Gilker, and Duncan Clipp presented colors during the Veterans Day assembly.

Superintendent, John Simpson, meets with veterans as part of the Veterans Day assembly at the high school.

Orchestra playing at the Veterans Day assembly.
There are three jazz bands at WGHS: Jazz I and two separate Jazz II bands. This year Jazz I got a moment in the spotlight. The Jazz I band tested their skills as they played on The Pagent stage. The Annual event featured songs by Ray Charles. But Jazz I wasn’t the only band with the chance to play at a big venue; Jazz II had the exciting opportunity to play at the brand new space in the Loop, Delmar Hall. Samuel Swaine said, “Everything really feels bigger. Having a mic to yourself is a big difference, and the people in charge of sound help your playing stand out more than in gymnasiums and auditoriums.” No matter the venue, our Jazz Bands are proud to represent WGHS in the St. Louis community.
Marching Band

The marching band experience

The marching band experience is an amazing thing and a great way to make wonderful long time friends fast. Over the years, marching band has played covers of popular modern songs. This year, the band played music from The Beach Boys. Last year, they covered music from the band Chicago. One of the most well know experiences, that goes along with marching band, is band camp. At band camp, students learn all the steps and designs to the routines that accompany the music. There are always interesting stories about the students time at band camp when they return.

Connie Rhodes said, "I find it's fun. More people love it than dread it, but heat is the one thing to dread. It's fun because the day before the last day, we get to do fun activities, like a pinata with weird substances—chocolate pudding, olives, eggs, red stuff—typically food that we get from lunch or dinner. Then the seniors break it open."

The marching band performs their halftime routine and watches the football game.

The marching band performs at the Turkey Day Assembly.

The band and freshman Khutsu Moore get ready to play their halftime show.

Michael Greaves and Justin Hayes play during a halftime performance.
Auto Technology student working on his car project

Power Technology class rebuilding their small gas engines

Auto Technology student working on his car project
Concert Choir performing at the choir concert in November

Girls Choir performing at the choir concert in November

Concert Choir performing at the choir concert in November

With five different choirs including boys and girls Concert Choir, Freshaires Chorus, Chamber Choir, and Treblaires, our halls are always filled with singers.
Girls Choir performing at the choir concert in November
WGHS offers three orchestra classes taught by Leah Poe. Symphonic Orchestra, Silver Strings, and Concert Orchestra performs several times a year, but their biggest concerts include a classical music performance in December and a pop music performance in the spring. At the District Solo and Small Group Contest in early March, orchestra participated in 16 events. Everyone received a score of 1 or 2 (superior and excellent ratings). Congratulations to Alex Bird (11), violin solo, Brady Chrisler (11), violin solo, Jeremy Ling (11), violin solo, Hope Johnson (10), cello solo, Kelaiah Killmade (11), cello solo, Jeremy Ling, Brady Chrisler and Terry Johnson (11), violin trio Gabriela Hertel (10) and Katherine Kempf (11), viola duet.
"I am really really thrilled with this year's group, they are smaller in number than usual, but they work really hard and we have enough leaders that we ended up with a really good group. We've learned about 18 songs so far. We will have our huge end of the year extravaganza on Friday May 12th, and we will sing about 20 songs at that. So overall I'm just really thrilled with the group. We are also about to do the A Capella tour where we are going to every school in the district and 7 performances in 7 hours and that will be pretty intense. Jamie Schwartz and I loved the vibe this year that there is positivity and it is like a family - acafamily." Mr. Dunn said.
Each year the All Write Festival turns WGHS into a large, celebratory writers festival. All Write features guest and student poets, historians, publishers, storytellers, biographers, comedians, cinematographers, etc. This celebration of creativity pairs students with professionals, and all students are encouraged to submit pieces to the festival’s contests. Entering the Jonathan Franzen Writing Contest and the Art Write Contest is a way for Webster High students to express themselves. The Third Annual All Write Festival’s theme was transformation, and the symbol for transformation was the tree, a symbol of change, growth, and strength.

The transformation tree was made by junior Matthew Lehmann and was created out of 4,000 pencils. All Write committee member Katie Guymon said, “It fit perfectly with our transformation theme; over the course of the week, WGHS students and staff wrote their favorite quotes, lyrics, and lines of literature on paper leaves and add them to the piece. We watched the tree transform before our very eyes.”
Student Art Work

Pieces one and two were created for guests Leslie Sanazaro and Andrew Smith by Megan McClure, the winner of this year's Art Write festival. Elissa Meyers created the third piece for The Urge's Steve Ewing, a WGHS graduate.

Student Performers

Activities and Clubs

Guest Speakers

All Write committee member, talent recruiter, and emcee, Steve Lebrudge with guest, Senator Claire McCaskill

Singer, songwriter, and WGHS alumna, Hannah Lieb

Musician, Steve Ewing
The National Honor Society is an organization where a group of scholars get involved with the community. They help out with different charities and events, including a blood drive. The Blood Drive is an event that takes place here at Webster Groves High School. It gives a chance for students who are eighteen to donate their blood to the community and save lives.

Kathleen Holthaus motions as she donates blood.

Edward Walters recharges at the canteen area after giving blood.

Foreign Language teacher, Madeline Hauck, relaxes while donating blood.

Sign up

Donate blood

Get interviewed

Hang out and eat with friends

Go back to class knowing you saved a life
The Branch Literary Magazine

WGHS has a monthly literary magazine featuring students’ creative writing called The Branch. The magazine also has a section titled “Webster Wayback” highlighting works written by Webster students from the past when they attended the high school.

Charlotte Marshall

Hello, Time. My name is Maggie. I just realized this, but I wake up to you every morning. Then I roll over and groan and wish for more sleep. You poke and prod at me though, and I eventually get up. Thank you, Time, for always getting me up in the morning.

P.S. Your cousin, Insomnia, is a real pain. Tell him to take a vacation.

Maggie Pool

Silver Boy, Falling Man

Silver Boy, with glistening hair and shimmering speculations.
You shine brighter than the sun above, my love.
Intoxicating, captivating; you take my breath and turn it to smoke, my thoughts to incomprehensible nothingness.
You set fires to the world around you; flimsy matchsticks waiting to ignite. You breathe yellows and reds, and yet you are cold. Bitter, spiteful, frigid to the touch.
And I feel the way you look at me even when you’ve left. You linger on my skin in the quietest of moments; you echo in my thoughts in the loneliest of times. It’s impossible to part with you, you’ve chilled me to the core.
You’re beautiful, but mad; finding joy in shattered hearts. It’s a temporary happiness,
you say, a cliché collection of words that are both tragic and true.
You are spectacular, and yet you feel nothing.
You’re hollow.
Oh, Silver Boy, when will you learn? That dreams do not take the place of compassion,
that self-induced fires do not fill the void?
The stars cry out, the sun is weeping.
You’re chasing the ends of the earth, wavering between reality and unfathomable fabrications.
You’re slipping, slipping, slipping, and one day you will fall.

Charlotte Marshall
The high school wanted a way to help close the academic achievement gap between students of different races, so Dr. Yeggin and Mr. Kirksey developed the Webster Challenge.

Nicholas Jackson and Ted Cooper focus as Mr. Dwight Kirksey talks to the students.

WEBSTER CHALLENGE

Tanys Giles during a Webster Challenge meeting.

Zyan Logan and De'Avion Henderson smile after a Webster Challenge meeting.

Lidia Goben during a Webster Challenge meeting.

Andrew Daniels participates in a Webster Challenge meeting.

Question: How does being a member of Webster Challenge help you become a better student?

Lidia Goben: "It makes me more motivated to do well in school, since we are a minority, and they don't expect us to do well. I want to prove them wrong, and since it consists of a group of people just like me, I know we are all in this together and can help each other out."

(pictured above)

Question: Does Webster Challenge have a positive influence on you and how?

Andrew Daniels: "Yes, because it inspries me to do better here, and it has helped me through my high school career."

(pictured on the left)
Pacers are Stateswomen and Statesmen who set the PACE for positive leadership during the freshman orientation program called Future Leaders and throughout the school year.
Day 1:
Tuesday, January 10th

10:45 PM
Arrived in NYC

12:30 PM
Check into Hotel

Day 2:
Wednesday, January 11th

8:00 AM
Meet in Lobby

8:30 AM
Starcom: Meet with Allie Rosemann-WGHS Graduate- (Advertising Agency-media)

10:30 AM
Tumblr (Social Media-blogging)

12:00 PM
MKTG (Advertising Agency- Brand Experience)

3:30 PM
Radio City Tour

5:30 PM
Dinner

7:00 PM
Broadway: Lion King & Wicked

Day 3:
Thursday, January 12th

8:00 AM
Meet in Lobby

9:00 AM
Bombshell Accessories (Jewelry Manufacturer)

12:00 PM
Lunch

1:00 PM
TPN (Advertising Agency)

3:00 PM
Chelsea Market

4:00 PM
MLB (Media, Instant Replay, Broadcasting)

6:30 PM
Harry’s (Shaving Start Up Company)

Activities and Clubs
Day 4:
Friday, January 13th
- 9:00 AM: Meet in Lobby
- 10:00 AM: Tour Bloombergs
- 12:00 PM: Lunch
- 1:00 PM: Whistle Sports
- 2:30 PM: 9/11 Memorial
- 4:30 PM: Shopping or 9/11 Museum
- 8:00 PM: Empire State Building

Day 5:
Saturday, January 14th
- 10:00 AM: Statue Of Liberty/Ellis Island
- 12:00 PM: Chinatown/Little Italy/SOHO
- 4:00 PM: Museum of Modern Art (optional)
- 7:00 PM: Dinner at Blue Smoke (Danny Meyer’s Restaurant- John Burroughs graduate)
- 10:30 PM: Ice Skating at Rockefeller Center

Day 6:
Sunday, January 15th
- 9:45 AM: Depart for Lagaurdia
- 12:45 PM: Arrived Home
Scuttle/ Nicolaus Braun, Ariel/ Tea Gardner, Prince Eric/ Caleb Miofsky

King Triton/ Jacob Nocci & Ariel/ Tea Gardner

THE LITTLE MERMAID

WGHS preschoolers perform during the play

Sebastian played by Yusuf Randolph
Chef Louis played by Aidan Kurtz

Fletso and Jetsom, Alice Gilbrant and Danny Chura, entrance Ariel to seek the Sea Witch for advice.

Ursula/ Aysha Gray and Ariel/ Tea Gardner

Ariel's six sisters and Flounder perform "She's in Love."

Ariel's friends serenade Ariel and Prince Eric, Caleb Miofsky, with "Kiss the Girl."

The pirates perform "Fathoms Below" with seasick Grimsby/ Zach Comegys, and Prince Eric in the show's opener.
Thespians

Rabbit Hole Cast Members

Hannah Leatherbarrow as Becca
Jacob Noce as Howie
Kate Becker as Izzy
Loren Kahrhoff as Nat
Elliot Williams as Jason
Becca and Howie Corbett’s four-year-old son, Danny, is killed in a car accident after he runs out into the street chasing his dog. Becca wants to give away Danny’s clothes, remove Danny’s things, and sell their house, but Howie is angry at Becca’s elimination of anything that reminds them of their child. Howie also wants to have another child with Becca, but she refuses. Rabbit Hole deals with difficult subject matter, especially hard for high school students to pull off.
Student Council meets every Wednesday after school in the P.V. Commons. Student Council hosts, plans, and decorates for school events, such as dances and spirit week.

Student council is also heavily involved in the volunteer scene. This year, student council participated in the Polar Plunge, Make a Difference Day, Grandparents Day, and hosted the annual student council blood drive.
Scholar Bowl is a great club for those who love to compete academically and want to learn more facts about history and the world around them. Scholar Bowl meets Thursdays after school and competes in competitions against other high schools throughout the year.

Scholar Bowl students are shown here reviewing trivia facts during a meeting. Scholar Bowls are similar to a game of Jeopardy or Trivial Pursuit where the competitors need to have a wide range of knowledge on different subjects.

History Club hosted a mock election in November. Students had to register using their student ids. Political figures and bills were both voted on by students.

Students and dressed up as the presidential candidates Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump, and Gary Johnson to add a little extra fun to the event.

Votes were tallied, and Clinton won the school's election.

The History Club also lined the fence on Selma with miniature American flags for 9/11 Remembrance Day.
In the 2016-2017 school year, the ECHO Newspaper released their 102nd volume, having a total of nine issues. Donald Johnson also celebrated his 25th year of being staff advisor. The ECHO is a member of SSP, Quill and Scroll, MJEA, JEA, CSPA, MIPA and NSPA. The staff won multiple awards for their online site, print copy, photography, and video packages from these organizations.

The ECHO Yearbook was a 2016-2017 class option at WGHS for the first time in multiple years with Amie Keane as the advisor. The staff of 16 members worked hard to make this publication a fresh and exciting yearbook with as much student input as possible.

YEABOOK
Advisor: Amie Keane
Assistant Advisor: Katie McGuire
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Contributing Writer: Isaiah Ford
Contributing Writer: Cullen Saltsman-Buck
Contributing Writer: Rob Burns
Contributing Writers: Brittany Hartung
Contributing Writers: Mee Wade-Fluker

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STATIONERO
BLACK TEAM 6285

Prem Rao: Team Leader
Zach Richter: Head Programmer
Jackson Schoon: Programmer
Ben Linnehan: Head Builder
Elliot Schmitt: Builder
Jonah Wilson: Builder
Brandon Bandelt: Builder/Community Robot
Nathaniel Gary: Notebook Manager/3D Printer Maintenance
Mikaela Callander: Builder/Wiring
Marlena Henley: Artist
WGHS has two robotics teams in which students can learn how to design, create, and maneuver robots. The teams are divided into Black and Orange teams, which are decided at the beginning of the year by advisors Margaret Skouby, Jeanette Hencken and Nicholas Kirschman. The teams meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5 PM and Saturdays from 12 to 4 PM in the robotics room in the industrial tech area. During this time period, they prepare for tournaments where the teams compete with students from different schools and individuals who are not credited with any schools. “They [the teams] are registered as US First FTC, which stands for First Tech Challenge Robotics Teams. That means that they have a challenge that they are given, multiple challenges, where they design and build a robot around the challenge,” Hencken said. In competitions, the Statesbots robot teams pair up with a robot team from another school to battle against two other robot teams. At competitions, the teams are judged on more than just how well their robots perform, but also the process it took to build the robot and the size and look of the robot. By being judged, all teams earn points and can advance to the next level of competition to earn trophies throughout all levels of competition until teams reach the Robotic World Championship, which has been held in St. Louis for the past five years. “I really enjoy competition, as exhausting as it is, and despite the fact by the end of the adrenaline and jolly ranchers alone, but in all honestly I really like the meetings because we just sit in the robotics room, take our shoes off and I
Amnesty International is very active at WGHS. Between breakfast fundraisers, letter writing campaigns, and petition drives during lunch, this club helps to fight for human rights.

President: Ian Thompson
Media and Marketing: Rosie Ryan
We have many talented and competitive chess players at WGHS. The club meets Wednesdays after school and compete against other schools. Chess Club hosted a tournament in February at the WGHS cafeteria for over 200 elementary and high school students.
Stephanie Aitken, Sarah Josie Morgenthaler, Katherine Gilker, Sophia Schwind, and Sean Mullins read the book "A Darker Shade of Magic" by V.E. Schwab. Their favorite quote from the book was "I'd rather die on an adventure than live standing still."

Math Club meets Wednesdays after school in room 255. Phoebe Cattoor said, "She (Ms. Lesher) tries to teach us things that we don't always learn about in class - stuff not from a textbook."
Tully Smith demonstrated how to wrap an injured arm with elementary students.

During the Turkey Day Game, Olivia Oude-Alink, Cayce Sloan (Class of 2016), Coach Wright, and Tully Smith helped along the sidelines.
Video Game Club

Video Game club meets in Ms. Margaret Skouby's room Mondays after school from 2:35 to 4:00. The mural above was painted by Rachel Tripp and is on the wall in the Social Studies Department.

The gang from STAR gets together after school to make sandwiches for the homeless.

Danielle Cox, Katie Caldwell and Azaria Weber pose for a funny photo while packing sandwiches.

Star meets five Thursdays a year in the FACS department after school to make sandwiches for the homeless. They meet in September, October, February and March. The sponsors are Ms. Lauren Maedge and Ms. Diane Stromberg.
The Feminist Coalition is led by Claudia Glenn, Jane Benkelmen, and Annie Buck. The club's purpose is "to raise feminist awareness, activism, and empowerment" to the high school and the local community.

FemCo sold "Femfriends" bracelets to students and staff to raise money for Dignity Period, an organization that donates feminine products to girls in rural Ethiopia who can't afford tampons or pads. They also participated in the women's march on Saint Louis and local marches and events around the area, like PrideFest.

At meetings, club leaders discuss ways to become politically active in their community and also help students write letters to senators and representatives in local districts.

Led by Sophia Taylor and Ally Blank and sponsored by Mrs. Rasnic and Mrs. Faucher, the club went to Maryville University to learn about bullying and to go through anti-bullying training. Members learned how to spot bullying and ways to stop or prevent bullying.

The club also made signs encouraging students. Signs had positive statements such as "The only limit is you," with the hashtag "#BeTheChangeWGHS". Members also met outside to greet students in the morning.
Interact Club members realize the power of volunteering by helping others, being a part of the community, and making new friends. Standing for International Action, Interact Club helps make a positive difference in the world.

Winter Wear Clothing Drive

The club collected over 200 coats during their winter wear clothing drive.
Philosophy Club is sponsored by Mr. Kirschman. The club has regular discussions about the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence.
G S A - Gender Sexuality Alliance

Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) is an all inclusive safe space. Their goal is to help students understand themselves and the world around them. They talk about everyday issues and how to make the high school more aware and accepting to not only the LGBTQ + Community, but to all students.

Outdoors Club

Outdoors Club advocates for the welfare and protection of the environment and its wildlife.

Top Goals:

- To ensure awareness of the environment and ourselves
- To educate society about the importance of the nature that surrounds us
- To keep up with present day changes to our society and its effects
What's your favorite foreign snack?

"Mochi!"
- Jade Krekler

"Japanese snack and green tea!"
- Takeaki Enomoto

"Macaroons"
- Harry Fu

The Best Anime of All Time (based off of the internet)

#1. Death Note
#2. Attack on Titan
#3. Fullmetal Alchemist: Brotherhood
#4. Naruto Shippuden
#5. Dragon Ball Z
In Physics Club, students come up or find problems that they have to solve together just for fun.

Film Club writes, directs and edits films together to submit to festivals, and created movies for Webster’s Ali Write festival.

Students creating and reviewing footage and using a boom mic.
Optics Club is a science based club that introduces fundamental science to underclassman students in the high school. Club members meet in the morning in chemistry lab and have field trips on weekend.
Activities and Clubs
Junior Caroline Fellows reflects on her experience at Camp Wyman this year.

"You've almost there, Mara! You got this!" I mustered my final strength, took off the straps of my shaking limbs and climbed the last few blocks of the climbing wall. I stretched out my hand and slapped the cowbell, the sound reverberating around the woods.

Welcome to Camp Wyman.

Just a few hours previous, I and 13 other new high school counselors had arrived at the camp, having been promptly overawed with information regarding rules and procedures and had been introduced to worse case scenarios for the week.

We were tested in various team-building exercises, and as we struggled through tasks testing our memory retention skills, speed, agility and knowledge of our rights and lefts, we realized that in 24 hours we would each be personally responsible for six to seven 6th graders all day and night for the rest of the week.

When the campers arrived, we immediately went into our first activity session. At Camp Wyman there are six activity sessions: Orienteering, Living History, Teams Course, Aquatic Ecology, Fishing and Geocaching, and Rock and Crate Climbing.

First, orienteering sadly did not come much easier to me than it did when I was a camper at Camp Wyman six years ago. However, my fellow counselor, senior David Kern (Riverman), and I were like children in a candy store when we both figured out how to use our compasses. Hiking through the woods later, we got completely lost, but it was great to see my campers starting to work together to solve our problem.

Riverman and I got to role play as wagon masters in Living History as we learned about the pioneers' journey across the United States. An added bonus of making monkey bread, cinnamon sugar apples and soap made it one of my favorite activities.

During Teams Course, which involved our campers having to complete various tasks together using problem solving and communication skills, Riverman and I were not allowed to help the campers complete the tasks, leaving them on their own. The campers really grew closer together from this activity.

Aquatic Ecology was when I got to brush up on my knowledge of the water cycle, and the campers got to look for insects in the creek and play a relay game.

Geocaching, for three-and-a-half hours was exhausting and confusing; our GPS was off, and my group ended up finding more caches than we were supposed to.

Our last group activity session was Rock Climbing and Crate Climbing. This is when we campers were truly working as a team, and they all chanted each other on, saying words of encouragement to those who were scared and congratulating everyone for what they had achieved.

For Riverman and me, it was amazing to see how far they had come in just a few days.

As a counselor, my job was to be encouraging, have positive energy, and work on adrenaline, and at times it could be tough. Those days were long, the breaks were few, the sleep was little and the hour break we had was usually spent laying on the couch in the counselor break room.

My cabin was Cabin Six, and it was a great cabin. I had a variety of children, but they all bonded so much with one another and I got to see the wild side of all of them. I will never forget them running under the bathroom stalls, asking me to fix the refrigerating toilets, getting inducted as official night watchers by painting their faces with charcoal, being "rebels" and staying up until 10:30 p.m., when the curfew was 10 p.m., making friendship bracelets and writing me these sweet notes, which they gave to me the last day.

Sharing a duplex cabin and living ten feet away from junior Page Kinzey (Bunnie) was definitely a highlight of my week. The number of times we walked into each other's cabins, as well as our frequent late night talks where we were nearly driven to insanity, are moments I will cherish for the rest of my life (including Bunnie nearly scaring me to death by knocking on my door and asking for paper in the middle of the night).

As the counselors sang "Unsung" on Thursday night, I reflected on my week and realized something very important: It had been such a humbling experience for me: I had seen highs and lows, stressful moments and happy moments. I nearly died of laughter, but I had gotten to experience something that a lot of people would never experience.

Sure, making up a week's worth of school is challenging, but I learned at Camp Wyman that we need to get out of our comfort zone and into our challenge zone. If we live our life without testing ourselves, without taking chances, we can never truly learn.
Coach Zach Smith, a WGHS '02 graduate, keeps school spirits up by organizing the WGHS Pep Club. Anyone can join!
Zyan Logan, Allyson Lang Taylor, BriAsia Warren, Jamie Tabron, and Kashmier Jones performing during the Turkey Day Pep Rally.

Stepping or step-dancing is a form of percussive dance in which the participant's entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word, and hand claps.

Step Team sponsors, Ms. Keane and Ms. Ross, sell club t-shirts during Douglas Night at Robert's Gym.

Jamie Tabron, BriAsia Warren, Kenteria Lumzy, Genevieve Vaughn, Destinee Redd, and Shelby Fort getting hype for their performance.
Improv Club

**Improv Club** requires quick thinking on your feet and reacting to certain roles you are given or you have made up. You need to be creative and intuitive to be able to keep up with the complex characters that these students can muster up within seconds.

In this game, the students were given identities and/or likenesses for characters at a speed dating event. They would rotate to each person with the goal of trying to get their phone number. The personalities ranged from a school teacher to an easily agitated teenager.
Ping Pong Club is all about fun. Ping Pong is a great activity that requires minimal equipment. A table that is nine feet long and five feet wide, two paddles and a ball - that's all you need for a fun Ping Pong match. The club was running low on balls due to them breaking because people were hitting them too hard and one that got forever stuck in an old science lab sink, but the club got six brand new, fancy ones this year.
The Boys Cross Country team has made it to state 8 years in a row! WGHS holds the Missouri title for smallest school with a streak that long!

The Girls Cross Country team had an amazing season, placing in the top 5 in every regular season race and placing 13th at State!
Faces of XC

It always seems like the photographers take the picture at the worst times! But hey, these runners are still winners!
During the cross country season, both the girls’ and boys’ teams held a fundraiser for a runner’s family. The Parker family has 3 kids, Webster alum Maggie, Senior runner Emily, and freshman Jack. Their father, Chris Parker, was diagnosed with invasive adenocarcinoma cancer (rectal cancer) and has fought this battle since April 20, 2016. Chris started chemotherapy in the summer, and has been doing well the entire journey. The team decided to host the fundraiser during the cross country season because it was kind of a low point in Chris’s recovery. There were around 53 runners and coaches who bought t-shirts. The design of the shirt was very simple with Team Parker on the front and a quote from the Grateful Dead, one of Chris’s favorite bands, on the back. Chris took a year away from college to go follow and tour with the band. The fundraiser was so successful because as Emily put it, “It wasn’t really about the money. I think it was more about the support of him showing up to the meet and everyone wearing shirts about him. It really uplifted his spirit that a majority of these people didn’t personally know him, and we as students, runners, coaches and faculty of WGHS came together shows how great our school is when helping out one of their own.” The varsity boys and girls both went out to win both of their races of the meet.
Most successful girls golfer in 7 years... Aly Goggin!

Q & A
with Elissa Meyers & Aly Goggin

Q: When did you first get into golf?
A: "I started golf about a month before my freshman year at WGHS. I was taught by my dad and later got a professional coach."

Q: What are some challenges you have faced throughout your career?
A: "I was a dancer for 11 years, so I had to workout a lot to start building up my arms and core. Another big challenge is the weather, but I’ll play anywhere between 25 to 107 degrees Fahrenheit."

Q: Are you wanting to pursue golf as a serious career?
A: "I would love for golf to be my career, and I plan on doing anything in my power to make it happen."

Q: What was it like going to state?
A: "State was a big eye opener. It was cool to travel. I loved traveling so much that I have joined a golf tour in Texas. It was an honor to represent WGHS and the public school district."

Q: What are your biggest fears/concerns for your future since you’re planning to pursue golf?
A: "When I put my mind to something, I kinda put my eggs in one basket, so my largest fear is falling short. I workout and hit golf balls after school almost every day. I feel if I give myself no other option but to succeed, I will succeed."
Girls Golf team at practice.

Left: Brady Slattery and Abigale Tatro-Mccollum have a chat across the fence.
Middle: Players celebrate Senior Night
Right: Warming up before match
Every tennis player has to have their required equipment, but there are some things that are essential for each individual player. Below are some of the team's must-haves.

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**Results:**
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- **vs. Pattonville**
  - L/W 8-1
- **vs. Incarnate Word Academy**
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- **vs. Lindberg**
  - L W 4-5
- **vs. Rockwood Summit**
  - L W 2-7
- **vs. Ladue Horton Watkins**
  - L W 1-8
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- **vs. Mehlville**
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- **vs. Nerinx Hall**
  - L W 0-4
- **vs. Ursuline Academy**
  - L/W 4-0
- **vs. Nerinx Hall**
  - L W 1-5

Sports 153
BOYS SOCCER

After winning back to back state championships, the Statesmen soccer team was on a journey fighting for a third straight state title. Unfortunately, they lost a lot of good players to graduation who are now playing college soccer. By the end of the season, they finished with an 8-14 win/loss record, but were the victims of 11 losses by two goals or less.

Most Improved: Trevor Lewis

Jack Van Dyke dribbles past a Ladue defender in the soccer team’s season opener.

MVP: Will Sprick
Photo illustration of a corner kick in the soccer team’s 2-0 loss to Ladue.

Most Dedicated:
Josh Michalski

Coach Cashel: "Every season is different, but the commonality is the great relationships we have in our team. I enjoyed the boys and we will miss our seniors next year."

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Girls VOLLEYBALL

Right; Varsity team huddles during a time out to discuss next play.

Above: Hannah Sondag, Abby Wuebbeling, and Jessie Mireles play offense as they try to score on a great offensive possession.

Above: Coach Smith gets the crowd involved in the match.

Maggie Moran, Abby Wuebbeling, and Grace Early

Three Time Conference Champions
Top right: Brianna Arinze and Sofia Elliott focus as they look to play defense.

Middle: Maddy Barr and Brianna Arinze defend the ball as it gets hit over the net.

Bottom right: Ainsley Stewart gets ready to serve the ball as the crowd looks on.
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Hannah Luckes (9) lines up for a smack at the ball in the ladies big win over Lutheran South 5-0.

Road to Recovery

Over the past few years, field hockey didn't know what to expect. They had many ups and downs, but this year was a special one. With a record of 16-4, the ladies were on a roll!

"We all really came together as a team. We listened to one another and played together. It was very different from past seasons. We were all a team rather than just individual players," said Junior Maddie Dunlap.

Girls Softball

During this year's season, the girls softball team was 11-15, not quite over the .500 mark. But, it's not about the wins and losses, it's about the experience. With only 5 seniors, almost the whole team will be returning next season and word around town is that it's going to be a good one.

"I'm looking forward to being a senior on the team and getting a chance to play with my sister. I know a lot of the incoming freshmen and look forward to playing with them," said Alina Castro.
## Softball

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Boys Swim

Lucas Doll, after competing in the State Championships, qualified in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events along with the 200-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay.

Patrick Unterreiner lifts off the block at the State Championships.

Christopher Ball competes in a relay during the MSHSAA State Championships in St. Peters, MO.

Meet 1 vs. Affton
L/W 115-38

Meet 2 vs. Mehlville
L/W 116-49

Meet 3 Rockwood Summit Quad
2nd place 550.5 points

Meet 5 vs. Ritenour
L/W 118-58

Meet 4 vs. Rockwood Summit
L/W 100-76

Meet 6 vs. Westminster
L/W 130-48

Meet 7 vs. Parkway North
L/W 85-67

Meet 8 Cape Girardeau
9th 124.5 points

Meet 9 Summit Invite
3rd 292 points

Meet 10 vs. Kirkwood
L/W 57-130

Meet 11 Lindbergh Invite
Tie

Meet 12 vs. Pattonville
L/W -

Meet 13 Conference
3rd 322.5 points

Fort Krautmann swimming freestyle during the Rockwood Summit Invitational.

Michael Greaves swimming butterfly in the Rockwood Summit Invitational.
vs. Hazelwood West
L/W 42-6

vs. Ladue
W 20-28

vs. Pattonville
L/W 19-27

vs. Parkway North
L/W 12-24

vs. Hickman
L/W 40-6

vs. Ritenour
L/W 13-41

vs. Lafayette
L/W 14-17

vs. Summit
L/W 22-17

vs. Kirkwood
L/W 6-17
Ever wonder how it feels to play football at Webster Groves? Being a student athlete can be a challenge. Practice lasts from 3:00 to 5:30 and consists of intense workouts: burpees, sprints, weight lifting, and ladders.
This year the cheerleaders performed at every basketball and football home game. They led fans and students in cheers during games and energized the crowd while they cheered on the Statesmen. To prepare for games, they held practices every day after school to perfect their routines and cheers.
De'Avion Henderson (Captain): “There’s a bow between JV and Varsity that ties us together as a family. So therefore, there are not two individual teams. It’s one big happy family.”

Maggie Brennan (Captain): “We are sisters, we argue and we fight, but we work hard and love each other through it all just like real sisters would.”

Nia Kaanagbara: “True family is not only blood. It’s also the people in your life who made a choice to love you when they didn’t have to. With cheerleading, I’ve found these people.”

Kameron Pace: “Coming together as one, instead of being separate, is very important. It’s more than just a team. We’re like sisters.”

Jada Jackson: “To me there ain’t a JV and Varsity. We all have the same goal in what we want to get out of the program. We are a family.”
Maggy Moran
1. Favorite color: Pink
2. Favorite class: Math
3. Favorite player: Kevin Durant
4. Favorite team: Warriors
5. Something significant you do to prepare for the game: “Getting in to pre-game mode, listening to music”

Jaidah Stewart
1: Favorite color: Red
2: Favorite class: Math
3. Favorite player: Lebron James
4. Favorite team: Cavs
5. Something significant you do to prepare for the game: “Getting in to pre-game mode, listening to music”

Danielle Daniels
1. Favorite color: Purple
2. Favorite class: Art
3. Favorite player: Carteare Gordon (BFF)
4. Favorite team: Gators
5. Something significant you do to prepare for the game: “Think about goals I’ve set for myself and how to achieve them.”

Kalen “KK” Rodriguez
1. Favorite color: Blue
2. Favorite class: Math
3. Favorite player: Kyrie Irving
4. Favorite team: Cavs
5. Something significant you do to prepare for the game: Napping, eating Reese’s

Mahalia Wade-Fluker
1. Favorite color: Gray
2. Favorite class: History
3. Favorite player: Kyrie Irving
4. Favorite team: Cavs
5. Something significant you do to prepare for the game: “Do my PGP and eat ice.”
Gordan and Ford are two new dynamic stars for the boys basketball team. Gordon, a 6'9, 255 pound center, came over to Webster from Vianney. Ford, a 6'2, 202 pound forward, came from Afton. These two are the fresh faces of our program here at Webster. I sat down with the two and asked them a couple of questions.

Q) How was the transfer from Affton to Webster?
A) "I thought it was going to be hard. I felt like I was a part of the Webster family, like I have been here for 4 years.

Q) Is it a major difference in Webster's basketball program than what you were used to at Affton, challenge wise?
A) Ford said he wanted to challenge himself, that is why he came here to Webster. It is a real practice feel here at Webster versus the fundamentals at Affton.

Q) How do you think you fit in with the all around talent that is on the basketball team?
A) "I fit in well. I have known everyone on the team. I have either played with or played against everyone.

Q) How was the transfer from Vianney to Webster?
A) "It was good since I used to go here."

Q) Is there a lot of pressure on you to be great and/or ranked?
A) "It serves as motivation. I like to play with my team and get the best outcome."

Q) Did you want to follow in your older brother Chris's footsteps?
A) "That was the original plan, but I fell in love with game."

Q) Were you anxious during your wait to play that was required by MSHSAA rules when transferring schools?
A) "I was very anxious to be back."
The Boys Basketball team was off to a great start this season. They started off at 14-2 and defeated their long rivals, SLUH. Unfortunately, Coach Blossom had to have surgery, but the boys are keeping their composure.
At any other basketball game Webster players wear orange and black, but one night of the year the Webster boys dress out in purple and gold in honor of Douglass School. This year’s 8th annual Douglass Night paid homage to the previously existing Douglass High School. Before WGHS was integrated, Douglass High and Elementary School stood tall and strong, providing education to black students and giving them opportunities to get involved in extracurriculars. When WGHS finally integrated in 1956, many sports were still segregated, and for a long time African American players were not allowed to play sports at WGHS. So in celebration of Douglass players and history, the annual Douglass Night basketball game is held.
Girls SWIMMING

Anne Buck
What events do you do?
100 Backstroke
100 Freestyle
What is the best and worst pool you ever swam in?
Best: Kirkwood
Worst: Parkway North
Favorite stroke?
Backstroke
Best memory of swim team?
Bus rides with friends
Favorite piece of swimming equipment?
Pole Bouy

Haley O’Brien
What events do you do?
100 Backstroke
200 Freestyle
400 Freestyle Relay
What is the best and worst pool you ever swam in?
Best: Cape Central HS
Worst: Ritenour
Favorite stroke?
Backstroke
Best memory of swim team?
Last year conference and getting state.
Favorite piece of swimming equipment?
Pole Bouy

Julia Love
What events do you do?
50 Freestyle
100 Breaststroke
400 Freestyle Relay
What is the best and worst pool you ever swam in?
Best: Kirkwood
Worst: Ritenour
Favorite stroke?
Freestyle
Best memory of swim team?
Going to state with friends
Favorite piece of swimming equipment?
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Luke Roemer practicing before a match

vs. Westminster
vs. Fort Zumwalt East Tournament
vs. Hillsboro
vs. Desmet
vs. All Suburban Tournament
vs. Hazelwood Central
vs. Farmington
vs. Parkway North
vs. Rockwood Summit
vs. Fort Zumwalt South
vs. Pattonville
vs. Knob Noster
vs. Warrensburg Tournament
vs. Kirkwood
vs. MSHSAA Districts
vs. University City
vs. MSHSAA State
This season the boys golf team is looking to keep up their varsity and JV winning streaks. Both the varsity and JV teams have never lost a match in the last three years.

Thomas Hotaling said, "We are looking to return another strong team this year. We are looking to have another strong season, we have a strong team with a lot of experience like Jared Brown, who is looking to have a strong season."

The teams practice at Sunset Hills Golf Course. They play practice rounds on the course and hit balls at the driving range or on the putting green.
Boys Golf

Thomas Hotaling hits a chip shot during a practice round.

Jacob Schmitt looks at his shot after a drive in practice.

vs. SLUH Tournament

vs. Clayton

vs. Kirkwood

vs. University City

vs. CBC

vs. Oakville

vs. Mehlville Tournament

vs. Suburban XII Conference

vs. Sectionals

vs. Parkway North

vs. Pattonville

vs. Parkway West

vs. Mehlville

vs. Rockwood Summit

vs. Summit Tournament

vs. Ladue

vs. Districts

vs. State
The boys tennis team is looking to have a strong season despite having a very young team this year.

When asked about expectations for the upcoming season Max Yusen said, "We have a lot of winnable matches, but we're in a really hard district, but I think we can be around .500. Our main goal is to have a winning record."

To prepare for the season, the team has practice at the Memorial courts at the Webster Groves Recreational Complex. Their practices are from 3-5:30 and include conditioning with drills and matches at the end of practices.

The team is led by seniors Max Yusen and Jack Kincaid. When asked about individual goals, Kincaid said, “State” and Yusen said, “(Jack and I) are probably going to play doubles together and we just want to make it to the district final.”
The past season’s record was not one to remember, but you can never count the Statesmen out! The guys are up and more ready than ever.

“The season is looking very bright for us. We have a lot of talent this year, so this season should have some better outcomes than the last few. We all have the same goal and that’s to chase that ring!”

- Houston Himes.

“Everyone has their role on the team, So far I think we’ve all come to realize what we have to do to win, and that’s what we will continue to do. Baseball is weird with how things work, so you never know what could change, but I have confidence in us to overcome the adversity we may be faced with.”

- Tully Smith

Players laugh and joke as they play catch.

Houston Himes launches the ball in from center field.
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Gregory Daniels winds up to throw the baseball. Alexander Loy skis through the air to snag a ball. Team practicing warm-ups.
Girls

SOCCER

Jacqueline Baetz and Ava Burke lead the girls soccer team is getting prepared for the season by conditioning.

New year, with a new head coach...
Webster’s former coach Chris Allen moved on to be an assistant coach at SLU University so Thom Champion stepped in to become the new varsity girls soccer coach.

Megan McClure goes in for the save during a girls soccer practice.

Ava Burke, Jacqueline Baetz and Claire Puricelli pose for a silly picture during the first week.
The Webster Groves Soccer team went on a vengeance tour as they looked to redeem themselves from the 1-0 lost to Visitation Academy. The girls soccer team plan to play until June as they make a run towards the state title with their first game versus Metro.

The girls jog around the soccer field to train for the upcoming season.

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The 2016-2017 Girls soccer team poses for the team photo.

Emma Atherton runs along side the team.

Mallory Pokorny plays the field.

Mia Schneiders poses for a photo as she runs the field.
Describe practice?
“Warm-up, stretch, run, jump, and cool down. I make it look easy.”

How do you expect the season to go this year?
“I hope to go to state and P.R with a state medal.”
Describe practice?
"You die in a good, yet different, way everyday at practice because a good run always hurts."

How do you expect the season to go this year?
"Good, there are a lot of new girls this year that are ready to work hard and be a lot more competitive against bigger schools."
The boys volleyball team is looking to have a successful season after losing a lot of seniors from last year's team. Ian Thompson said, "We'd like to win our district and then just go from there. Webster is hosting the state game this year and it would be great to get to that."

To prepare for the season, the team practices after school everyday. Practice starts with conditioning, then hitting at their specific positions, and they finish with a scrimmage.
Ian Thompson spikes the ball over the net.

Daniel Kennebeck practices setting the ball.

Noah Burgess sets the ball during spring practice.

Mitchell Lazarow practices digs at the net.

vs. Southside Tournament
vs. Parkway West
vs. Kirkwood
vs. Lindbergh
vs. Pattonville
vs. Parkway North
vs. Parkway Central
vs. St. Mary's
vs. Webster Invitational
vs. Parkway South

vs. Eureka
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vs. Rockwood Summit
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vs. Hazelwood Central  

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vs. Marquette  
vs. Ladue  
vs. Kirkwood  

Boys LACROSSE
Junior Charlie Scheipeter said that this year was "the best season we had so far as a team!"
SIGNING DAY for Seniors

William Sprick committed to play baseball at Truman State University

Senior girls signing to play soccer in college.

Jacqueline Baetz, Ava Burke, Megan McClure

Senior girls signing to play volleyball in college.

Grace Early, Isabelle Albers, Molly Dean, Jessie Mireles, Grace Faulkner, Maggy Moran, Abigail Wuebbeling, Lucy Faulkner, Madison Brooks, Hannah Sondag, Lauren English
A Capella


Amnesty International

Andrew Bristow, Hollen Peterson, Hannah Bowman, Thomas Putnam, Ian Thompson, Mairéad Nash, Rosalie Ryan, Ethan Whitaker

Anime Club


Astronomy Club

Patrick Buchaniec, Reece Hohle, Jade Krekeler, Sylvie Williams, Dorothea Lebeau, Caroline Lesch, Alicia Debroux, Andrew Fahrner
Athletic Training Club


Be the Change


Book Club


Brass Ensemble

Benjamin Keller, Thomas Hotaling, Rachel Tripp, Madison Powers, Joseph Grasso
Chess Team

Nicholas Haines, Julien Budde, Harry (Yuzhu) Fu, Tuyet Huynh, Rawsthorne Grundy, Daniel Shaw, Zachary Alton, Evan Palmer

Boys Concert Choir


Coffee Mug Creative Writing Club

Front row: Hannah Luckes, Simon Moore, Amanda Sullivan, Cianna Vo, Kate Becker, Matt Lehmann

Chamber Choir

Concert Choir


Cycling Club

Nicholas Biundo, Eva Berger, Isabella Dearmott, Michael Greaves

DECA

Drama Troope 1910


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**Echo Newspaper**

**Front Row:** Cole Schnell, Kathryn Kimzey, Caroline Fellows, Riley Mullgardt, Jake Collins. **Second Row:** Ashiil Wagner, Natalie Johnson, Gregory Frazier. **Back Row:** Abyana Botan, Caleb Bolin, Bennett Durando, Anderson Kimball.

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**Echo Yearbook**

**Front Row:** Daniel Maisel, Amie Keane, Brittany Hartung, Tara Barber, Eliza Hartrich, Jurnee Young. **Second Row:** Elissa Meyers, De'Avion Henderson, Kelly Komotos, Kathryn Kimzey. **Third Row:** Katie Mcguire, Anderson Kimball, Harry (Yuzhu) Fu, Isaiah Ford, Johnny Hearn, Rob Burns. **Back Row:** Mashyila Young, Mahalia Wade-Fluker.
Feminist Coalition


French National Honor Society


Freshaires


GSA: Gender/Sexuality Alliance

German National Honor Society


History Club


Improv Club


Interact Club

Back row: Olivia Korte (Secretary), Allyson Peters, Michael Greaves (VP), Jared Brown, Gage Lanouette, Gabriel Mitchell, Sean Sullivan, Greg Heard (Faculty Advisor). Second row: Alison Kuskowski, Ellie Oliphant, Caroline Fellows (President), Jane Benkelman, Claudia Glenn, Patrick Lee. Front row: Evelyn Trampe, Emma Austin, Brady Slattery, Lauren Henry (Treasurer), Bella Dearmitt, Michaela Heintz.
International Club
Front row: Andrea Ramillano, Hannah Tolin, Isabelle Blake, Grace Morris. Back row: Adrean Ramillano, Harry Fu, Philip Freeman, Sarah Curtin, Claire Morris, Chris Kuse, Tommy Marcinkiewicz

National Honor Society

Optics Club

Outdoors Club
Pep Club

the fans in the stands

Philosophy Club


Physics Club


Ping Pong Club

Reel Film Club


Rock Climbing Club

Front Row: Daniel Maisel, Sean Wright, Kacy Cryer. Back Row: David Hill.

Scholar Bowl Team


Statesbots Black

Mikaela Callander, Marlena Henley, Jackson Schoon, Prem Rao, Benjamin Linehan, Jonah Wilson, Brandon Bandelt, Zachary Richter
Statesbots Orange

Jonah Davis, Colin Gilker, River Schoon, Michael McPherson, Dylan McDowell, Dorothea Lebeau, Ryley Wilson, Daniel Shaw

Step Team

**Front Row:** Jamie Tabron. **Second Row:** Britney Christian, Destinee Redd, BriAsia Warren, Genevieve Vaughn, Allyson Lang, Taylor, Kenteria Lumzy. **Third Row:** Makayla Felder, Nia Lyles, Kira Bradford, Zyan Logan. **Back Row:** Yusuf Randolph, Shelby Fort, Gold Kaanagbara, Kasmier Jones.

STUCO

**Front Row:** Lidia Goben, Hannah Nash, Brianna Vo, Jazzmin Parker, Jade Krekelar, Alison Vedova, Adrienne Johnson, Nicole Bloomer, Tuyet Huynh, Allison Reed. **Second Row:** Tyler Benbow, Hope Brubaker, Evelyn Trampe, Elisabeth Oliphant, Jonathan Kuse, Philip Freeman, C C Blake, Mary Wolk, James Buck, Kurt Krautmann, Harry (Yuzhu) Fu, Cianna Vo, Morgan Kern, Mia Schnieders, Margaret O'Brien. **Third Row:** Grace Engel, Thomas Marcinkiewicz, Alison Kuskowski, Elizabeth Koenig, Camille Krueger, Caroline Fellows, Eric Mitchell, Corbin Brockman, Gloryanna Patrick, Elizabeth Mandernach, Rebecca Mandernach, Emma Binder, Natalie Hanrahan, Clara Veldhuizen, Danielle Kern. **Back Row:** Constance Rhodes.

Tea Club

**Front Row:** Jake Collins, Gillian Littleton, Cecily Schmanske, Olivia Weik. **Back Row:** Caleb Bolin, Thomas Putnam, Hannah Bowman, Julia Ross, Ted Cooper.
Trebleaires


Tri M National Honor Society


Video Game Club


Young Republicans

Ice Hockey

Back Row: Joshua Kazlauskas, Savario Pirozzi, Caden Broadhead, Ari Rossi, Casey Lang, Briton Toth, Edward Pinnock, Charles Scheipeter
Front Row: Nathan Rioridan, Bailey Broadhead, Katherine Winkelmann, Douglas Shoutts, William Scheipeter, Eaton Gowan, Steven Gould, George Gowan, Alex Wiedemann, Brendan Lankau

Cheerleading, Varsity


Cheerleading, JV


Cross Country, Boys

Cross Country, Girls


Field Hockey, Varsity


Field Hockey, JV

Football, Varsity and JV


Football, Freshman


Golf, Girls Varsity and JV


Soccer, Boys Varsity

Soccer, Boys JV


Soccer, Boys C Team


Softball, Varsity


Softball, JV

Swimming, Boys


Tennis, Girls


Volleyball, Girls Varsity


Volleyball, Girls JV

Volleyball, Girls


Basketball, Boys Varsity


Basketball, Boys JV

Front Row: Kameron Yancey, Jacobie Banks, Marcus Thompson, Jerqon Conners, Cody Weaver, Dwayne Kirksey. Back Row: Quinton Nehring, Brandt Krueger, Isaac Milla, Steven Wright, Nicholas Floresca, Liam Ellis, John Stalicup, Dallas King.

Basketball, Boys Freshman

Front Row: Liam Kenney, Justin Jones, Jaylen Morris, Enrique Quinones, Joel Shelton, Noah Arinze. Back Row: Avery Himes, Adrian Gammage, Quinton Nehring, Tyson James, Jaheem Williams, Myson Pace, Zachary Smith.
Basketball, Girls Varsity


Basketball, Girls JV


Swimming, Girls


Wrestling

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Burke Azarta Weber
Claudia Glenn
Edward Walters
Esque Ewing
Elena Ring

Indy Powers
Jared Brown
John Moorehouse
Spencer Cline
Matthew Haug
Kurt Krautmann

Karyn Pokorny
Nicholas Hayden
Eric Wunsch
Abigail Stoner
Andrew Fahrner
Austin Rodriguez

Isa Burke
Azaria Weber
Claudia Glenn
Edward Walters
Esque Ewing
Elena Ring

Ily Smith
Brendan Riganti
Eliza Hartrich
Abigail Finnegan
Morgan Kern
Olivia Dell

Inderson Kimball
Shawn Fields
De'Avion Henderson
Lizzie Huff
Donovan Smith
Anne Buck

Senior Babies 209
I really appreciate all of the opportunities you guys provided me. I love you mom and dad. I'll miss you so much in college.

Love,
Harry

Eliza Hartrich

We are so proud of you!
We LOVE you!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Max, Grayson,
Blue, Buster
&
Raymond

Jemya (NuNu), you have reached a journey. I know mama looking down right now smiling, saying "look at my baby, she did it!" I will be with you, Terrianna and Tion every step of the way.

Love you, boo. Congratulations Miss Bossy! Lanesha

Congratulations, Jemya!

Love,
Laurie, Ethan & Alexandra
Congratulations

Danielle Harris Cox
Class of 2017
De'Avion Henderson

You are a beautiful, strong, intelligent, charming young woman. I'm proud of who you are becoming. Great job. Love Mom

Thomas,

The world awaits...and it needs you desperately! Get busy!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Jackson

Janie

We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you are! Continue to be strong, stay sweet, and love life!

We love you,
Mom, Mary, Christopher, & Brian

Abigail Finnegan

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

We have been privileged to watch you grow into the person you are today and we are so proud of you. Love you!

Mom, Bob
Dad, Sarah
Mandi, Jacqueline, Anna
Congratulations Jackman! So very proud of you. Love, Joyce & Mike

Great job birdturd. Love, Joymom

May you always have walls for the wind, a roof for the rain, tea beside the fire, laughter to cheer you, those you love near you, and all your heart might desire.
Love, your family
Jimmy & Liz
Daisy
Cole

We are so honored to watch you grow up. Congratulations Jack, we’re very proud! Heike & Rich and the kiddos

Congratulations Jack. Way to go! 9na
Marsha and Kurt

Good job you dirty rat Uncle Chuck

We are proud of the man you are becoming. You are kind, smart, and always funny. Don’t let anyone or anything stop you from becoming who you want to be. Congratulations Jackster! Love Stephanie, Billy, Eli, and Sammi
Congratulations, Ethan!

Love, Mom, Alexandra, & Jemya
(you know mommy would be so proud of you)

Mia Schnieders

We couldn't be more proud of you! You work so hard and are an amazing young woman. We can't wait to see what wonderful adventures are in store for you!

Love you to the moon and back again!
Love you more, Mom & Sophie

Luke and Jack

From fishing, camping, golf and baseball, Together you have done it all

Started as cousins and soon after, friends, Will love you both until the end

Congratulations
Congratulations, Alexandria Ann!!!

We cherish you beyond measure.
You fill our hearts with pure joy.
We are so proud to call you daughter.

Your faith, courage, strength, determination, and kind heart are gifts to those around you.

As you continue on your journey, may you always remember how grateful we are for you and how very much you are loved.

We love you to infinity and beyond!

Xoxoxo...Mom, Dad, and Sofia
Kurt Krautmann
From the first day until the last, you have made us proud. Love mom and dad

Morgan Kern
We love you and are so proud of you. Embrace your passion for learning as you continue on your life's journey. So excited to see what your future holds. Love - Mom, Dad and Danielle
Annie & Sawyer,
“Life is not about warming yourself by the fire, life is about building the fire. And generosity is the match... If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap, but if you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.”
Larry Lucchino

Caleb Zachary Nehring
“How very softly you tiptoed into our world, almost silently, only a moment you stayed. But what an imprint your footsteps have left upon our hearts.”
Dorothy Ferguson

Grace
There’s a world of possibilities ahead of you

Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire

Congratulations!
We’re so proud
Mom, Dad and Grant
Jack Kincaid

Congratulations on your hard work and success at WGHS and best wishes for an exciting, wonderful future ahead. You've made us so proud!

Love, Mom & Dad

Amanda Michenfelder

Don't just be yourself. Be all of yourself. Don't just live. Be life. Live all of your life. Understand it. See it. Appreciate it. Have fun. And always, always know that we love you. Tons.

We are so proud of you. Love, Mom & Dad

We're incredibly proud of you ... and plan to visit you EVERY weekend in college so you don't miss us!

XO, Mom, Dad and Riley

It is so rare to have the privilege of having a brother and a best friend in one. I'm so proud of my "little"/younger brother and all the amazing things you are going to accomplish in life and all you already have. The greatest gift our parents gave me was you!

Dream Big!!

Love, Your "Big" sis

Congratulations, Bennett Durando!!!
Haley Reinhardt

The most important days in your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why.
Mark Twain

Rock the Nation! Shine On!
We Love You.
Mom & Dad
Congratulations Tully!

We are so proud of your accomplishments and wish you all the best as you begin the next chapter in your life.

love! Amma, Dad, Mom, Cavan, Ian, Uncle Kevin, Aunt Julie, Erin, Megan, Eileen, Kristen, Mark, Aunt Barbara Ann, Timothy, Andrew, Aunt Karen, Uncle Mark, Aunt Jeryldine, and Uncle Jeremy
Emily Elise,

Our lives have been blessed with an amazing little girl who has grown into an incredible young lady. We are so very proud of you, Emily! We wish you a future filled with much love and happiness!

Thank you for being in our lives –

Love,
Dad, Mom and David

Shane,

Congratulations on all your hard work! We know you will go far in life.

–Mom & Dad

Maggie Pool
Felicidades! Eres el mejor y una bellísima persona. Mantenga sus ojos en la montaña y usted nunca a lise tu camino. Te quiero!
Madre

Jaredd, you are the joy of my life since entering this world 18 years ago. It seems like yesterday when you were this age, and look at you now! Continue to achieve your goals, be respectful to all people and cultivate that love for life you and your grandfather shared.
I will always be here for you.

Love,
Your Very Proud Mom
Always a Statesmen #62
Hope Brubaker

You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So get on your way!

Congratulations Emily!

We are so proud of all that you have accomplished and cannot wait to see what the future brings. We Love You! Mom, Dad, Maggie, & Jack.

Caitlin

We are proud of the beautiful and kind person that you are. You are a precious gift to us.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Megan, Bridget, Suzie, Bella and Trixie
SETH
Funny, friendly, brotherly.
Happy, caring, energetic.
Dancer, joker, worshiper.
Silly, loyal, musical.
Gentle, pleasant, AMAZING!
We’re proud of the man
you’ve become!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Page, and
Grandma

Emily,
You’ll always be a people mover as
you make your way through life!
Love, Mom & Dad

Hannah Sabbert O’Brien
Congratulations! We love this picture because it catches
you looking up, focusing on what you are doing, and
soaking up life! We have given you roots in our family
and we are excited about where your wings will take
you. We love you and we enjoy you! Love, Mommy,
Daddy, Spencer, & Vesper!

Congratulations,
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Love, Mom & Dad
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produced by the yearbook class at Webster Groves High School in Webster Groves, Missouri and printed by Herff Jones, Inc. in Edwardsville, KS. The account was serviced by representative Liz Halpin and customer service advisor Lisa Merino. This year’s theme was developed by student staff members. The staff combined their perception of high school as a place for students to find their passions, interests, and aspirations with today’s technology driven way of life. As an entirely new staff, Harry (Yuzhu) Fu, Kelly Komotos, Mashylla Young, Page Kimzey, Anderson Kimball, Elissa Meyers, De’Avion Henderson, Jurnee Young, Daniel Maisel, Tara Barber, Johnny Hearn, Eliza Hartrich, Elissa Meyers, and Rob Burns helped developed the theme “Find Your Destination” in September, 2016 after exhausting countless other possibilities. The cover was designed by Kelly Komotos and incorporated a four-color lithograph design.

The four-color endsheets were printed on VabraColor white paper. The book’s 232 pages are printed on 80# gloss stock. The 2017 volume is printed in full color. Most body copy was set in size 10 AHU Franklin Gothic Book font, and captions were size 8 AHU Franklin Gothic Book font. Headlines mostly included AHU Franklin Gothic Heavy font. The Echo Yearbook was produced using Herff Jones eDesign and Adobe Photoshop, on seven desktop and nine laptop computers. More than 9,000 photographs were shot by staff members using four Canon EOS Rebel T6i cameras. Inter-state Studio & Publishing Company provided the portraits. The 730 copies of the book were sold to students at prices ranging from $60-$72.

This year we became a dysfunctional yearbook family. There were many tears on the inside and a few arguments on the outside, mostly involving Harry.
IS IT'S WHAT THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT WAS MADE OF IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.

11,237 OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ATHLETES from all over the globe gathered in August to pursue lifelong dreams and compete for Olympic glory. There were firsts, as Rio was the first South American city to host the Olympic Games. There were records broken—the United States earning 121 medals—surpassing the previous record of medals earned (which they also held). There were downfalls in the form of injuries, controversies and losses. But there were, of course, tremendous and victorious triumphs, celebrations of nations coming together, demonstration of character and pure grit and moments of relishing in hard work, determination, talent and tenacity—true athletic prowess at its finest.

1. HELEN MAROULIS. the first American woman to earn Olympic gold in wrestling, defeated opponent Saori Yoshida of Japan.
2. NEYMAR DELIVERED A HOME TEAM VICTORY, earning Brazil soccer gold after scoring the winning penalty kick, 5-4 against Germany.
3. AN UNFORTUNATE MISSTEP for French gymnast Samir Ait Said resulted in a lower leg break during the men's qualifying round.
4. THE 100-METER HURDLES were dominated by Americans Brianna Rollins, Nia Ali and Kristi Castlin who finished first, second and third, respectively.
US SWIMMERS: AN UNSTOPPABLE CLASS OF ATHLETES

5. South Africa's Wayde van Niekerk broke a 17-year-old record in the 400-meter race, earning gold with a time of 43.03 seconds. He largely credited his 74-year-old coach, former sprinter and long jumper, Anna Botha.

6. After achieving a “triple-triple” by winning all three sprint titles at three consecutive games, Jamaican track and field star Usain Bolt declared his desire to be the greatest.

7. Deemed the “Final Five,” Aly Raisman, Madison Kocian, Laurie Hernandez, Gabby Douglas and Simone Biles won nine medals at the Rio Olympic Games, breaking the previous record of eight medals shared by the 1984 and 2008 teams. The U.S. women’s gymnastics team celebrated victory over all rivals with a total of 8,209 points; Russia fell to second place, while China came in third.

8. Two Distance Runners Collided during the women’s 5,000 meter event. Abbey D’Agostino of the United States and Nikki Hamblin of New Zealand helped each other and finished the race with times of 17:10.02 and 16:43:10.

9. Chen Aisen’s performance led China to their seventh gold medal in diving at the Rio Olympics.

10. The United States men’s Olympic basketball team won gold in the final knockout round with a victory over Serbia and a score of 96-66. This was the team’s third consecutive gold medal.

U.S. swimmers were standout athletes at the Rio Olympics. Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time, picked up five more gold medals and a silver, bringing his collection to a total of 28. The 31-year-old confirmed plans to retire and said he wouldn’t compete in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Female U.S. swimmers Katie Ledecky and Simone Manuel each made history in Rio. Ledecky broke her own record in the 800-meter freestyle, becoming the first woman to sweep the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle races since 1968. Manuel tied for gold in the 100-meter freestyle, making her the first African American woman in history to win an individual Olympic swimming medal.
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2. CARRIE UNDERWOOD won several notable awards including AMA’s Favorite Country Album for Storyteller, CMA’s Female Vocalist award and CMT’s Female Video of the Year award for “Smoke Break.”

3. GARTH BROOKS won Entertainer of the Year for the fourth time at the CMA Awards in November. He previously won the title in 1991, 1992 and 1997.

4. ERIC CHURCH’S album, Misunderstood, received the Album of the Year award at the CMA Awards in November.

5. LADY GAGA performed the halftime show at Super Bowl LI, opening with a rendition of “This Land is Your Land.” She began her set on top of the NGR Stadium in Houston, Texas with a fleet of illuminated drones behind her, before seemingly leaping and appearing on stage to perform hit songs like “Poker Face,” “Telephone” and “Bad Romance.”

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8. MARIAH CAREY was mortified after a botched performance during Dick Clark’s New Year’s Rockin’ Eve in Times Square. She was accused of lip-syncing, but claimed that malfunctioning earpieces were at fault.

9. ADELE earned five Grammys including Record of the Year, Song of the Year and Best Pop Solo Performance for “Hello” and Album of the Year and Best Pop Vocal Album for 25. She dedicated Album of the Year to Beyoncé for her album Lemonade, and also performed a touching tribute to the late George Michael.

10. CHANCE THE RAPPER won Best New Artist at the Grammys, as well as Best Rap Performance for “No Problem” and Best Rap Album for Coloring Book.

11. ARIANA GRANDE won AMA’s Artist of the Year, and her single, “Dangerous Woman,” was named Choice Music Single at the Teen Choice Awards.

12. ZAYN, former member of popular boy band One Direction, won awards for his solo work including the AMA’s New Artist of the Year and Teen Choice Award’s Choice Music Breakout Artist.

13. JUSTIN BIEBER’s single, “Sorry,” won an AMA for Video of the Year and the Teen Choice Award for Choice Music Single. Bieber was chosen as Favorite Male Artist at both events, and his album, Purpose, earned Favorite Pop/Rock Album at the AMAs.

14. DNCE, the funk pop band led by former Jonas Brother, Joe, won MTV’s VMA for Best New Artist.
IN SPORTS, CLOSE ISN’T GOOD ENOUGH

PREDICTABLE SUCCESS AND UNDER-DOG TRIUMPHS – WE SAW IT ALL.

1. LED BY CAPTAIN SIDNEY CROSBY, the Pittsburgh Penguins won their fourth Stanley Cup Championship against the San Jose Sharks in Game 6 — their first title win since 2009.

2. THE CLEMSON TIGERS battled the Alabama Crimson Tide and clinched the College Football Playoff National Championship with a last-second touchdown by Hunter Renfrow and a final score of 35-31.

3. BRITTANY LANG won her first major title at the 71st U.S. Women’s Open Golf championship over Sweden’s Anna Nordqvist.

4. THE CONNECTICUT HUSKIES women’s basketball team won their fourth consecutive NCAA championship, defeating Syracuse 82-51. Their 104-game winning streak set a new NCAA record.

5. SERENA WILLIAMS broke the record of Grand Slam titles bringing her total to 23 after defeating Angelique Kerber for her seventh Wimbledon victory, and beating her sister, Venus during the Australian Open in January.

6. LEBRON JAMES led the Cleveland Cavaliers to a championship title with a 93-89 win over the Golden State Warriors in Game 7 of the NBA finals.

7. THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS defeated the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl LI, 34-28 after they tied it up in the last minute with the first comeback of more than 10 points in Super Bowl history. They sent the game into overtime, and four-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady and Coach Bill Belichick became the first quarterback and coach to win five Super Bowls.

8. THE CHICAGO CUBS beat the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in Game 7 of the World Series to win their first championship since 1908.
START TO FINISH
9. NASCAR DRIVER NO. 48 Jimmie Johnson celebrated his record-tying seventh Sprint Cup championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway. 10. KURT BUSCH won his first career Daytona 500 in a last-lap pass around Kyle Larson and Chase Elliott.

GLOBAL WINS
11. BRITISH GOLFER Danny Willett won his first major championship and earned a green jacket at the 80th edition of the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia in April 2016. 12. 108 RIDERS raced in the 103rd Tour de France in July; Chris Froome of Great Britain and of Team Sky came in first place, making it his third Tour win. 13. NYQUIST AND JOCKER Mario Gutierrez won the 142nd Kentucky Derby in May 2016, defeating horses Exaggerator and Gun Runner, who finished in second and third places.
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

**ERA OF VARIED OPINION & VAST DIVIDE**

**THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION** was a particularly unusual political journey from the beginning.

Seventeen major Republican candidates entered the race in early 2015, making it the largest presidential primary field for any political party in American history.

By May 3, only three of those Republican candidates remained: Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and John Kasich. Trump became the presumptive nominee on May 4, and, on July 15, officially announced via Twitter that Mike Pence was his chosen running mate.

On the other side, opinion polls predicted Hillary Clinton as the front-runner Democratic presidential nominee; she was up against Bernie Sanders, Martin O’Malley and Lincoln Chafee. Clinton and Sanders took turns winning important caucuses and primaries, but on July 12, Sanders withdrew and officially announced his endorsement of Clinton.

On July 22, she announced Tim Kaine as her running mate. Both Trump and Clinton were formally nominated during the respective Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio from July 18-21, and the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from July 25-28.

Clinton focused on raising middle class incomes and women’s rights, while Trump focused on sizable income tax cuts, illegal immigration and the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The two discussed these issues, and more, at the first of three presidential debates on September 3, which became the most-watched debate in American history, with more than 80 million viewers.

On Nov. 8, 2016 Trump became president-elect with 306 electoral votes. Republicans maintained control of the Senate and House of Representatives.
CONFLICTED

1. CLINTON SUPPORTERS celebrated closely and waited on election night as the number of electoral votes continued to favor Trump.

2. TRUMP SUPPORTERS celebrated at the New York Hilton Midtown as results were broadcast worldwide.

3. FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA delivered his farewell speech on Jan. 10 in Chicago. During the televised address, the crowd chanted "Four more years!" and at one point, Obama became tearful while thanking his wife, Michelle, in a touching and emotional moment.

4. BEYONCÉ and JAY-Z officially endorsed Democratic nominee Clinton at the "Get Out the Vote" concert in Cleveland, Ohio on Nov. 4.

5. THE DAY AFTER THE INAUGURATION millions of women and men worldwide marched to take a stance on prominent political discussions, especially those of women's rights. These marches and demonstrations eventually led to even greater conversations around how important it is to vote.

DONALD J. TRUMP, 45TH PRESIDENT OF THE US

6. BETSY DEVOS became the 11th Secretary of Education after a 50-50 tie in the Senate was resolved by a tie-breaking vote cast by Vice President Pence. This was the first time the vice president was called upon to break a tie for a presidential cabinet position.

7. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE attended the 58th presidential inauguration of President Trump and Vice President Pence on Jan. 20, 2017. PROTESTS ensued throughout the country after the inauguration. Some turned violent as protesters gathered alongside his supporters at Trump Towers in New York and Chicago and chants rang throughout that stated "Not my president!"

DID YOU KNOW?

Hillary Clinton was the first-ever female presidential nominee of a major U.S. political party.

DID YOU KNOW?

American astronauts on the International Space Station (ISS) can vote from space via secured email.

DID YOU KNOW?

The presidential election is held every four years on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

DID YOU KNOW?

Donald Trump was the first president to be elected without previously holding a political office.
THE YEAR IN ENTERTAINMENT

BROKEN RECORDS, BEGINNINGS,
ENDS AND ANTICIPATED RETURNS.

1. **LA LA LAND** the musical film starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, won several Golden Globe awards including Best Picture, Comedy or Musical and Best Performance by an Actor and Actress, Comedy or Musical. It also won five Oscars for Actress in a Leading Role, Directing, Music (Original Score), Music (Original Song) and Production Design.

2. **RYAN REYNOLDS**, alongside his wife Blake Lively and two daughters, was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

3. **THE CROWN**, a Netflix series, was awarded Golden Globe's Best Series, Drama, and Claire Foy, who played Queen Elizabeth in the show, won Best Actress, Drama.

4. **FINDING DORY**, the sequel to Finding Nemo, grossed $1.027 billion worldwide and was the highest-grossing PG movie ever in the United States.

5. **GAME OF THRONES** broke the record for the number of Emmy awards won by a fictional series.

6. **PRETTY LITTLE LIARS** ended after seven seasons and earned six Teen Choice Awards including Choice TV Show, Drama.

7. **FULLER HOUSE** won a Teen Choice Award for Choice TV Show Comedy and Choice TV Actor for Candace Cameron Bure's role as DJ, as well as a People's Choice Award for Favorite Premium Comedy Series.

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**TOP GAMES OF 2016**
1. "CALL OF DUTY: INFINITE WARFARE"
2. "BATTLEFIELD 1" 
3. "TOM CLANCY'S THE DIVISION"
4. "NBA 2K17"
5. "MADDEN NFL 17"

**TOP TV OF 2016**
1. **GAME OF THRONES**
2. **THE WALKING DEAD**
3. **PRETTY LITTLE LIARS**
4. **WESTWORLD**
5. **THE FLASH**

**TOP MOVIES OF 2016**
1. **ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY**
2. **FINDING DORY**
3. **CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR**
4. **THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS**
5. **THE JUNGLE BOOK**

**TOP BOOKS OF 2016**
1. **SALT TO THE SEA** – BY RUTA SEPETYS
2. **THE PROBLEM WITH FOREVER** – BY J. MMENTROUT
3. **THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR** – BY NICOLA YOON
4. **A THOUSAND BOY KISSES** – BY TILIE COLE
5. **UNEXPECTED EVERYTHING** – BY MORGAN MATSON
8. **Pokémon Go** was downloaded hundreds of millions of times and allowed players the chance to capture Pokémon creatures as they popped up in real life on their phones’ screens.

9. **Hatchimals** were the toys to find during the holiday season. The mechanical creatures arrived in an egg, hatched and eventually would evolve to reveal different games and interactions.

10. **Popular Virtual Reality** headsets like Oculus Rift, PlayStation VR, Samsung Gear VR and the HTC Vive revolutionized gaming and entertainment with mind-blowing 3D experiences.

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**RED CARPET REVELRIES**

11. **Moonlight** won Best Picture at the Oscars after *La La Land* was mistakenly presented the award, and Mahershala Ali, *Moonlight*'s Juan, won Actor in a Supporting Role. The film also won Best Motion Picture - Drama at the Golden Globes. **Viola Davis** became the first African American actress to win an Oscar, Emmy and Tony after winning Actress in a Supporting Role for *Fences*. **Zootopia** won the Academy Award for Animated Feature Film.

14. **Ellen DeGeneres** was awarded America’s highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, by then President Barack Obama in November. Obama praised the daytime talk show host and comedian for her bravery and courage and said that it helped “push our country in the direction of justice.” **Trent Harmon** beat out fellow Mississippian native LaPorsha Renae to become *American Idol*’s 15th and final winner in the show’s last season on air. Harmon was Yahoo Music’s ninth-most-popular artist of the year, proving that, despite the show’s declining ratings, it had a strong following up until the end.

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**Leaders by Day, Winners by Night**
1. A 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck mountain communities in central Italy near Norcia in August, killing more than 247 people. 2. Residents were warned of possible tsunamis after a 7.4 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Fukushima, Japan, the same location a 9.0 magnitude quake hit in 2011. 3. Coastal Ecuador was hit with a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in April, causing more than 650 casualties and thousands of injuries predominantly in the towns of Manta, Portoviejo and Pedernales.

4. EMV cards, commonly referred to as “credit card chips,” continued to become the standard due to their ability to reduce counterfeit fraud; there was a 43% drop in credit card fraud compared to a year earlier. 5. Using the DNA of three adults, a child was born after an American doctor performed a mitochondrial transfer in hopes of allowing a couple to finally have a healthy child. 6. The Cost of EpiPens was deemed unethical in court after it increased from $100 to $608. 7. Scientists discovered that there are actually four different species of giraffes: the southern giraffe, Masai giraffe, reticulated giraffe and northern giraffe, all of which look similar in appearance. 8. The Solar Impulse 2 completed the first solar-powered flight around the world when it landed in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, where the journey first began.

**ITALY, JAPAN, ECUADOR: SHAKEN WITH TRAGEDY**

**DISCOVERY. DEBACLE. MOMENTUM.**

The year revealed advancement, wonder, surprise and more.
15. WILDFIRES RAGED through parts of North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee in November, burning more than 90,000 acres.

16. UNCHARACTERISTIC AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL in California helped reduce long-term extreme droughts. Although much-needed for such conditions, the rain delivered a new crisis of flooding, causing residents of many regions to evacuate.

WORLDWIDE HEAT WAVE; RECORD-BREAKING TEMPS

RECORD TEMPERATURES were reached globally in the month of July — and it wasn’t just the warmest July, but the warmest of any month on record dating back to the 1800s. It beat out the previous warmest month on record, which occurred in 2015. Britain experienced an unusually high temperature of 89.6°F in September, a temperature not reached since 1949. In August, New York’s heat index reached 105°F, which led Mayor Bill de Blasio to issue an excessive heat warning. Similar warnings throughout the world were not uncommon; China issued a yellow weather alert in regards to the heat and Chile did the same.

9. SEVEN SPECIES OF YELLOW FACED BEES native to Hawaii were the first bees to be protected under the Endangered Species Act.

10. SCANS OF KING TUT’S TOMB revealed two hidden rooms that were speculated to hold the remains of Queen Nefertiti.

11. 1,284 NEW PLANETS were discovered by NASA’s Kepler Space Telescope, making it the largest discovery of new planets in history.

12. JANUARY’S WINTER STORM JONAS delivered the heaviest snowfall on record in New York City at 27.6 inches, while cities between there and Washington D.C. neared record totals.

13. THE ALS ASSOCIATION credited the Ice Bucket Challenge and its money-raising efforts in funding the discovery of a gene’s connection to the disease.

14. RADIOCARBON DATING on the eyeball lenses of Greenland sharks led scientists to believe that the species can live to be nearly 400 years old, making it the oldest vertebrate known to science.
SHIFTING GROUND AND STANDING ROCK

WIDE OPPOSITION OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE LED TO DISORDER.

THERE ARE TWO SIDES to every story. This time, the battle was over the Dakota Access Pipeline that would transport oil from the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota to the plains of Illinois — if only its last mile and a half of 1,700 miles could be completed. The center of opposition was the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, who occupied land near the development site. Thousands of protesters and many Native American tribes also opposed the project. Energy Transfer Partners claimed the construction of the pipeline would lead to greater economic development, as well as increased safety and efficiency, but the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe argued the development would destroy ancestral land, threaten their water supply and be an overall burden to residents of the tribe. Environmental activists named more consequences, such as man-made climate change, should construction of the pipeline move forward. Following the lengthy battle, President Donald Trump signed executive orders that advanced approval of the pipeline only four days following his inauguration.

1. THE SENATE passed a $602 billion defense bill which included an amendment that would require women to register for the military draft for the first time in history. 2. A TRUCK PLODED through a crowd on Bastille Day in Nice, France, killing 86 people and injuring hundreds more. ISIS later claimed responsibility for the incident. 3. THE DECREASED VALUE of Venezuela’s bolivar resulted in the country’s deep recession, a decline in exports and an extreme shortage of food and supplies. 4. IRAQ, KURDISH AND ALLIED FORCES began an operation to retake the city of Mosul from the Islamic State, which gained control in June 2014. The forces advanced into the city just two weeks into the campaign. 5. THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT announced the redesign of some U.S. currency, including the $2 bill on which abolitionist Harriet Tubman would replace Andrew Jackson. 6. WELLS FARGO CEO JOHN STUMPF resigned after millions of fake accounts were uncovered as far back as 2011, allowing employees to boost sales figures. More than 5,300 employees were fired and the company was fined $185 million, in addition to the $5 million they were required to refund to customers.
7. **The Iran Nuclear Deal**, the agreement between the United States and Iran that essentially blocked Iran’s access to nuclear weapons and increased visibility into their nuclear activity, looked successful a year after it was implemented.

8. **The United Kingdom** voted 52% to 48% to leave the EU in a referendum in June called “Brexit” meaning “British exit.” The majority in both England and Wales voted to leave, while the majority in Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to remain. The terms of the exit would have to be agreed upon by 27 different parliaments, so some believed the actual process would take years to complete.

9. **A Genetically Modified Mosquito** was developed by British company Oxitec, to fight the Zika virus, and was confirmed by the FDA to cause no significant impact on human health or the environment. The OX513A male *Aedes aegypti* mosquito was engineered to pass along a lethal gene to wild female mosquitoes that would cause their offspring to die.

10. **Then President Barack Obama** spoke at the September opening ceremony of The National Museum of African American History and Culture situated on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The museum spanned 400,000 square feet and held more than 36,000 artifacts.

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**Transitions in Leadership**

11. **Brazil’s Senate** voted 61-20 to impeach their first female president, Dilma Rousseff, in August on charges of manipulating the federal budget.

12. **Cuba’s Former Leader** Fidel Castro passed away at age 90. He took power during 1959 and led the country for nearly 50 years.

13. **Theresa May** became Britain’s prime minister in July, and committed to helping the underprivileged and fighting injustice.

14. **Italy’s Prime Minister** Matteo Renzi announced his resignation after voters rejected constitutional changes that amounted to a referendum on the prime minister’s government.
1. Apple released its iPhone 7, which broke many performance records. They also introduced Apple AirPods, their $169 wireless headphones. 2. More than 100 reports of overheating and exploding Samsung Galaxy Note 7's, due to a battery cell issue, caused the phones to be recalled and even banned from airline flights. 3. Amazon's Alexa gained attention at the 2016 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Artificial intelligence was integrated into many devices, and even made news when a 6-year-old girl instructed Alexa to purchase a $160 dollhouse and cookies — and she did just that.

Keeping Up

4. Gigi Hadid revealed her Mattel Barbie lookalike in February just before the Tommy X Gigi Runway show. 5. Popular Hollywood Couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie split after Jolie filed for divorce in September, just over two years since the pair wed. 6. Kylie Jenner's 'Kylie Lip Kit' was the product on every makeup lover's lips in 2016. The brand's website experienced extremely high traffic as the products sold out almost instantaneously and continued to do so following several restocks.

Did You Hear? Everyone Was Talking About It.

7. The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus announced plans to close after more than 100 years in operation, due to high operating costs and declining ticket sales. 8. Candace Payne, also known as Chewbacca Mom, livestreamed a video of a Star Wars Chewbacca mask she purchased from Kohls. The post went viral with more than 105 million views just three days later. 9. The Mannequin Challenge was a viral video trend that involved groups of people gathering and freezing in elaborate poses while one person filmed the scene focusing on certain details. 10. Snapchat filters continued to entertain the app's 158 million users — so much so, that Pinterest searches of 'Snapchat filter Halloween costumes' were up 1,500% from 2015. 11. Wendy's posted an innocent Tweet reading: "Our beef is way too cool to ever be frozen," and received a snarky reply from a follower that led to a comical viral exchange. 12. New Facebook reaction emojis allowed users to be more expressive without commenting. Facebookers were able to react to posts with laughter and emotions of love, shock, sadness and anger.

Oh, and One More Thing

A quick recap of the viral stories that filled your news feeds.
Coach Christopher Smith has played baseball his entire life; it's in his blood and comes naturally to him. That's why he has decided to coach for the last 15 years. With this experience, the advice he tells his players before every game is to "stay focused." He also treats each and every young man on the team like they're his own. "We are one, we are family," says Coach Smith. When asked about this season, he feels this is a great team that has come together as one. The record so far is 5-14.
Q&A with Coach Fechtel

How long have you been coaching baseball?

"This is my third year, and I really enjoy it."

What's your favorite part about being a coach?

"Seeing my players hard work transform into success."

What do typical practices consist of?

"In the beginning of the year, they learn the basics. They warm up with dynamic stretching, tossing, and later on reflecting on basics and capitalizing on mistakes."

From left to right, Ben Ragan, Daniel Welch, and Jack Parker running the 4 x 800 relay at the home meet.
Girls Lacrosse

Alyssa Gutweiler catching the ball, about to go into a cradle.

Favorite Memory of the year?

"Singing with my team in the locker room before games."
- Isabelle O’Neal

Any team injuries?

"Rolled Ankles"
- Everyone

Favorite piece of equipment?

"Game Day Crocs"
- Rose Tatro-McCollum

Any team injuries?

Varsity Team (Left to Right)
Lily Pino, Hannah Simonson, Sydney Mihill, Kelly McClure, Anna Claire Bryant,
Coach Schmit, #23 Julia Ross, #4 Delaney Smith,
#19 Erin Peterson, # Alyssa Gutweiler,
Hannah Love, # Olivia Brotherton, #25 Haley Reinhardt, #7 Bri Laster, #1 Theresa Palmquist,
#6 Arden Armstrong, #2 Olivia Oude Alink, #20 Hollen Peterson, #15 Quin Dolan, #5 Kate Booth,
#10 Chloe Vitale, #17 Annie Furmann, #9 Shauna Raffield, #11 Rose Tatro-McCollum

JV Team
Cecilia Eldridge, Jahrae Postley-Jones, Hadley Joedicke, Mia Louise Stechschulte, Emily Vankamp, Isabelle O’Neal, Peyton St. James, Emma Allison, Ainslee Stroop, Lidia Goben, Hannah Brown, Grace Smith, Sydney O’Brien, Scout Broshears, Mackenzie Chiodini, Maya Broshears, Ashli Wagner

"First year playing"
- Mia Louise
LACROSSE

Boys

IV Team

Varsity Team
Coach Vanderweede, Jack Snelling, Joe Castleman, Jack Kincaid, Max Yusen, Ben Ortinau, Lucas Doll, Charlie Sears, Coach Verstraete, Grant Lehmann, Aaron Stroud, Noah Erb, Adrian Ramilano, Isaac Schmitt, Maximo Umali, Duncan Clipp

As of May 4th, the team is #1 in conference with a record of 11-0!

Max Yusen hits a shot near the baseline in a practice rally.

Jack Kincaid sets himself up for a shot during practice.

Joe Castelman returns a shot during a practice drill.

JV Team: Nick Brown, Caleb Morrison, Jake Streib, Adam Cory, Thomas Mcbride, Ethan Doll, John Perry, Dan Bloomer, Coach Weston.

Q: What has been your biggest challenge so far this season?
A (Blake Fields): “This season so far the biggest challenge for me has been just getting started getting going at our meets.”
Q: “How do you feel about this years season overall?”
A: “Overall this season has been pretty good. Since last season, I feel that everyone on the team was prepared for this season, and we’re feeling very good going into districts.”

So far this season the Statesmen Golf Team has two players on the St. Louis Post Dispatch’s 9-Hole leader board.
Daniel Kinneman and Cullen Saltsman-Buck at the net blocking the ball on the return in the home game vs. Kirkwood. Kirkwood beat Webster but the defeat only made the team stronger to get them next time. Cullen Saltsman-Buck said, “We are doing a lot better than last year; it’s fun to have a volleyball team that won silver bracket.”
What’s your favorite field to play on?

SELMA FIELD
Megan McClure, Senior: We love playing on Selma because it's so close, and we never lose at home.

What’s your favorite jersey #?

#12
Zoey Schultz, Sophomore: #12 is my favorite number, because we have 12 core values that represent our program.

“...we are a family of fun loving girls who have common hobbies of eating, dancing, and playing soccer!

TTW! (Toughest Team Wins)

Message from Varsity Captains Maggie Nash, Jacqueline Batez, & Ava Burke.
A letter of intent is when a student athlete signs a contract to attend the college of their choice to play a sport for them. Here are our signing spring athletes.

Pictured Above
Noah Perkins: Newman University, Wrestling
Taylor Halterman: Illinois College, Baseball
Ethan Cadenhead: Missouri Western University, Track
Mallory Pokorny: Lindenwood University, Soccer
Emma Harrelson: Truman State University, Track
Donovan Daniels: Phoenix Community College, Football
Jemya Falls: William Woods University, Track

Pictured Above
Jaredd Williams: Quincy University, Football
Cameron Potts: Drury University, Basketball
Brittany Hartung: Spring Hill College, Softball
In a run for the ages, the Statesmen (29-2) immortalized themselves in WGHS history by capturing the 2017 Missouri Class V title. It's the third State championship for the program, the first since 2008 and the second under the 400-game winner Jay Blossom.

To reach the pinnacle, Webster had to overcome obstacle after obstacle. The concern the first half of the season was the lack of junior Carte' Are Gordon, sidelined until late January as he served out his 365-day transfer ineligibility period. Without substantial size, the Statesmen still found a way to go 11-2.

By the time the big man was back, there was a new hole on the team. Blossom learned in January he would miss six weeks after having eye surgery, leaving assistant coach Scott Stallcup at the helm for a brutal stretch of schedule.

The Statesmen rose to the challenge, going 11-0 in Blossom’s absence. They survived Ritenour and Lafayette in close road games, ran SLUH off its own court in an emotional rematch, and beat three different eventual State champions: Morgan Park out of Chicago, Iowa City West, and Vashon, the nationally ranked Missouri Class IV champs.

Next Webster rolled through their first four opponents to reach the Final Four, beating Mehlville 65-33 and Vianney 57-41 to win Districts, then dominating Battle 84-46 and CBC 76-57. Through the postseason, Gordon averaged 19 points per game while Ramey averaged 18.

To get to the championship, Webster had to go through a Kickapoo juggernaut that matched the Statesmen with two D1-bound players. With clutch shot after shot going down at both ends, it was an instant classic in the making at Mizzou Arena from the start.

Webster led 56-51 with a minute to go, but Navy-bound Cameron Davis pulled up and cut the lead to one with 49 seconds on the clock [...].

With time running out, Webster turned to Ramey for one last epic moment of resilience. He circled the perimeter, trying to get the ball in his hands. Taking a handoff from Gordon at the top of the key, the Louisville commit kept in stride and drove to his right, stopping and turning his body suddenly along the baseline. Falling over a defender, he released his shot.


Ramey’s magical off-balance shot as he was fouled tied it up in dramatic fashion with seven seconds to go. He completed the and-one and put the Statesmen on top with the ensuing free throw.

Kickapoo, with one last chance, found a man in the corner for a shot, but Gordon’s long arms denied the potential game winner as time expired. 58-57 Webster. Gordon pounded the ball into the ground as his teammates rushed the floor.

“We huddled up after the basket and said we needed the biggest stop of our lives,” Butler said. “Mr. Clutch made a huge and-one, and the big fella came through with a block!”

Blossom, whose animated fist pump after the buzzer embodied Webster’s elation, remarked, “Everyone was making plays, and we just happened to make one more play.”

The Statesmen barely had time to soak in the joy of their win for the ages before they were preparing for the state final against Lee’s Summit West, set to tip 24 hours after the end of the semifinals.

At Columbia College for a short practice the next day though, everything was clicking.

“You usually go about 45 minutes. We went about 15, and at that point, everything was just perfect, so I said shoot, let’s get the heck out of here and go play,” Blossom said. “I don’t know how to describe it, you just kind of know you know your guys are ready, and there’s nothing else to do.”

As it turned out, there was nothing Lee’s Summit West could do either. The Titans ran into a Webster team at the height of its surreal run, completely on top of its game. In a historic thrashing, the Statesmen doubled up LSW 70-35 to take the State title.

For Webster Groves, it will be remembered as the team whose magical season made the dream a reality.
On April 11, freshmen participated in the Amazing Top Hat Race for WGHS's Activities Day. There were over 20 student-chosen groups that competed in this timed event. Relying on good leadership, communication, and teamwork, each group raced to finish a series of activities throughout the building in order to gain points. Whichever team finished first with the most points won the game.
On April 11th, students helped out the community by participating in Sophomore Service Day. Students worked in groups at charities and organizations such as the World Bird Sanctuary and the Missouri History Museum. Students also helped charities like Dignity Period by starting a fundraising and awareness campaign and STARR by helping make food for those in need.
Annie Freeman accompanies a resident of Laclede Groves Senior Living Community on a tour of the Route 66 and Civil Rights in Saint Louis exhibits at the Missouri History Museum.

Teacher Justin Mathes helps sort items at the Little Bit Foundation.

Ben Oliver cooking up dog biscuits.

A group of students make a blanket for a local animal shelter.

Ellie Oliphant sorts toiletry items at the Little Bit Foundation.

Students help make dog biscuits for a nearby animal shelter on Sophomore Service day.
Juniors celebrated their service day at Hixson Middle School on Moss Field. They all participated or helped put together the Special Olympics. There were a variety of activities like carnival games and relay races. The Juniors enjoyed spending time with the olympians.

Olivia Weik cheering on a student for an accomplishment he made.

Julia Ross smiling with a student.

Ben Lutz and Shauna Raffield carrying things for the race.
Kevin Drexel helps a student during one of the relays.

Caroline Munds sits with her buddy on the track.

Caroline Fellows helps out her participant.

Kara Bloom and Rachel Wild pause for a picture during the Olympics.

Emma Von Weise face painting a student's face.

Q&A
Romy Feliciano

Question: What was it like at Special Olympics?
Romy Feliciano: “It was an amazing experience. I would definitely do it again and the kids were so cute.”

Question: What amazed you?
Romy Feliciano: “How they opened up to me after a while. My buddy kept falling asleep on me.”

Jason Tuckson and Lidia Goben have time for a quick picture.
Seniors celebrated their Senior Day with food, friends, and FUN! They started the day with breakfast that included eggs, sausage, roasted potatoes, honey buns, and a variation of different fruits and drinks. During the breakfast, many prizes were given out: two free Prom tickets, two free yearbooks, gift cards, and many more goodies. When breakfast was completed, the seniors headed over to the auditorium to hear the students they nominated to be their commencement speaker. After the serious stuff was over with, the fun began. The Class of 2017 spent the rest of the day at Sports Fusion, where they enjoyed laser tag, mini golf, rock climbing, basketball, and the arcade.
Fast and furious (Matthew Herber vs. Daniel Kennebeck)

Cynthia Munoz and Elena Ring laugh as they hunt down Harry Fu during a game of laser tag.

Nicholas Jackson and Peter Schainker getting ready to dodge some balls.

Whit Tegenkamp plays a game of dodgeball.
Senior Awards Night is a night to honor all of the hard working seniors who are graduating this year. The night was filled with a lot of emotions as teachers and community leaders talked about how great these fine students are, and leaders were able to award them with many scholarships to help towards their college careers. This year, 245 students in the Class of 2017 collectively earned over $25.9 million dollars in scholarships.
The night was filled with friends congratulating each other for their impressive achievements that they have earned over their high school careers. All students had smiles on their faces, because each and everyone of them know that their contribution to this school and its surrounding community will leave a lasting change long after they have graduated.
Each year, a select handful of senior students are recognized for some of the highest awards given at Webster Groves High School. Cianna Vo was awarded the Eagle Award, the prestigious award given to the WGHS student who best exemplifies what a Statesmen should be and who best demonstrates the core principles of respect, responsibility, involvement, safety, and education. Below from left to right, these students were awarded the James T. Hixon Awards. First, Thomas Hotailing and Emma Austin were given the Service Awards. Next, Donovan Daniles and Megan McClure were given the Sportsmanship award. Then, Donovan Smith and Annie Buck were given the Scholarship Award. And finally, Kurt Krautman and Adrienne Johnson were given the Leadership Award. Harry Fu, one of the senior hosts, said “It was an honor to give these awards to my fellow students.”
Webster Groves High School's 2017 Prom was hosted at the Hilton at the Ballpark in the city of Saint Louis. The theme was Old Hollywood, and the Seniors dressed to represent the stars of that era.
When the clock struck 8, the red carpet was rolled out for the seniors of Webster Groves High School. The vintage setting was filled with elegant tables and festive lighting as the ‘stars’ seated themselves around the room. Ladies and gents were ready for their close ups as they danced the night away. Many of the attendees dressed for Old Hollywood as they appeared to walk right off the silver screen. Everyone was dancing and singing to the great music the Hilton provided. One of the most talked about highlights of the entire night was the surprise appearance of the famous chocolate fountain. Its appearance shocked everyone and no one could keep themselves away from its enchanting allure. Many found themselves hovering around its addicting presence the entire evening. As Ava Burke put it, “I was posted by the chocolate fountain the whole time! It was super yummy and the strawberries were wonderful and sweet.” Another Senior, Katia Gregov, said her favorite part was, “Being able to eat all the chocolate fondue and strawberries while dancing to the tunes with my besties.” The fact is, no one got more media coverage that night than the amazing, aroma filled machine. Prom was filled with LOTS of chocolate, while students danced the night away.
Angel Nguyen and John Hoffman

Peter Schankler and Molly Nash

Amanda Mitchenfelder and Guest

Kate Scheffing, Maria Medgrus, Guest, and Bobby Flood

Ian Thompson and Maggie Nash dancing during Prom.

Esque Ewing dancing with the rest of the students.
Prom, like every Old Hollywood story, needs a magical setting, an amazing cast of characters, a carefully chosen soundtrack, and a director who knows how to put it all together. Everyone agreed that this year's prom had all the components of an Academy Award-winning feature. As Daniel Kennebeck said, "it was definitely a night I'll remember."