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Aaron Wilson (11) Jeremiah Rodriguez (10)
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Senior football players

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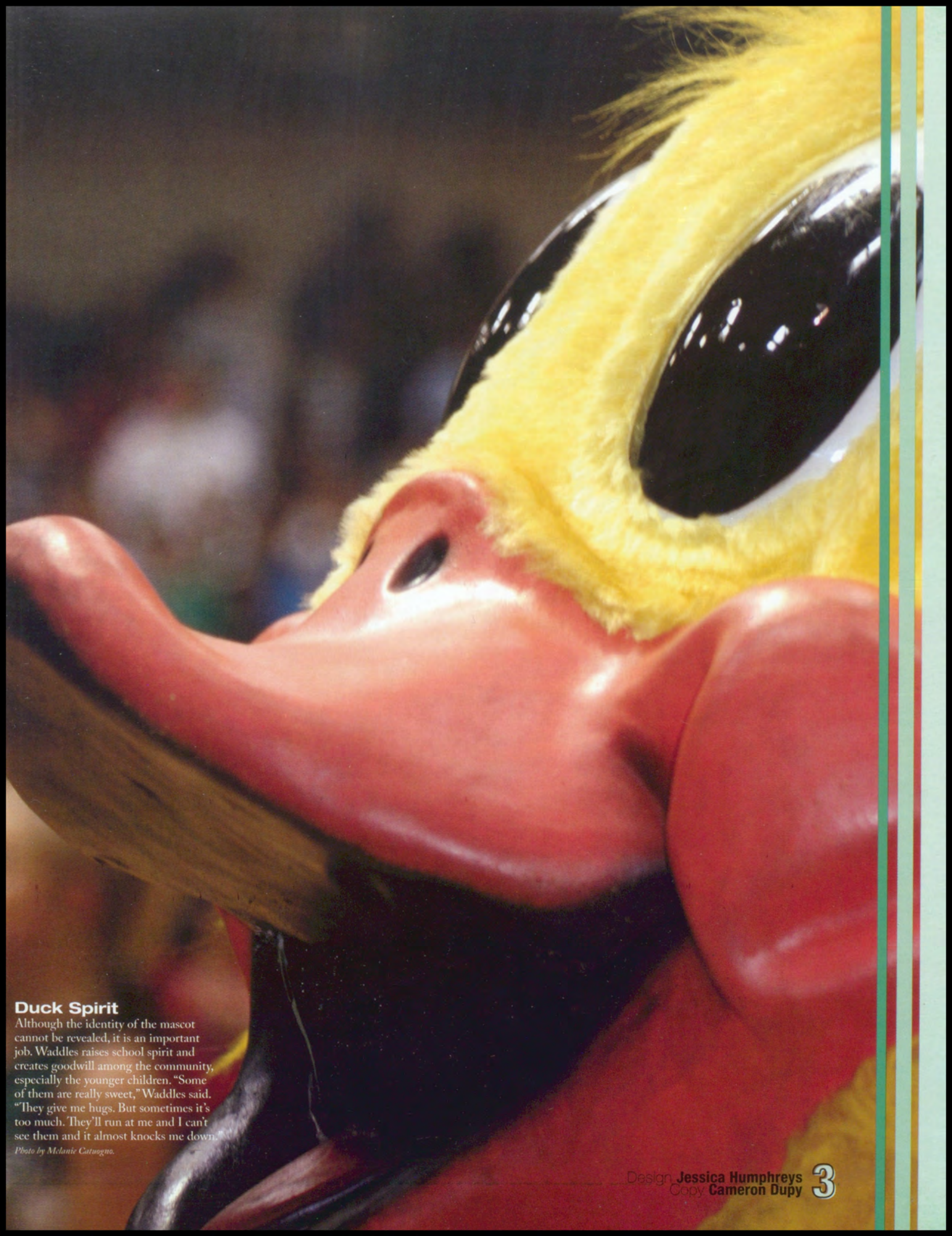
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Photo by Kaylah Torres.

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Education doesn't happen all at once. Each day, each year, you learn a little more, building on to what you learned the year before. People are **complex**. There are things about them you don't know, things that no one knows. Accomplishments don't happen without lots of preparation. Practices, **lessons**, failures.

High school is a crazy complicated, ever-teetering, so-delicate-it-might-collapse-if-you-breathe-too-hard Jenga stack of work, friends, deadlines, games, studying, tests, applications, aspirations, problems, romance, arguments, excitement. There are layers to everything, just waiting to be peeled back, to reveal what's inside.



Duck Spirit

Although the identity of the mascot cannot be revealed, it is an important job. Waddles raises school spirit and creates goodwill among the community, especially the younger children. "Some of them are really sweet," Waddles said. "They give me hugs. But sometimes it's too much. They'll run at me and I can't see them and it almost knocks me down."

Photo by Melanie Catuogno.

student life

Student life. It's a **pulse**, a communal beating of hearts and minds that **drives** nearly one thousand people, students and teachers alike, toward the same **goal**. Student life is kids coming together and getting things **done**, and teachers working for the good of those they teach. Student life is fun events that **pop**, daily happenings that **buzz**, and those never ending days that **drone**.

Student life is what students make it, and that means when the bell **rings**, when the whistle **blows**, when class is dismissed, we hit the ground running and student life **starts**.



Hunter Wilson (12)



Elizabeth Vasquez (11) Heather Luna (12)



Abigail Martinez (11)

Nicholas Ochoa (11)



Diana Ramirez (11) Nicole Clayton (12)



Prank'd
Issac Franco (9) unsnaps the badge of unsuspecting Gabriel Reina (9) during Mrs. Barnett's Gallery Walk in Art 1. "Gabriel makes art way funner. We always box, make fun jokes, and box. We're best friends," Issac said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.*

"I recommend my job for anyone who loves the outdoors as much as I do. It's such a great experience for what I want to do when I'm older."



Chase Richter (12)
Federal Park Ranger at Lake Granger

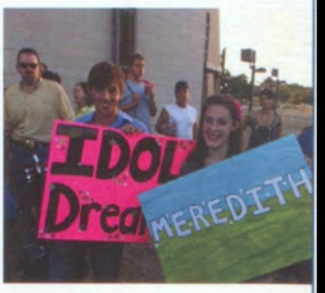
personalities unraveled

taylor idol









Hopeful Idols

Hannah Weison (11), and Cameron Dupy (11) auditioned for American Idol in Austin in August. "It was an awesome experience, and I'd do it again in a heartbeat. I'm for sure going back again next year," Hannah said.

Courtesy photos.

while we were out

Lance Morales' (10) Hawaii Trip Day 3

6:00am Woke up

11:00am Visited condos on the island of Oaho

2:00pm Drove to Dole Plantation and got pineapples to take back. "This was my favorite part of the day!" Lance admitted.

3:00pm Ate lunch at a "hole in the wall". Lance ate a "Moco Loco", which was two fried eggs with a hamburger steak in the middle topped with gravy.

5:00pm Went to the beach of Northshore, Oaho "Well I body surfed, while my sister Leah attempted to," Lance said.

9:00pm Drove around the island, and then went back to the Waikiki Hotel

10:00pm Ate, sat on the balcony, looked at the beach

2:00am Went to bed, "I went to sleep at 2 o'clock in Hawaiian time which was like 7 o'clock Texas time."



Courtesy photos.

back to basics













1. WORKING UP A SWEAT, the Hi-Stepper officers went to camp where they learned leadership and how to get the best team. "I was nervous and excited because I knew it was going to be a lot of work," Joie Aparico (11) said. *Courtesy Photo.* **2.** The cheerleaders went to Texas A&M University for the UCA cheerleading camp. "I just wanted to go home and hit the bed," Gaby Dominguez (10) said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.* **3.** The football players began two-a-days in early August to get ready for the upcoming season. "I began running a mile a day to prepare myself for two-a-days," Peter Carrazalez (9) said. *Photo by Addison Turner.* **4.** The tennis team began skill days two weeks before school started. "I would have rather been playing paintball or Xbox," Aaron McQuary (11) said. *Photo by Kayla Beran.* **5.** The volleyball team began two-a-days the first week in August. "I was ready to get back into shape," Rhegan Stroup (11) said. *Photo by Addison Turner.* **6.** Band members started morning practices the first week of August. "I love band. I would get up at any time to be able to play," Courtney Martin (10) said. *Photo by Kendall Wrinkle.*



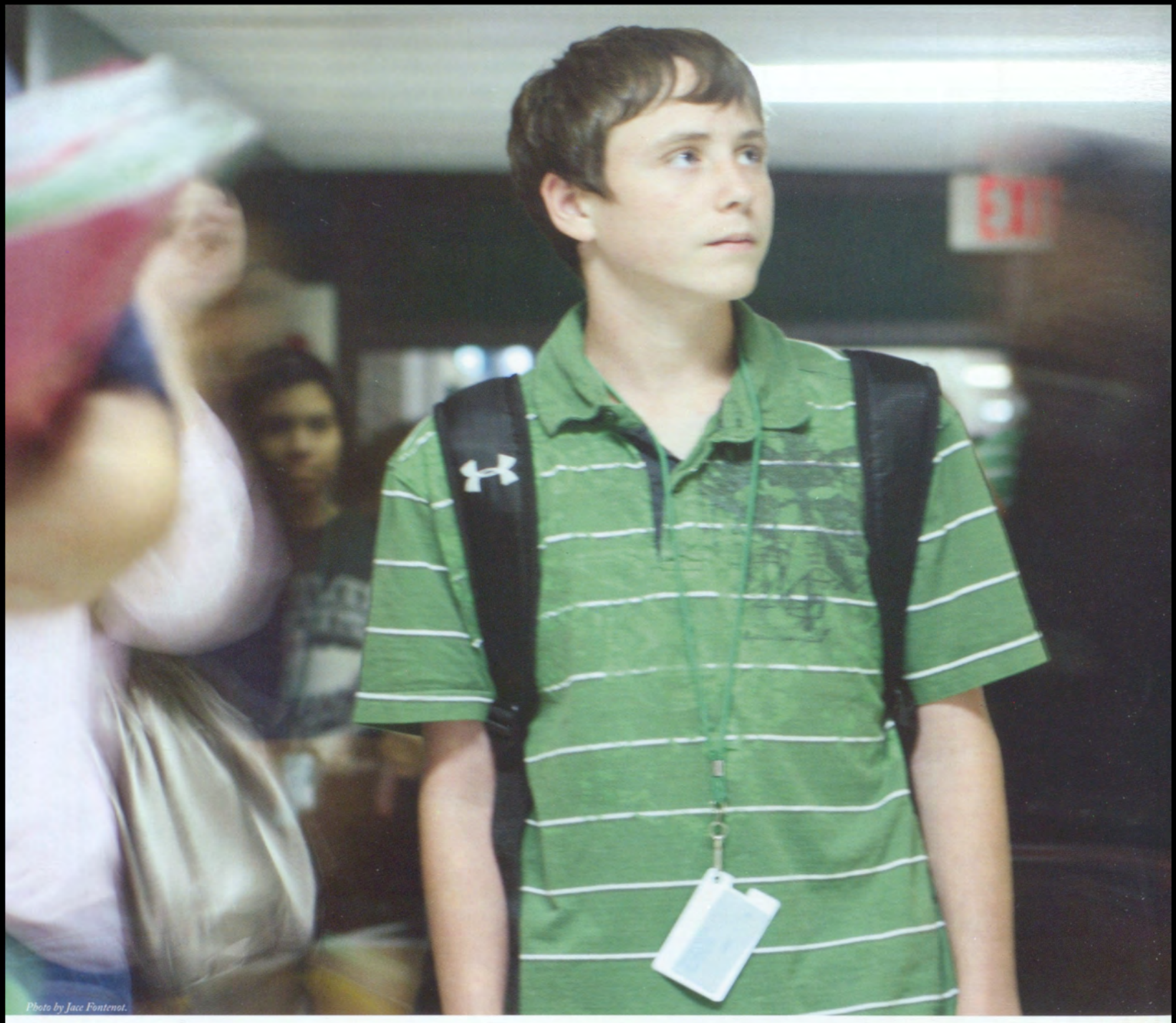


Photo by Jace Fontenot.

back to school meant...



"I get to see a lot of people that I kinda missed. I was looking forward to it."

-Alex Mullins (12)

Photo by Delia Trujillo.



"I was getting ready to be challenged by my sophomore classes."

-Clarisa Lopez (10)

Photo by Carol Vasquez.



"It was hard coming back since I went to Puerto Rico during the summer."-Luis Marrero (11)

Photo by Carol Vasquez.



"It just meant I got to see my friends again."-Alyssa Torres (11)

Photo by Mariah Ramirez.



"It's lame. It just means I have to wake up early again."-Erik Nunez (10)

Photo by Carol Vasquez.

First Year/last year

Freshmen are last new students at old building.

There's a purely natural, very tangible, almost primal intimidation that comes with being a freshman. It's part of an inherited status quo that kicks you off the top of the middle school heap as an eighth grader and then suddenly shoots you back down to the bottom of the stack as you start your first year at a brand new school, what most would agree is a totally different world. Add in the facts that you're only five feet tall, can be picked up and carried like an eight year old, and get swallowed up by the crowds during passing periods, and in enters Reagan Brooks(9). "I get treated pretty badly because I'm short," Reagan said. Some upper classmen know Reagan for being Eric Brooks' cousin, and it has serious benefits. "Since I'm Eric's cousin some of the seniors treat me better. They kinda stick up for me."

There's another problem that takes most freshmen for quite the ride. On top of not knowing where the heck you are, confusing block schedules get students mixed up on what class to go to on which day. "On the first day of school I spent all of first period in my second period class before I realized it was Monday," Kaylah Torres (10) said.

And then, just as many finally get used to the 'high school' way of life, things change more radically than ever, because in a new high school, everyone is a fish in a brand new sea. Freshmen and new students won't be the only ones lost in the hallways or walking into the wrong class. Everyone will be in the same boat. "It's gonna feel like being a freshmen all over again," Reagan said. Being lost on the new campus isn't the only catastrophe students are going to have to weather, either.

Most upsetting to Joslin Acosta (11) , the privilege of being able to go off campus for lunch will be lost as the big transfer is made. Simply leaving campus for lunch seems like a small detail of an upperclassmen's year, but that one hour can make a huge difference in one's day. "I think the rule just isn't fair. If you have a car and the time, you should be able to go off," Joslin said. This privilege will be missed dearly.

The idea of transferring over to the new high school is bittersweet, but for the class of 2011, it's sugar-coated. Their class will be the last graduating class of the 'old' Taylor High School. "It's cool because we are the last class to graduate from here. We are the ending of this high school, and we are making history," Marco Gonzalez (12) said. The senior class takes real pride in being the last graduating class from the historic Taylor High School and one of its final defining layers.

For those who are not graduating this year, the new school holds the promise of exciting changes. "I'm excited it's gonna be bigger and two stories. It's something new for Taylor," Tyler Vanecek (9) said. New is exactly what the future Taylor High School will be, but as the school song says, "Forever we'll remember" the familiar 'old' Taylor High School, where our grandparents, parents, cousins, aunts and uncles went to school. Most importantly, though, we are the last mark on 'this' Taylor High School.



brand spankin' new





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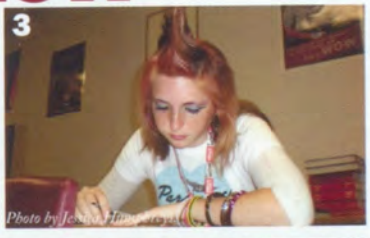


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1 Johanna McNulty (11) moved to Taylor from Lawrenceville, GA. "I'm not going to lie, I cried," Johanna said. **2** Chris Laughlin (12) came from Austin. "We had laptops at my old school," Chris said. **3** Jessica Singleton (11) moved from Junction. "If you didn't have family there, you were shunned," Jessica said. **4** Hayden Wilhelm(10) relocated from Leander. "I practic ally got kicked out of my old school," Hayden said. **5** Miranda Arista (9) moved from Fort Worth. "There was a lot more drama there," Miranda said. **6** Sergio (10) and Aracely (11) Rosas-Contreras moved from Nuevo Leon, Mexico. "The girls here are prettier," Sergio said, "But the cultures are so different," Aracely said.

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two bits, four bits...

"...six bits, a dollar, all for the big Ducks stand up and holler!" This cheer is a well-known opportunity for fans to show their team spirit, but when Ebony Guyton (9) is around the cheer takes a whole new volume and level of spirit. From cheering at football games to participating during Spirit Week, Ebony does it all. She is well known by cheerleaders as well as fellow classmates for her deafening vocal cords at Taylor High School sporting events. "Ebony and her friends are the loudest, most entertaining group of kids. So I love when they yell with us," Hannah Weison(11) said.

Ebony doesn't yell for just any reason. "I yell to cheer my team on because they mean the world to me," Ebony said. She has never failed to show up to any home football games.

Ebony shows her spirit every chance she gets. "I try to show spirit everywhere, even in Wal-Mart," Ebony said.

Photo by Jina Torres



Ebony Guyton

Carter Sakewitz (12) Co-Leader

"Everyone's job is to yell. We try to distract the other team and make them play to a lesser potential. It started in my eighth grade year. If the basketball team wins then we win and know we did a good job." *Photos by Chelsie Carter and Courtney McConnell.*



6th Man & Beast Squad



"We did it for the last home game. We went all out and yelled the entire game and we figured why not show some school spirit. School spirit is the funnest part of high school."

Photos by Sloane Cotner.

Keith Hair (11) Co-Founder

Pep Rally Passion



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1. Rivaling the seniors, the freshmen class wears sparkly hats and throw around blown up beach balls and balloons to show school spirit for the Bryan Rudder pep rally. "The freshmen were making their mark on the school," Leo Arce (9) said. The freshmen class won the spirit stick at that pep rally. *Photo by Magdelena Zavala.* **2.** Gaby Dominguez (10) instructs Courtney Fields (12) about how to play the 'Shake Ya Tail Feathers' game at the Homecoming pep rally. "I like getting people pumped up for pep rallies," Gaby said. Mrs. Richardson ended up winning the game. *Photo by Israel Galvan.* **3.** Without shoes, the male teachers latch on to their side of the rope for a game of Tug-of-War against the female teachers. "It was kinda embarrassing and hard. I didn't want to mess up," Mr Jose Silva said. Even with their disadvantages, the male teachers pulled out a win. *Photo by Israel Galvan.* **4.** Alyssa Reyes (9), Destiny Rodriguez (9), and Mariah Ojeda (12) walk the halls in their outfits for the Rockstar pep rally. "On dress up days, you get to do and wear things to school you normally can't. So I think it's fun," Mariah said. Because she was a cheerleader, Mariah dressed up for every pep rally. *Photo by Melanie Catuogno.* **5.** Keith Waller (10) with ACDC inspired Rocker look, watches on the pep rally. "I like pep rallies. ACDC is a good band that's why I chose them for Rockstar day," Keith said. The Rockstar pep rally was for the game against Bryan Rudder. *Photo by Jessica Carr.* **6.** JT Peterson (11) usually doesn't participate in dress up days, but showed his school spirit by painting his face for camo day. "It took me the whole night to get all the paint off," JT said. The camo pep rally was for the game against the Manor Mustangs. *Photo by Gysel Lozano.*



Photo by Jessica Carr.

Photo by Kayla Torres

Senior class

Photo by Taylor Robicheaux (12) | Lauren Standifer (12)

Pepe Ortiz (12)



Isabel Yanez (12)



Photo by Midnight Colorguard

Ian Rucker (12)

Seniors step it UP

Seniors amp up school spirit for last year.

Seniors Angel Gonzales and Taylor Robicheaux took it upon themselves to fire up school spirit in the senior class. The two girls made signs, provided noise makers, and sent out mass text messages to spread the word about themes. "I felt in previous years there hasn't been much school spirit and being a senior, I thought there was no reason not to amp up the spirit," Angel said.

Seniors like Isabel Yanez, Jose "Pepe" Ortiz, and Lauren Standifer participated in this rise of school spirit because of it being their last year and also their class would be the last class to graduate from the old high school. "We wanted to go all out on our last year, we're the last class in this school, the last ones to leave memories," Isabel said.

Also, seniors joined in the effort knowing it would be there last chance to make a mark on not only the school, but also the grades below them. "I think it's starting to hit people that we're finally leaving and we all just want to be remembered," Lauren said. The seniors set the bar high for the next seniors to come. "No one's gonna be like us. We did whatever we could to make it live," Pepe said.

After being beat out of the spirit stick twice by the freshmen class the seniors battled back to take the last three spirit sticks in a row. "We were ashamed when the freshmen beat us the first two times, but the seniors stepped it up and finally brought their 'A-game' to the pep rallies," Ian Rucker (12) said.

Double time

Shelbie Stegall juggles school and two jobs.

Long hours and late nights aren't new news to any high school kid. Anywhere. Between sports, clubs, and regular school work, high school students already have enough on their plates. Throw a job on top of that, and things get overwhelming.

In life, having a job is just something you need, like having a phone or a house, and most students have a job just to earn the extra spending money to go bowling or out to a movie with friends on weekends. But there are some who have a job because they simply have no other choice. They have responsibilities that most of us could never imagine having. Having a family of your own to support, working for money to help out your parents, those are responsibilities no teen should have to deal with yet. But it's all they can do.

Working one job would cause plenty of stress for anybody, but in the case of Shelbie Stegall (12) it's all about juggling two. When Shelbie's mom got remarried and moved to Hawkins, Shelbie went along out of sheer love. She soon learned though that she and her new step-dad didn't exactly see eye to eye. There was a lot of conflict and a lot of anger, so Shelbie did what was best for herself and moved back to Taylor to live with her older sister, Stephanie. This meant that Shelbie had to start helping out with bills. She got a job in the counselor's office at school in May, and applied for a second job at Mimosa because she needed money to buy herself a Mazda Protégé. Now, along with helping her sister out with expenses, she is also saving up for college.

Sometimes, amid all the drawbacks of jobs, the simple ones can be the worst. "I hate rude people," Shelbie said. "There are rude people at both of my jobs, and sometimes they are the same people." She claims to like her job in the counselor's office more than at Mimosa because spending time in the counselor's office all day means staying informed about everything going on.

Rudeness aside, Shelbie knows that she did the right thing by moving back. "I'm doing better on my own than I was with my parents. Plus living on my own showed me what it's really going to be like," Shelbie said. Having a job is a glimpse into the real world that every student has to experience eventually. But then again, you could always get a second.



chicken express employees

Chicken Express is a popular work place for many high school students. But juggling school, homework, extra-curricular activities, and a job can become a huge hassle. On top of that, students that work at Chicken Express work an average of 15 hours per week. "It can be challenging when I know I have a big paper due and instead of working on it, I have to go to work," Joshua Richter (11) said. When working at Chicken Express you must be versatile. Employees take orders, work the register, manage the drive-thru, package food, and if over 18, fry the food. "I hate all the grease," Thomas Solbach (12) said. *Photos by Jace Fontenot and Kayla Beran.*











What do you hate about your job?



"I hate when my hands smell like cheese."

-Dylan Weise(11)
Domino's



"I hate when people ask for a lot of sauce for one taco."

-Jared Collins(12)
Taco Bell



"I hate the uniforms."

-Diana Ramirez(11)
El Corral Lozano



"I hate stacking feed sacks and hay."

-Cory Casey(10)
Tractor Supply Co.

Art in Shelter

Structure meets expression on Lake Drive.

These days, art can truly be anything. It's not just paintings and statues anymore, it's an evolved idea. It's the physical soul, the questioning mind, the wandering heart, all put into form under skilled hands. Buildings don't really jump out as forerunners in that category, but to some they are the most obvious art out there. The Eiffel Tower of Paris, the Great Pyramids of Egypt, the Coliseum of Rome. Art in form and function strikes a creative chord in the hearts and minds of artists, engineers, and sculptors alike, and inspires the awe of anyone who gives even a passing glance.

This spirit of sculpture came to Taylor when resident and famous photographer Brent Humphreys decided to collaborate with good friend UT Adjunct Professor of Architecture Jack Sanders to bring art and shelter to the people. "Jack asked me to sit in on one of his classes one day. The idea kind of grew from there," Brent said.

"I've always tried to inspire art in architecture," Jack interjected, "and this seemed like the perfect way to do it." So the two friends decided to host an art-in-shelter showcase at Brent's home, The Zidell House on Lake Drive, and invited art students from Taylor High to participate alongside 3rd year UT architecture students.

Max Beckwith (11) and Thomas Solbach (12) jumped at the chance to try their hand at this intriguingly different kind of art. "It's all about making art into shelter and vice versa," Max said, "it's kinda like Old Roman and New Roman, ya know? Where the buildings were art." Max brought this idea into the most organic sense by making a platform out of bamboo and long grasses, and then mounting it on supports of living bamboo for a floating effect. "I found out how strong the bamboo really is, I mean, it can support my whole frame without even trying," Max said.

Across the yard, Thomas Solbach had a completely different idea. "I went sculpture, not shelter, sorta because I ran out of time for a shelter," Thomas admitted, "So I wanted to build to compliment the natural landscape of all the bamboo." Thomas' sculpture was a floating mantle above bamboo poles of varying heights arranged together as a stairstep. "It's just so organic. It's all about the vertical lines, but then there's the horizontal ones shooting off," Thomas said, "and the top piece, well it's meant to move how it wants with the wind. It's just meant to be really...flowy." *Additional Reporting by Jessica Carr.*

look again *can you find what's different?*



Nicole Clayton (12), an Art 3 and AP Art student, created this piece for Brianna Wilkerson (10). "We saw a picture in a magazine of a hummingbird that I really liked, then she just painted it for me as a suprise," Brianna said. A painting so elaborate takes a lot of time and skill. "It was kind of her first attempt at something that detailed," Mr.Gray said.

Answers: Clouds added, sky completely blue, green wing, yellow flower, and two flowers missing from the bottom left corner.



Photos by Sloane Cotner.

PicturePerfect









1. Mariah Ramirez (10) snaps a mirror shot for a reflection project in Ms. Zavala's photo journalism class. "I love the class because it's entertaining and free spririted," Mariah said. **2.** Luis Marrero (12) takes a shot on the front grill of a Ford. "It was a self reflection project so I thought it would be a good idea," Luis said. **3.** Carol Vasquez (10), Erik Nunez (10) and Jose Correa (10) made a star with their silouettes. "We took this picture for our reflection and silhouettes project," Carol said. **4.** Max Garcia (12) uses a simple mirror and window to create an optical illusion for a self portrait. "I thought the angles were cool," Max said.

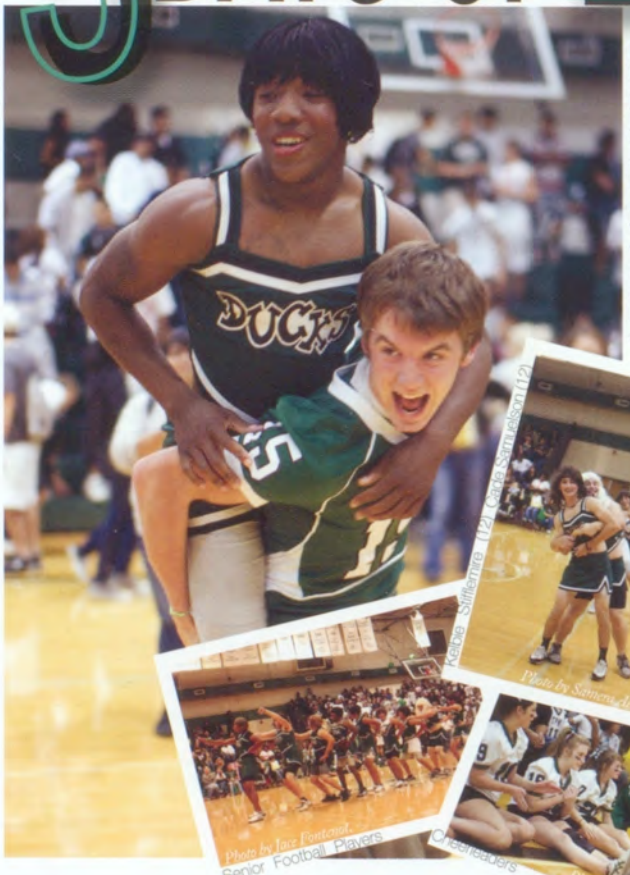
ART in Music

Inspired by Guitar Hero, Nathan Dunn (10) has been playing guitar for three years. He has played the National Anthem at football games and is often seen around school with guitar in hand playing. He took lessons for 5 months before stopping. He is the guitarist for the band 'Revenge Is Not A Sin'. The band is releasing a demo tape and is hoping to get a gig at the local Armadillo Hall. When asked what his favorite thing about playing guitar is, Nathan said, "The way that people look at you when they know you're good, that awed look."

Photo by Lynsie Patschke.



5 DAYS OF DUCK SPIRIT



Get it Girl

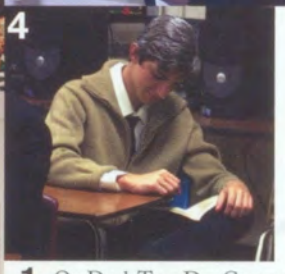
For the homecoming pep-rally, the senior football players put on wigs, make-up, and cheerleader uniforms to perform a dance, created by the varstiy cheerleaders, for the school. "I was worried about what people were going to say, but during the dance, I was having too much fun being dressed up," Lorenzo Crawford-Sanford said. *Photo by Samera Abdelbagi.*



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1. On Duck Tape Day Cameron Dupy (11) showed his spirit by making an outfit of duct tape, and eventually had his friends and teachers sign him. "It was awkward when Jace claimed my butt," Cameron said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.* **2.** During the pep-rally, fellow football players showed their love by holding up signs for their senior friends. "Kelbie, Carter, and I are all cool on the team and I like to tease Carter about his girlfriend, Claire," Moises Tellez (11) said. *Photo by Jace Fontenot.* **3.** On Tuesday, the entire school wa talking about Carol Vasquez's (10) Lil Wayn outfit for Celebrity Day. "My friend told me to do it, so I did. Everybody actually thought I was a guy," Carol said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.* **4.** To remember his childhood, Christian Tone (12) dressed up as Mr. Rogers. "Mr Rogers was my favorite show when I was a kid," Christain said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.*

to new beginnings









On October 27, current students were joined by ex-students to celebrate the 58th annual Homecoming. This year rather than having the usual mini carnival, the Athletic Booster club held a community pep rally at Memoral Field to increase Duck pride.

The high school band, hi-steppers, cheerleaders, football players, volleyball players, cross country team, and tennis team were joined by the middle school football and volleyball players to help commemorate this event. "The turnout was better than I expected," JV cheerleader Alexis Burnett (9) said. The pep rally also included a "Boys of Fall" music video produced by the Video Tech classes. The video included footage of students from various groups at the high school and middle school.





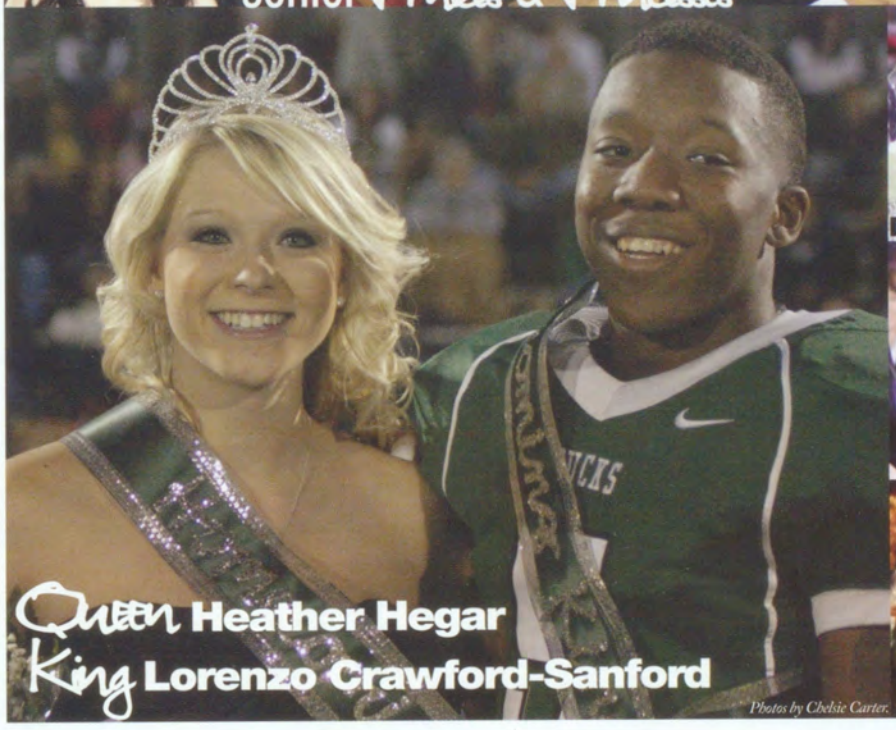




2010 royalty



senior Princes & Princesses



Queen Heather Hegar
King Lorenzo Crawford-Sanford

Photos by Chelsie Carter.



Freshmen
Destiny Rodriguez
David Ancira



Sophomores
Lauren Ochoa
Jeremy Snyder



Juniors
Aimee Sanchez
Jarvis Caldwell

friday night lights





left Every year during half time the Taylor Hi-Steppers perform a father-daughter dance. "It felt good to dance with my dad," Joie Aparicio (11) said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.*
below The varsity football team storms the field ready to take on the Salado Eagles for their homecoming game. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.*





above Cory Casey (10) along with the rest of the defensive line awaits to plow through Salado Eagles' offensive line. "We came out, did work, and accomplished what we needed to." Cory said. The Ducks beat the Eagles 31-30. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **right** Homecoming night, Bradley Ging (11) and Josh Richter (11) along with three other Juniors painted their entire bodies to form the "BEAST SQUAD". "It's fun painting bodies as a group, but the paint is difficult to get off," Bradley said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.*

slide upon slide



"I was freaking excited. I thought other girls could have gotten it, because it was so neck and neck," Heather Hegar said. (12) *Photo by Chelsie Carter.*

Heather Hegar (12) Homecoming Queen

A Country Dream



Hannah Weison goes from small town to big city.

It was Hannah Weison's (11) last night to sing at El Corral Lozano. Laurie, Hannah's voice teacher, surprised her by showing up with her family. Dennis, a stranger at the time, went out to eat at El Corral after he had made the decision to not move out of Texas. When Dennis arrived he saw Laurie and her family, and sat with them, knowing the family by being the guitar teacher of Laurie's son. During Hannah's performance Dennis was blown away by her style, voice, and personality and he immediately wanted to know who she was. Laurie explained to Dennis that Hannah had been her voice student for 4 years and was terrifically gifted. Dennis, being a song writer, instantly knew he wanted to write songs for Hannah. "That was the moment everything changed for me," Hannah said.

"It's crazy to think back and think of how everything started," Hannah said. She was only 11 years old when her neighbor inspired her to sing by showing her how well someone could sing at an early age. Hannah knew then that singing would be something she could truly make a life around. She started voice lessons with Laurie a year later, and now meets with her once a week. "My voice has improved immensely since I have been working with Laurie. She works wonders, and I am blessed to have her as a voice teacher," Hannah said.

Having five songs written and months of practice, Hannah was off to pursue her career in Nashville, Tennessee on February 18th, she would be there for nine days. "I was so excited to be going," Hannah said. While in Nashville, Hannah met with song pluggers and producers, during the day. She learned tips on how to become a better artist. At night, Hannah sang at multiple venues for singer-song writers like The Blue Bird Cafe, where Taylor Swift was discovered, and The Commodore. She was booked as a featured artist to sing at The Commodore in May, and is planning on going back to Nashville then. "I know that some doors will be closed and some doors will be opened, but everything happens for a reason, and I'm looking forward to seeing the outcome of all that is happening to me," Hannah said.

LOCAL Band Fan







Have you ever personally known your favorite band? Close enough where they even give you rides to their own gigs? Jina Torres (10) is friends with her favorite band the Los Super Avengers. Jina has been around to support them ever since her best friend introduced her to the band. Jina enjoys taking pictures while the band performs. "They always perform at pretty good venues," Jina said. She goes to the band's shows any chance she gets. She likes how Los Super Avengers play only instrumental. "It's nice to have a fan from her generation," Milo, the guitarist of Los Super Avengers, said. *Photos by Courtney McConnell.*

Favorite Musicals



Zachary **Lindsay** (12)

"Rent"

"It speaks to everyone differently, but to me it says don't worry about what people think about you, just live your life." *Photo by Alicia Vanek.*

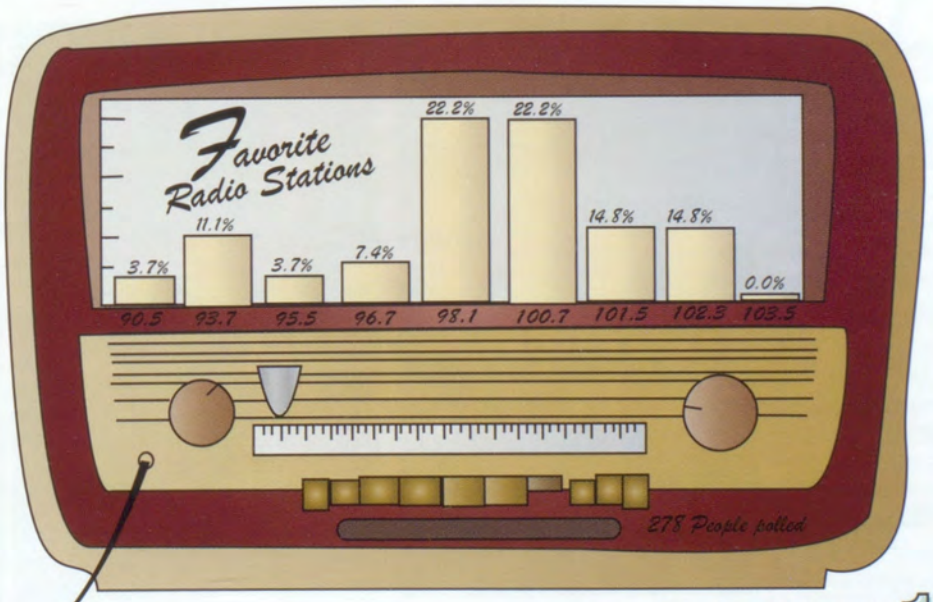


Natasha **Burnett** (11)

"Sweeny Todd"

"Sweeny does everything for his daughter, and my dad would do it for me too." *Photo by Alicia Vanek.*





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PersonalStyle

The same white t-shirt incorporated into ten very different outfits.



"My favorite clothing item is my Wranglers," Ashley Wilson (12) said about her self-classified country style. "I like wearing lip rings. I have my own style with different variations," Ramon Hernandez (12) said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.*



"I don't really have a style, this is what I wear every day," Cullen Sakewitz (9) said when asked how he would classify his own style. "I would say my style is cute--I absolutely love wearing bows," Abril Villalobos (10) said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.*



When asked about what he would call his style, Richard Rojas (10) said, "People call my style a lot of different things...I guess it's emo-goth." Liberty Jones (11) classifies her style as "a combination of classic and girly." *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.*

Trends of the year





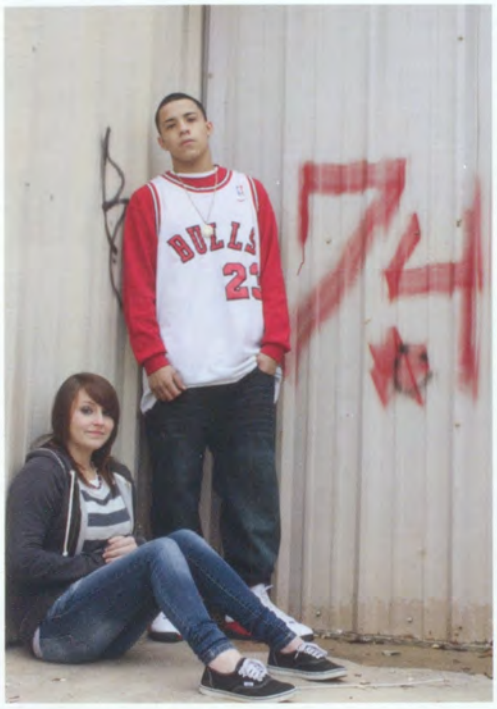












"My style changes, but it's mostly band shirts, skinny jeans, and vans," Kristen Moreau (10) said when asked what her style consisted of. Chris Garza (11) calls his style "gangster" saying his favorite things to wear are "jerseys and Jordans". *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.*



When asked to classify their styles, Christian Tone (12) said, "I have no clue what my style is; I just wear what I want." Mikhala Jackson (9) said, "My style is unique, outrageous, whatever I'm feeling that day." *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.*

What's your favorite brand?

Social Collision
-Jacob Patterson
Senior

American Eagle
-Shayla Harvey
Sophomore

True Religion
-Nik Wilson
Junior

Hollister
-Chelsea Shamard
Freshman

DGK (Dirty Ghetto Kids)
-John Horsey
Senior

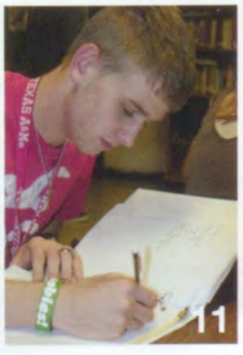
Ed Hardy
-Capreshia Blakely
Junior

Ecko
-Jairo Diaz
Senior





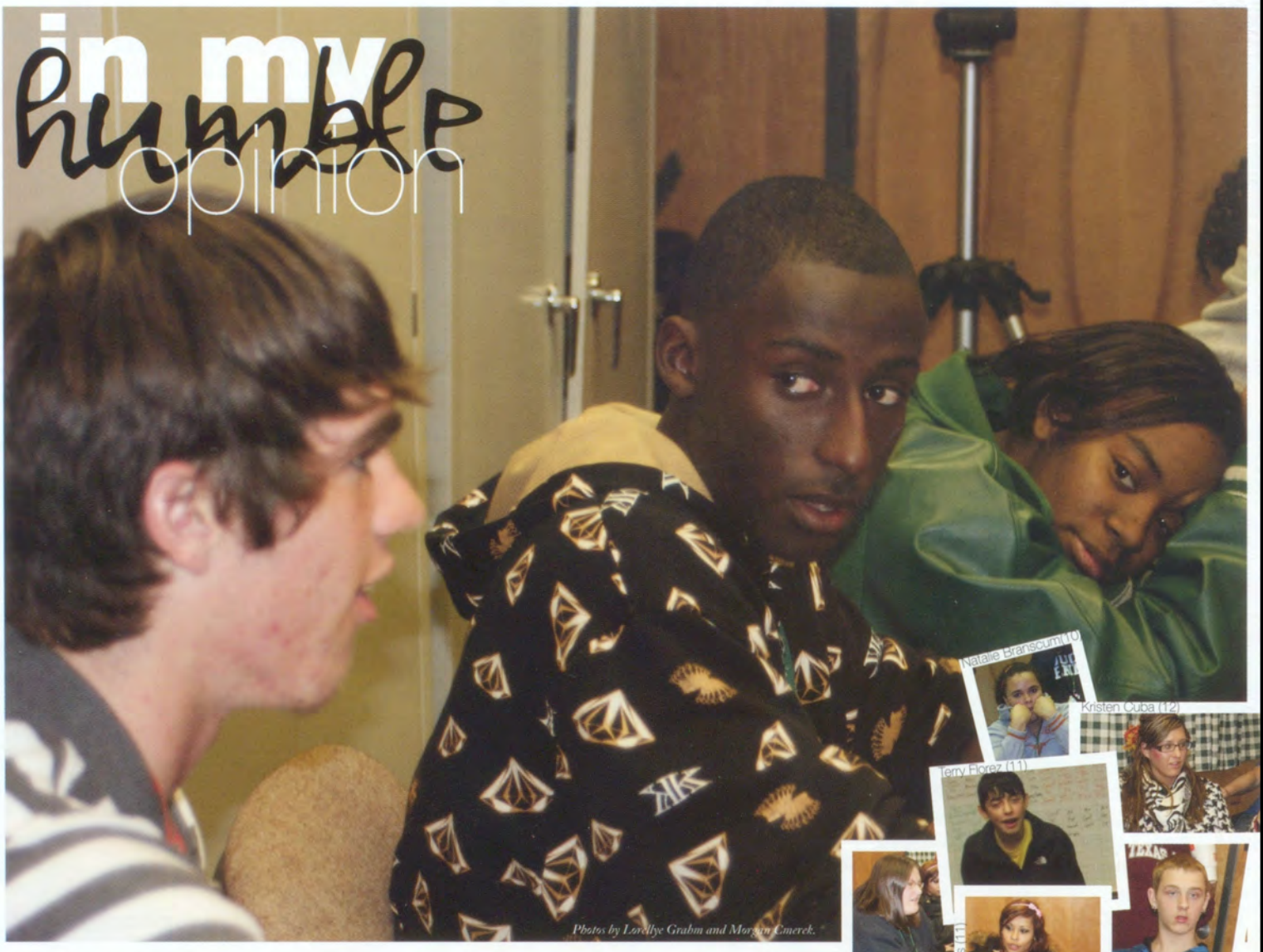






1. Stopping to get a drink of water, Coty Gola (11) shows off her new UGGS. "I've gotten a lot of compliments on them," Coty said. **2.** Xavier Sanchez (11) dances in front of the band hall wearing his favorite animal hat. "I got it from Spencer's, and I wear it all the time," Xavier said. **3.** Sierra Gonzales (10) holds her newest purse from Journeys. "I have eleven purses, but this one is my favorite," Sierra said. **4.** While reading his assignment in the hall, Laravis Blunson (9) shows off his favorite pair of shoes. "Nikes are my kind of shoe, and these are my favorite color," Laravis said. **5.** Codie Hall (11) listens to his iPod jacket while in his AP U.S History class. "It's legit that you can listen to music through the jacket's pull strings, and it was only fifteen dollars," Codie said. **6.** Alan Schmidt (9) wears his Phiten balance necklace in the library while researching an Art 1 project. "I got it for baseball. It's supposed to give you balance, and I think it works," Alan said. **7.** Megan Matuke (12) shows off her new TOMS. "I got them because they were shiny and cute," Megan said. **8.** Naptally Laprade (12), dressed as Drake for Celebrity Day, sports his Fifty-Nine Fifty Hat. "It's not really my favorite team, it just went with my outfit," Naptally said. **9.** Deanna Mendez sports one of her many head bands. "I wear them everyday. I have like eight," Deanna said. **10.** Marisol Correa (9) wears her most recent pair of cowboy boots. "I got them to wear to a Luke Bryan concert," Marisol said. **11.** While working on his homework, Caleb Chambers (12) wears his controversial 'boobies' bracelet. "I wear it to support breast cancer awareness; it's not really offensive in my eyes," Caleb said. **12.** Jaden Kubiak (10) stops to talk in the hall while wearing his Jordan sliders and athletic socks. "A lot of people wear them, and they're pretty comfortable," Jaden said. *Photos by Jessica Humphreys.*

in my humble opinion



Photos by Lorellye Graham and Morgan Emerek.

Students from different groups agree and disagree.

Eleven students. Eleven cliques. One room. Most students would describe Taylor High School as a diverse and blended school full of different views and opinions, and we discovered just how true this was during a little friendly "experiment." Eleven students, all from different cliques and stereotypes, were asked to meet in the office conference room, where they were asked a series of questions.

The topics ranged from agreeable topics, to controversial; teen pregnancy and abortion being one of them. Several agreed that abortion is an acceptable procedure. "There's a chance of death during childbirth, but if you don't want that child and you don't want to take that risk of dying for a child you don't want, I wouldn't want to go through with that," Mary Griffin (11) said.

On the contrary was Crystal Dimas (10), a mother and student. "If you had sex, you're responsible. If you don't want to have a kid, don't open your legs. Like I have a child and it wasn't my choice, but I wasn't going to have an abortion. My conscience would hate me," Crystal said.

Some students had more of a straight forward opinion. "Just don't have sex!" Natalie Branscum (10) said.

Another difficult topic was gay and lesbian rights in America. "Seeing two guys make out is just as nasty as seeing a guy and a girl practically hump each other in the hallway," Kristen Cuba (12) said.

All of the students agreed with Kristen and explained that they are accepting of others choices. Andrew Makare (12) said that it wasn't just "nasty", but it goes deeper than that. "I don't understand why gay marriage is such a big deal in the first place, because really marriage is just if you file your taxes jointly or not," Andrew said.

On a lighter note, most everyone in the room had the same opinion on our high school building; that the school is dirty and run-down. They all explained that they dread going into the restrooms because of the lack of cleanliness. "The dirtiness definitely comes from the students," Andrew Makare (12) said.

Kiara Maddox (12) believed otherwise. "Some teachers are dirty too," Kiara said.

Though the opinions coming from most of the students in the room, a few chose not to say anything. Some freely expressed themselves, while some chose to keep to themselves. Others simply didn't care. Either way, every one, no matter who they are, had some type of opinion.

What Matters Most To You?

"Getting somewhere in life and actually graduating. Then going to college."
-Esperanza Ortiz(12)

"Money isn't everything, it's the only thing."
-Nik Wilson(11)

"Being happy matters the most to me because when you're happy everything falls into place."
-Heather Luna(12)

"Family because they'll always be there for me when I fall."
-Alexis Sanchez(12)

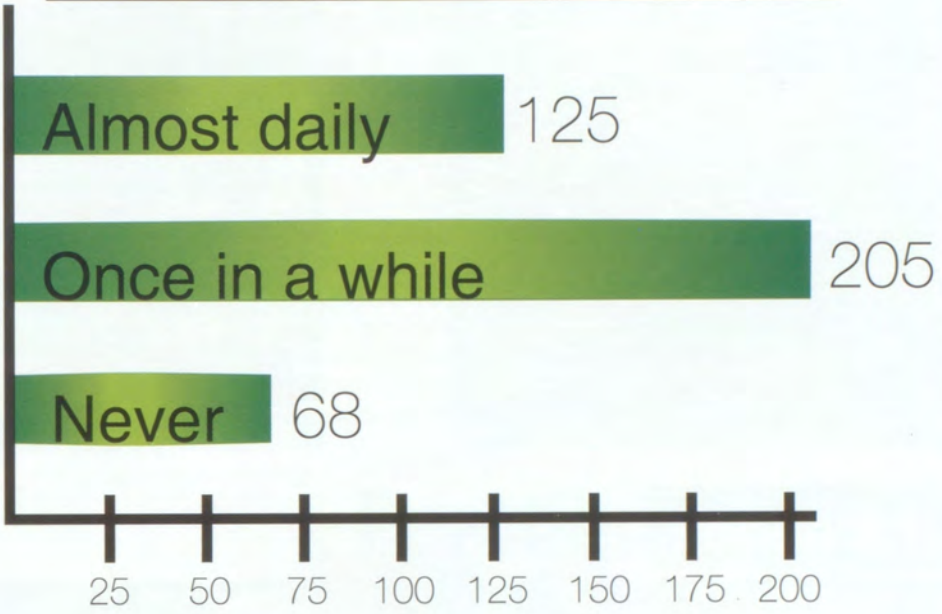
"Self satisfaction is the most important thing to me because without it, life wouldn't be worth living."
-Amber Vrabel(10)

"Education is very important to me; it'll get me farther in life and make me a better person."
-Matthew Herklotz(11)

"Getting through life the way I want it, not having someone choose for me."
-Ulises Avalos(12)

"Having a great life because I don't want to live paycheck to paycheck."
-Charles Kemp(11)

Underclassmen, Do YOU go off campus?



I.D. badges?



YES 26%

NO 74%

Do we really need them?

Everyone wears I.D. badges, from the principals to the students. There has always been debate about whether I.D. badges really are effective. "I don't really see the point of wearing them," said Justus Saucedo (9), "I mean, couldn't you just pull your ID out and show it if you needed to?"

fashionstatement



"I'm only wearing this pink lanyard because my girlfriend told me to."

Ryan Hill (11)

Skype!

Charles Kemp (11) uses Skype to talk to his brother, Jeralme, who is currently in Afghanistan with the Air force. "It's a privilege to be able to see his face and talk to him; it's like he's not even gone," Charles said.

Gail Holman (12) gets on Skype occasionally to chat with friends. "My brother, Brent, will call me on Skype when he's in the other room and needs something. He yells at me for not answering the call the first time," Gail said.

Lance Morales (10) uses Skype to communicate with his sister, Leah, who attends A&M University. "It's an easy way to keep in touch since she doesn't come home often," Lance said.

Best YouTube videos



Black Man LOVES Pokémon version 2
97% 641063 views
03:09 dcigs

Steve Larson (10)



Sittin On Tha Toilet
85% 17968860 views
00:43 alonzochadwick

Stephanie Gutierrez (12)



white boy gets hung on 7 ft goal
159 views
00:13 stanceco

Natalie Branscum (10)

Camron Richardson (11)



You can watch this 100 times and still laugh
81% 14259694 views
00:04 seaweed810

Dantrel Hargers (10)



Who you finna try?
99% 2509148 views
00:27 MSBAM100

facebook uploads



Haden Hudson Holden's brushing his hair with a fork...should I be worried?



Braden Gross A wise friend once told me... just kiddin, i have no wise friends



Gummy bears melted in my purse, sad day. *Posted by Maisen Lawson (12)*



Win. *Posted by Jered Boney (12)*



Posted by Abril Villalobos (10)



Holden insisted on trying on girl shorts. *Posted by Hannah Weison (11)*



Who said white people don't have big butts. *Posted by Ashley Burova (11)*



Our video tech class is live! *Posted by Aubrie Davis (12)*



Umbrella hat baha. *Posted by Angel Gonzales (12)*



Noah's Jewish hat. *Posted by Katelyn Kuhl (11)*



Dustin testing out the new pig scales! *Posted by Reagan Fischer (10)*



I don't like strawberry filling in my cake. *Posted by Mireya Sandoval (11)*



Hobos. Taylor takeover. *Posted by Diana Ramirez (11)*



JB + JH. *Posted by Liberty Jones (11)*



Hayden posed to be drawn in art. *Posted by Brianna Wilkerson(10)*



Posted by Kristen Cuba (12)



Ready for the egg toss! *Posted by Chelsie Carter (11)*



Posted by Liberty Jones (11)



What we look like without make up. *Posted by Maisen Lawson (12)*



Tell me how this happens. *Posted by Josh Richter (11)*



Abril Villalobos "A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle."



Thomas Solbach So i tryed the State Farm jingle. The next thing I know the door bell rings...



KINECT AT GATTIS IS A RIP OFF! *Posted by Katelyn Kuhl (11)*



European satchel!! *Posted by Sloane Cotner (12)*



tannnn. *Posted by Mallory Marcon (10)*



<3 onion ring. *Posted by Kacey Estrada (11)*



It'd be funny if we took the same pic in 5 yrs. *Posted by Mariah Ojeda (12)*



Posted by Lexie Orozco (11)



Our holy socks :) *Posted by Kallye Marek (9)*



Ulises' girlfriend lol *Posted by Raymond Rodriguez (10)*

Snow Day Uploads


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1. Watch for ice on the bridge, Kendall Wrinkle (12) and Zoey Howard (12) trek up on the Rowe Valley bridge to spend their snow day. "I was happy that we had snow two years in a row," Zoey said. **2.** Kelsie Kaatz (11) constructed a tiny snowman on her day off. "Wilson the snowman took forever to make, because the snow was so fluffy," Kelsie said. **3.** At the Pasemann Elementary hill, Angel Gonzales (12), Maisen Lawhon (12), Sloane Cotner (12), and Kayla Beran (12) slide down on inner tubes to enjoy their snow day. "I thought the inner tubes were a good idea, but sadly the idea failed miserably," Kayla said. **4.** After a snow ball fight at memorial field, Chelsie Carter (11) and Bradley Ging (11) pose for a picture in the snow. "I was glad Brad was that friendly after I massively tackled him," Chelsie said. **5.** Jessi Lopez (12) commemorated the snow day in writing on her day off. "It had been freezing all week, and I was happy to see that snow came that morning," Jessi said. **6.** Sledding without a sled, Terry Flores (11) slides down the Pasemann Elementary school hill. "It was a sliding dive off of Call of Duty," Terry said. **7.** Mrs. Vicki Rowe took a step back in time to her childhood when stepping into the snow on her back porch barefoot. "We did that all the time in Minnesota. In fact on days like that we would walk out and exclaim 'Ah spring is in the air'," Mrs. Rowe said. *Courtesy photos uploaded to Facebook on February 4, 2011.*

Cameron Dupy Mrs. West will pimp slap us from here to oblivion if we go in there askin for Sam - Julia :)


Hahaha.
Posted by Destiny Rodriguez (9)

Antonio Elizondo Due tomorrow? Do tomorrow.

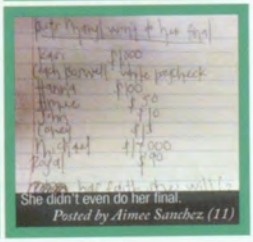
Fredrick Kerley listening to some lil wezzy and watching buzz light year


Random deadness next to my house.
Posted by Jace Fontenot (11)

Braden Gross ▸ **Hunter Wilson** drink engine oil, to keep you motor going hahahahahahaha


Altoids...for the win!
Posted by Kayla Beran (12)


Two guys trying to get a golf car out of the ditch.*Posted by Ivy Albright(12)*


She didn't even do her final.
Posted by Aimee Sanchez (11)


Posted by Liberty Jones.

Christian Tone "Well, you can't be a pimp and a prostitute too.

Ashley Wilson "What does SSR stand for?"-Mr. Wilton. "Stupid Students Read."-Me:)

Brittany Torres Soooo, me and my sister have totally lost our mom in Walmart. It's been 30 minutes.
Mon 6:58 PM
Brittany Torres Aaaaand, we finally found her. :D
Mon 7:14 PM


Brandie Walls & her daddy!
Posted by Selena Lopez (10)

Favorite Apps



"The Angry Birds app is so addicting. Killing the pigs relieves stress."
Colton Anderson (12)



"My favorite app is Homerun Battle 3D. I like dropping bombs against people."
Kate McQuillen (11)



"iFaceFat is so funny because you can see what people would look like fat."
Mariah Ojeda (12)



"The Movie Flixer app lets me see different movies showtimes at each theatre."
Addy Turner (12)



"The TiKL Talk app is easier than texting, it is basically using your phone as a walkie-talkie."
Ashley Burow (11)



Game Tech

Programming language opens doors.

When it comes to technology classes, Taylor High goes for the gold; or at least for as many options as possible. Some involve working on cars or welding, others deal with computers, filming, and music. One of the hardest mental workouts is computer science, or what the tech world calls computer programming. Mrs. West described her class as being "challenging and enjoyable." She explained that this class teaches one to think differently. "You have to think logically and systematically," Mrs. West said. Thinking systematically means thinking step by step, which helps you in every other class. In this class, students learn the basic history of computers; where they have been, as well as where they are going. But that's the easy part. The hard part is when students learn to program in an object oriented language called Java.

Considering the risks, Antonio Elizondo decided to sign up for computer science to satisfy his inner "techie" and learn more about computers.

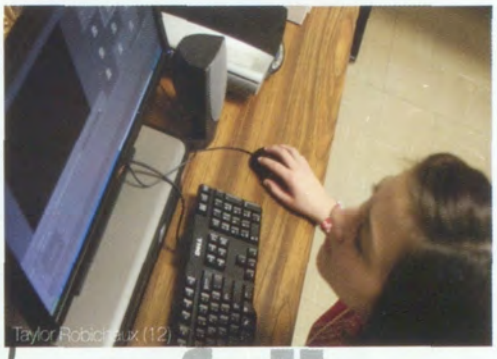
Although he isn't sure what he wants to do after high school, he knows that it will have nothing to do with computer programming. "I don't want to have to turn on a computer ever again after this class, unless it's something like YouTube," Antonio said. He wouldn't recommend this class to anyone, unless they were serious about programming. Even so, he admits that he has learned a lot from this class. He agreed with Mrs. West that computer programming requires more independent thinking than anyone is used to.

Antonio said his favorite thing that they have done in class is drawing on the computer using basic commands that tell the cursor where to go, the degrees to turn, how straight of a line to draw, and when to pick up and draw again. In doing this, Antonio was able to draw a snowflake and a house. The students are currently working on trying to make a board game on the computer. The spinner spins to generate random numbers. That number equals the number of spaces that one would jump on the board. Antonio explained that this process is extremely challenging.

Whether looking at it as a profession or just a weekend tinkerer, computer programming gives an edge to whoever knows the language.


Mrs. Dawn Fischer


Ashley Zavala (11)


Taylor Robichaux (12)


Steven McAllister (12)

boys of fall

One of the privileges of being an upperclassmen at Taylor High School is being able to take Video Technology as one of your electives. As the new teacher of Video Tech this year, Mrs. Fischer wanted to start off with a bang. She wanted her students to make a Taylor High School version of the video for Kenny Chesney's song 'The Boys of Fall'. The students that participated were each assigned certain roles. Some went out to film certain sports, while others edited the captured footage. "It was the most interesting thing we've done all year," Ashley Zavala (11) said. The film was shown at the Homecoming community peprally at Memorial Field. "Mrs. Fischer kind of sprang it on us at the last minute, we had very little time to capture footage and edit. It felt good to be a part of something that had such a huge impact on our school," Steven McAllister (12) said. The audience was silent for the duration of the film, and some senior football players even began to cry, realizing that the next game they played would be their last on the home field. "I'd always wanted to be a part of something like that. It was the first moment I actually felt like a senior," Taylor Robichaux (12) said. *Photos by Jace Fontenot and Kayla Beran.*

Q&A



John **McMahan** (12)
Ag Design

Q: Why did you decide to take this class?

A: "I grew up around welding at home. I got it from my dad, and I wanted to learn more about it."

Q: How has this class affected your plans for your future?

A: "I'm thinking about taking up welding as a hobby and building things for myself like a BBQ pit."

auto tech secrets


Photo by Jessica Humphreys.

Keith **Hair** (11)
"Auto-Tech is a dual credit class, so if someone chose to go into that field, you already have a few college hours."


Photo by Jessica Humphreys.

Jarvis **Caldwell** (11)
"I took the class because my family is into cars, so I decided to be the next one in line."


Photo by Jessica Humphreys.

Jorge **Falcon** (10)
"We don't do much in class, but I took it because I want to go into engineering."


Photo by Jessica Humphreys.

Dustin **Stefek** (11)
"I don't particularly enjoy the class, but it's always good to know the ins and outs of auto-repair."


Photo by Jace Fontenot.

Johnny **Rios** (11)
"Auto-Tech is teaching me the basics of mechanical engineering and helping me achieve my goal of majoring in diesel at WyoTech University."

Chile **mining** tragedy



Photo by Courtney Mc-

"It was really tragic, that those guys got stuck in a mine but it's also a miracle because so many people were able to survive. If it was me I would keep thinking about the next day to keep me going." **Allyson Powell (10)**



Photo by Justin Patschke.

"That sucked pretty bad. They shouldn't make them do that job if they are going to get hurt. They should reimburse them for what happened." **Zachary Ruempel (9)**



Photo by Crystal Dimas.

"It was amazing how they survived and how they got them out after so long." **Cecilia Flores (11)**

Celebrate diversity assembly

"The diversity of our student community" was the theme chosen by the organizers of the annual Black History Month assembly. A variety of performances were given, from music to poetry to skits. "Reading *Still I Rise* (by Maya Angelou) hit home for me," Joani Johnson said. Eliza Boyd, an instructional aide who has worked with the assembly for several years, was proud of what had been accomplished. "When I first started at THS there was no form of Black History program to celebrate at that time, but with a lot of pushing, we got to where we are now," Mrs. Boyd said. As guest speaker Leslie Hill put it, "Everyone can learn more about other people's cultures." *Photos by Mrs. Zavala's Commercial Photography class.*



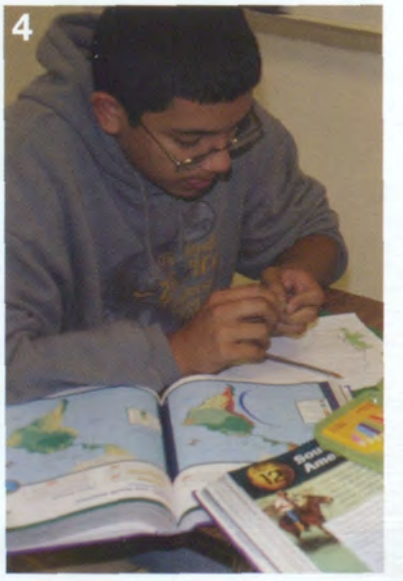
history repeats itself











1. Skimming through her book, Alex Garcia (10) fills out a history work sheet. "I like world history class, except when it comes to notes. I tend to loose interest in them," Alex said. *Photo by Alicia Vanek.* **2.** Shawntell Caldwell (9) works on a 3-D map of Asia for her World Geography class. "We got to use our imagination," Shawntell said. *Photo by Zoey Howard.* **3.** Coty Gola (11) learns the Bill of Rights by walking to and from different stations in her U.S History class. " I liked how we got to move around the room," Coty said. *Photo by Alicia Vanek .* **4.** Conquering the world without leaving Mrs. Shaughnessy's 6th period World Geography Class, Niko Gonzales (9) works with Tim Martinez (9) on maps of South America. "It's a masterpiece right now," Niko said. *Photo by Courtney McConnell.* **5.** Unable to stay awake, a tired Lilly Engler (11) risks missing vital information to grab some "shut-eye" during Mr. Quarles AP U.S History class. "Quarles has the perfect voice to put me asleep," Lilly said. *Photo by Justin Patschke.*

Stock market meltdown



Photo by Alicia Vanek
Lorenzo Williams (12)

Christian Robles (12)
Photo by Courtney McConnell

Photo by Courtney McConnell
Lorenzo Williams (12)

A little project in Mrs. Grey's economics class gets serious.

This year, Mrs. Gray's Economics classes were given an imaginary $1,000 each to invest in any stock that they wanted. The students worked on their project during class, every Friday. This was a major test grade for the students. And it wasn't just any project, it was a competition too. "I didn't get into it until my classmates were saying that they were gonna beat me," Lorenzo Williams(12) said.

Lorenzo's real competition was Brandon Negus(12). Brandon always told the class that he was going to be at the top. "I was really just focusing on beating Brandon, really," he said.

When this stressful assignment started, Lorenzo first invested in ESPN hoping to make an exceptional profit, but when he checked his stocks the next week, he found that it had only gone up .001% from when he started. "It was terrible because my stocks only went up a dollar," Lorenzo said.

After further research he found out that ESPN, something he already owned, was actually owned by Disney and decided to look at the bigger picture. Lorenzo quickly invested in Disney, and it brought him to success. He went from the bottom of the list to the top.

Later on in the project someone dropped their investment in eBay and Lorenzo swiftly invested in it along with ABC. "I saw how good they were doing, so I decided to take them," Lorenzo said. His investments in Disney, eBay, and ABC together brought Lorenzo from third to last to third place overall in all of Mrs. Gray's Economic classes. Lorenzo claims that he will not be investing in any stocks in the future. "Stocks seems to be a little too stressful for me," Lorenzo said.

At the end of this project Lorenzo was satisfied with his results. He didn't make first, but he did beat his friend Brandon. He went from being at the bottom of the list, to third place while Brandon went from being at the top of the list to third to last. Even though the stakes weren't quite as high as in real life, the competition was real and the experience is something that will help Mrs. Gray's econ students for the rest of their lives.

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Photo by Sloane Cotner.

Jon Michael David (10)

Photo by Sloane Cotner.

Kelsie Kaatz (11)

Photo by Sloane Cotner.

Seth Thomas (11)

Photo by Jessica Humphreys.

Method madness

Math students share their different techniques for success.

Everyone has a different method to their madness when it comes to math, whether it's working over and over or simply reading their textbook. No one persons learning type is alike, but we all have to learn somehow. Math is tough, and it takes time and dedication to do it right, and that's exactly what students plan to do.

Erik Nunez (10) puts aside a certain amount of time daily to study his geometry because that's what he needs to get it down. "I usually take thirty minutes out of my day to study geometry notes that I take in class," Erik said. Some students need this much time to study and some may take only ten minutes, but either way it is one approach at grasping the complexity of high school math.

Haden Hudson, a 9th grade Pre AP geometry, student has a way of her own to learn and remember math. "When I'm doing math and trying to find x, I use goldfish to represent numbers... then I eat them," Haden said. It might sound funny, but Haden is a straight A student.

Not everyone has such an eccentric way to learn, though. Max Garcia (12) has a simpler way of stamping the material into his brain. "I pretty much just pay attention in class, and then do the homework," Max said.

He isn't the only one that benefits from continuous practice and reading. Liberty Jones (11) has a similar method. "To get things drilled into my head I just practice over and over again, and then get one on one help if needed," Liberty said.

Nothing comes without work and time, including math. One has to be willing to dig deep into what they need to learn and remember in order to succeed and that's exactly what students plan to do. So whether it's an Algebra 1 class or a Advanced Calculus class, doing well requires dedication.









1. In Mrs. Rohan's Pre-AP Algebra 2 class Steve Larson (10) completes his stations while dressed up as Eminem. "I remember what i learned in class by studying the homework from the night before," Steve said. Mrs. Rohan created a hands on method fo r the students to better understand factoring. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.* **2.** Anthony Gonzales (12), Amanda Kimble (12), and Aaron McQuary (11) work hard to finish their test during Mrs. West's Pre-Calculus class. "Math is challenging, but you just have to study," Amanda said. Mrs. West gives about two tests every six weeks that are major parts of the students' grades. *Photo by Sloane Cotner.* **3.** Julie Martinez (12) stayed a few extra minutes after the lunch bell so she could better understand the subject they had just learned in class. "I don't like math but I'm good at it," Julie said. Students in AP Calculus stay after class and go in for morning and during lunch tutorials for any questions they have. *Photo bySloane Cotner.* **4.** Erik Lopez (11) gets help from Mrs. Rohan on his warm-up during the beginning of class."Math gives me stress, and turns down my day," Erik said. Students in Mrs. Rohan's class refresh their memories of past lessons through the warm-ups given every day. *Photo by Sloane Cotner.*

Going above and beyond



Jeffery **Carpenter** (12)

The farthest most students get in math is to Calculus AB, but Jeffery went one step beyond. Jeff is doing an independent study of Calculus BC, an extension of Calculus AB, which he took his junior year. Taking an extra math sounds like a ridiculous thing to do, but there is a reason. "The main reason I'm taking the class is because the majors I'm trying to decide between for college are either aerospace engineering or petroleum engineering, and they are math heavy. Taking a year off of math would put me behind when I begin math classes in the fall at college," Jeff said. His goal is to pass the BC exam, but without a teacher or other students on the same level, it's a difficult task. "It's a challenge, but the hardest part is staying self motivated and actually working on it," Jeff said.

By the Numb3rs

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"It's a lucky number"
Quirino Ramirez (9)

1,355 friends on facebook
"They clog up my news feed"
Coty Gola (11)

size 11 shoe
"My feet cause my clumsiness"
Samantha Pachicano (11)

100 shoes
"I've had the same size foot since the 4th grade." Allyson Powell (10)

237 inches of hair
Gabe Sutton (12)
"It can be a pain to take care of sometimes"

20 inch rims
"They make my truck look like a whole new truck"
Carter Sakewitz (12)

summertime... and the reading's easy



Elric Martinez (12)

"I read *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens. You can't diss that book, it's a classic."



Jordan Trevino (11)

" I read *The Scarlet Letter* and *The Great Gatsby* this summer. They were really dull. I didn't like them at all."



Shayla Harvey (10)

"I don't even know what I was supposed to read. I think I threw the paper away the first day I got it."



Blaine Johnson (9)

"I didn't read because I was too busy. When I had to write my essay over *The Adventures of Little Tree*, I read notes off the internet. I actually got an A."



Mrs. Vicki Rowe

zooming in on english



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1. Hard at work in the library, Mrs. Underwood's students reasearch an author for a class project. "She is a fun teacher. Just the way she teaches the class makes it more interesting," Daniel Duran (11) said. *Photo by Morgan Cmerek.* **2.** Mrs. Richardson's class slaves over a paper related to *The Odyssey*. "I really like Mrs.Richardson. She's really funny and gets off topic sometimes," Marisol Correa (9) said. *Photo by Magdelena Zavala.* **3.** Mrs. Rowe's sixth period AP English class hurriedly takes notes over the Anglo Saxons. "The Anglo Saxons are really interesting, but complicated and almost incomprehensible," Christian Tone (12) said. *Photo by Zoey Howard.* **4.** Henry Oranday (11) searches for some information on authors in the library for Mrs. Underwood's English class. "I don't really like reading, except for books like Twilight, Dear John, and The Notebook," Henry said. *Photo by Morgan Cmerek.*



capturing memories

Seniors gather one scrap at a time.

Thirty pages, six thousand two hundred and fifty words, countless pictures, and months of effort are what it takes to put together a Senior Scrapbook. The project idea of a Senior Scrapbook has been around since most students can remember. Years' worth of memories have been placed in those scrapbooks by seniors in the past, and this year, it was the class of 2011's turn to do the same. To some, it was just another project, but to others it's special, something that they will keep for the rest of their lives to look back on.

Kasi Lozano(12) is one senior who takes special pride in her scrapbook. "Only five entries took about two and a half hours to complete. I didn't want it to look like a second-grader did it," Kasi said. Kasi isn't the only one with this mentality. Dozens of dedicated seniors turn in their entries for extra credit every six weeks and have the entire scrapbook finished before its due date, even if it means staying up all night to finish.

There are a few requirements that the scrapbook has always had. It must have at least 30 pages, one item on each page (this can be pictures, stickers, or actual items from the event), and a minimum of two hundred and fifty words per page. "It's a pain in the butt trying to get everything on the page and writing all two hundred and fifty of the words; I only wrote about two hundred a page and my mom wrote the last fifty," Kasi said. Finishing a senior scrapbook takes time and dedication, which some seniors might not have with busy schedules at school and preparing for college all on their plates. "I'm busy with pre-cal and sports after school, but I'm definitely not going to wait until the last minute to do my scrapbook. Mrs. Rowe will haunt you if you do that," Steven Mcallister(12) said.

Tough classes kept seniors from doing their scrapbooks early this year, but they all knew that doing their entire scrapbook at the last minute is the last thing they wanted to do. Though senior scrapbooks are a tough, year long project, most seniors respect the project because they know what it will mean to them in the future. "I find the project really easy and a good way to remember the most important memories of my senior year," Colton Anderson(12) said.

These books are a meaningful project to most seniors, a true expression of the layers, good and bad, that defined their final year of high school. *Photos by Morgan Cmerek.*

poetry comes alive

As a freshman, reading poetry isn't the most exciting part of English, but Poetry Alive brings a new twist. "Every year the library puts on a literary presentation. Poetry Alive was so well recieved last year, they were invited back to perform for the freshmen because they read *The Odyssey*," Mrs. Fox said. Only freshmen had the chance to watch the Poetry Alive presentation because all of the other classes have seen it before. For most students, after watching Poetry Alive actors Michelle and Carney, poetry came to them in a new way. "Poetry Alive showed me that you can use yourself for poetry and it's not always boring," Lorinda Ortiz (9) said. Most freshman have only had the typical experience with poetry and think that poetry will never be anything more than rhyming words. Poetry Alive opened the eyes of students to something more than what they were used to, something more than just the words on the page.

William Pachicano (9) Albert Vasquez (9)



Photo by Zoey Howard.

Photo by Morgan Cmerek.

Roy Rangel (9)





Photo by Salvador Morales.

Lorinda Ortiz (9)



Photo by Kendall Wrinkle.

Marissa Guzman (11), Brandi Walls (12)
Photo by Jessi Lopez.

Kristen Cuba (12), Ashley Heselmyer (12)
Photo by Kendall Wrinkle.

Alyssa Torres (11)
Photo by Kendall Wrinkle.

Dig In

Students adjust to new science teachers.

Batteries, chemicals, and carcasses made for an interesting year in Science. As new teachers Mrs. Long and Mrs. Collins became part of Taylor's science department, they brought many new ideas to the table.

Mrs. Collins took over the Chemistry and Anatomy classes when Mrs. Robertson left. This was a huge change because Mrs. Robertson was such a tough teacher. Students seem to be taking a liking to her different teaching style, "Mrs. Collins is a nice, laid back teacher," Angel Gonzales (12) said, "Since this is her first year teaching Anatomy, I think she's still learning new things, just as we are."

"I thought it was going to be extremely hard and time consuming, but it's not as long as you pay attention," Marissa Guzman (11) said.

A couple students, including Kristen Cuba (12), took their first semester of Anatomy at Temple College because they were told that one semester would count as an entire credit. However, this wasn't the case. "We didn't find out until the spring semester that Anatomy at Temple College would only count as half a credit, so we had to be put in Mrs. Collin's class this semester," Kristen said.

Jessi Lopez (12) thinks that these students transferred at the right time. "The second semester has been more eventful. We've done stuff like dissecting cats, which helps us see the organs of the body," Jessi said.

Most of Mrs. Collin's students would agree that dissecting cats and minks was the most interesting thing they have done all year. "It was gross, but I wanted to stay and watch. It was something you can't seem to take your eyes off," Jessi said. "We couldn't really breathe right because of the horrible smell but it was interesting to see the body organs," Marissa said.

a delicious experiment

As Freshmen enter high school one of the first projects that is presented to them is in Mr. Kuhl's Pre-ap Biology class. In around October of every year his classes make cakes in the shape of anamial cells, and plant cells. "After we presented the cakes we got to eat them." Alisha Gallardo (9) said. "Mine was nastey though because I didn't cook it right." *Courtesy photos from Doug Kuhl.*



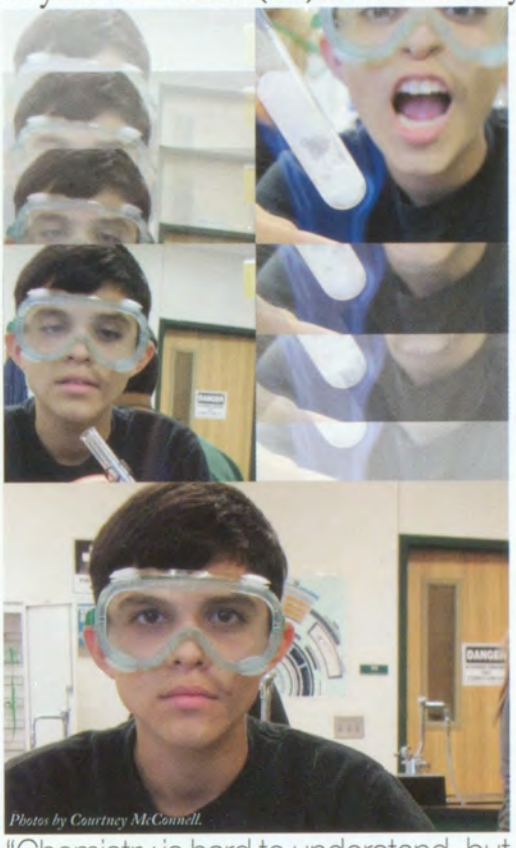






the many facets of

Bryan Martinez (10) in Chemistry.



Photos by Courtney McConnell.

"Chemistry is hard to understand, but I really enjoy all of the experiments."
Bryan **Martinez (10)**

science lab madness



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2 *Photo by Sloane Cotner.*



3 *Photos by Courtney McConnell.*



4 *Photo by Sloane Cotner.*



5 *Photo by Sloane Cotner.*

1 Paul Smith (12) uses a dropper to mix two solutions in Ms.Long's AP Chemistry class. "It's a challenging class, but chemistry may help me with my degree later on in college," Paul said. Ms.Long's AP chemistry class was testing different indicators for pH. **2** Kaleb Chambers (12) takes mesuments of the magnolioum nitrate during a lab in Ap Biology. "Biology is interesting, because it's cool to know what is going on in the world," Kaled said. In Biology students learn about all the ways of life, such as plants, and animals. **3** Adam Janecka (10) watches crystals form over a bunsen burner in Ms.Long's Pre-AP Chemistry class. "We do alot of labs and I like the class because it's fun and easy because Ms.Long explains it very well," Adam said. Ms.Long's chemistry classes were beginning to learn what temperature has to do with solubility. **4** Codie Hall (11), and Braden Gross (12) increase the size of the circle using a tape measure. "I have alwaysed liked biology, because it's easier to understand then math," Codie said. The Ap Biology students do many experements in able to understand what they learn better. **5** Horeb Tinoco (11), and Steven Reyez (11)connect batteries to a light bulb in order to see how many would blow it out. "Physics isn't to bad, it's hard, but not all that hard," Steven said. When connecting the light bulbs, and the batteries students increased their knowledge of Ohms Law.

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start of something new



Photo by Maisen Fawbush

New school building on its way for the new year.

As a general rule, high schools are built to last about 30 years. And yet here we are 42 years later and still in good old Taylor High as it crumbles to the ground around us. Despite some minor issues like the fact that the halls squeeze you tighter than a New York subway, you need to don your HazMat suit just to go to the bathroom, and the Calculus room can't decide if it wants you to lose a limb to frostbite or bake you golden brown and delicious as you run advanced derivatives, it is familiar and comfortable. It's home. And yet, pack all your stuff in cardboard boxes because it's moving day!

In the fall of 2011, a new chapter of THS opens up that will forever change the face of Taylor. "Everybody really looks at the high school as the flagship of a town," Principal Danny Ward said. "It creates a sense of pride." But before you can start construction on your flagship, there are three things you need to have: Location, location, location.

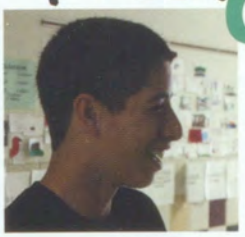
For obvious reasons, the high school can never be next to the middle school, so the city offered to help pay for some of the utilities if the school bought different land to build on. The long awaited groundbreaking happened at the end of last year when Mr. Ward wielded the golden shovel to move the first piece of earth, and from there, construction went into top gear. So far, there have been no injuries and the project is ahead of schedule and under budget, so, despite rumors and doubts, the plan to open Fall of 2011 looks achievable.

As we all hoped, technological advancements abound in our new abode alongside routine-shaking changes. The most gripping change is the sheer size. Two stories, room for up to 1200 students and more classrooms than we have teachers, new tennis courts, two gyms, the list goes on and on. Inside are a new library, faster internet modems, new computer labs, projector systems, a new PA, and an elevator.

But the new location has its downside. Located on FM 973, the new school is farther away from...well, everything. A closed campus will prevent students from attempting to make it through fast-food drive-throughs during the brief 30-minute lunch periods. "I don't think it's fair that we have a closed campus, because upperclassmen before us have always gotten to go off campus," said Lorellye Graham (10) said.

There are plans to eventually add a football stadium, theatre, more sports courts--the possibilities are many. But nothing can be said for sure yet. As for our old home, who knows what's going to happen to it. "That's a bit above my pay grade," Mr. Ward said. "Frankly though, once we are out of here I really don't care! I have a new home."

Freshman corner



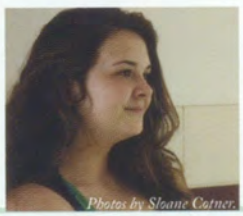
"Im really excited for the new school,becase its going to be so big."
Leonel Arce



"I think going to the new school is going to suck, because we don't have going off campus to look forward too."
Shania Hendersern



"It's going to be cool, because its going to be so much nicer then this place."
My'lik Kerley



"It's not going to be all that great, because it is going to be a far drive."
Savannah Leslie

Photos by Sloane Cotner.



what do you think about the new school?



"I don't like the idea, because there isn't going to be dance room."
Joie Aparicio (11)



"I've only been here four weeks, but it's exciting."
Emmett Wiggins (11)



"I'm ready for the new school, because it's going to be a new atmposhere."
J'nae Rathke (11)



"I'm not looking forward to the closed campus."
Moises Tellez (11)



"I hate the idea of it being so far away."
Essence Brown (11)

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groups

Groups. When the buzzer **sounds**, when the fundraising **pays** off, when the planning and regrouping takes place, and when time runs **out**, sports and groups are about what the students put **into** it between the first and **last** seconds.

Being part of a group or team means **heart**, sweat, and courage poured into every **passion**, whether it be for the game or the cause. The sacrifices you make is not for your own **good** but for the good of the group. Those are the layers of a member. Those are the layers of a team, a group, a school.



Propane Gang



Taylor Robichaux (12) Chelsie Hutcherson (12)



Wendell Jones (12)



Ally Powell (10)



Lined Up
Kacey Estrada (11) and the rest of the Hi-Steppers take their places in their spirit lines before the football players run onto the field. "It's an exciting moment every time I step foot on the field," Kacey said. The Hi-Steppers would line up in spirit lines and perform at every football game. *Photo by Sloane Cotner.*













1. As a tradition on the field, Johnny Rios (11) starts a chant before the game against the Elgin Wildcats to get the team excited. "I help myself get up for the game when I get the team pumped," Johnny said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **2.** Upset about the previous play, Raymond Rodriguez (10) talks to Coach Marak about what went wrong. "Marak told me not to worry about the last play and to play the next," Raymond said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **3.** In the cold drizzle, the Taylor Ducks line up on defense against the Manor Mustangs. "It wasn't fun playing in the rain and mud, but it was a good battle" Dillon said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter* **4.** Wrapping up the season against the Lampasas Badgers, Kelbie Stifflemire (12) runs the ball, rushing for more yards each play. "I ran like there was no tomorrow," Kelbie said. *Photo by Scott Casey.* **5.** While playing defense, Daniel Hyzak (12) breaks through the Rudder Raiders offensive line to try and make a momentum changing play. "It's still early in the year and the players who aren't used to the varsity level don't really know what to expect," Daniel said. *Photo by Kelcie Krolczyk.* **6.** After pulling his hamstring during the homecoming game against the Salado Eagles, John McMahan (12) gets help from a teammate. "I'm glad that my teammates helped me overcome my injury and finish the win," John said. *Photo by Magdelena Zavala.*

Varsity Jr. Varsity Freshmen



Front: Michael McIntire, Xavier Martinez, Max Garcia, Lorenzo Crawford-Sanford, Moises Tellez, Daniel Rojas, Edward Murray, Ulises Avalos, Raymond Rodriguez. **Second**: Carlos Perez, Patrick Gamez, Kale McQuillen, Cory Casey, Kelbie Stifflemire, Cade Samuelson, Moses Guerrero, Raymond Herrera, Trainer Lauren Camacho. **Third**: Trainer Nikki Ray, Coaches Ryan Vrabel, Justin Boswell, Marcus Bunton, Antonio Villalon, Rick Cobia, Gerald Jones, James Proctor, Robert Marak, Rusty Rohan, Allen Dews, Trainer Cassidy Ramirez. **Fourth**: Coach Doug Kuhl, Johnny Rios, Chris McFarlin, Ryan Hill, Ronald Scott, Jared Meyer, Daniel Hyzak, Dillon Pekar, John McMahan. **Fifth**: Trainers Jessi Lopez, Carol Vasquez, Sadey Komandosky, Alyssa Torres, Shanice Caldwell, Ashleigh Falcon, Charles Kemp. **Back**: Justin Fitzgerald, Jarvis Caldwell, Seth Thomas, Carter Sakewitz, Wendell Jones, Dantrel Hargers.



Front: Gilbert Velasquez, James Alcoser, Israel Galvan, Justin Deary, Eric Alderete. **Second**: Brandon Martinez, Kevin Trejo, Brandon Martinez, Christopher Garza, Daniel Moreno, Mauricio Camarillo. **Third**: Adrian Uriegas, Blayne Hegar, Camron Richardson, Roy Moreno, Fabian Rodriguez. **Fourth**: Hayden Stewart, Jeremy Snyder, Reagan Fischer, Jonathan Martinez. **Back**: Fredrick Kerley, Joshua Vrana, Dustin Johnson.



Front: Solomon Olivarez, Quirino Ramirez, Brandon Williams, Isaac Franco, Benito Aguilear, Richard Yanez, Terrance Thompson, Collin Vanecek. **Second**: Juesse Reyes, Mark Mata, Edgar Carrera, Joel Arredondo, Michael Herrera, Peter Carrizales, Rollan Espinoza, Carlitos Pachicano, Walter Hall. **Third**: William Pachicano, Dylan Kreidel, Rollan Espinoza, Laravis Blunson, Alan Schmidt, Gabriel Reyna, Tyler Vanecek, Nick Dominguez. **Fourth**: Timothy Bailey, Aaron Beals, Dylan Townsend, Toby Kidwell, Patrick Jones, Justin Kolinek, Chris Frank. **Back**: Blaine Johnson, My'lik Kerley, Jared Henson, Devon Arquette, Albert Vasquez, David Ancira Jr.

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Bittersweet Homecoming

As the National Anthem plays, Carter Sakewitz (12) awaits the start of his senior year homecoming game although he is injured and can't play. "It's still exciting whether I'm on the field or not. It meant a lot, but would have been that much better if I would have been able to play," Carter said. That night, the Taylor Ducks won their first district game against the Salado Eagles. *Photo by Chelsie Carter*



Q&A with Villalon







Q: How did you find the position at Taylor High School?
A: While watching a playoff game at the Alamodome, I ran into my mentor who talked to me about Taylor's program changing to the Slot T offense.

Q: What made you want to work here?
A: Having attended the University of Texas, I have always love the Central Texas area. After meeting Coach Cobia, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Krueger, I had a good feeling my superiors would be supportive and wanted the best for the students. Also, everyone in administration were very helpful, kind, and friendly which let me know this was a community of good people.

Q: What do you think about the football program?
A: I tend to think in terms of the entire athletic program. I came here to improve the discipline, strength, quickness, and speed of ALL Duck athletes. Although I LOVE football and baseball, I support and enjoy all the other sports played. I feel that if all athletes see me watching their games or practices, they will realize I genuinely care about them. As for football, our program is exactly where I thought we'd be. With our improved lifting technique, great discipline in offseason, and our summer strength program, we will be strong enough to fight for a district title next season.

Q: Do you enjoy coaching here? Why?
A: I love the boys in our program. They are coachable and want to push the program to a higher level. They also believe in each other and hold one another accountable. With this group, egos and immaturity aren't problems, which is the recipe for winning.

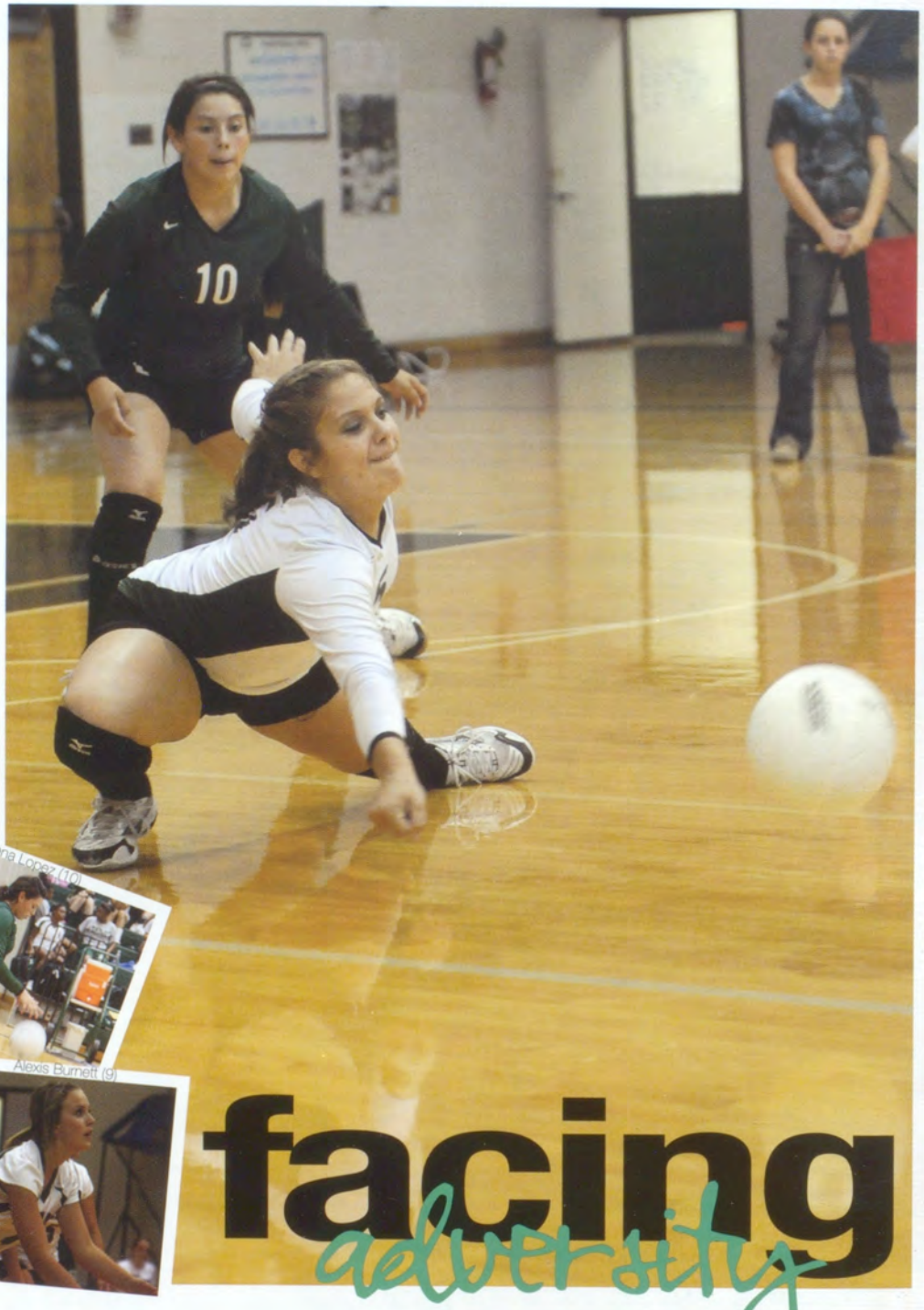
Q: How long do you plan to stay at Taylor High School?
A: As long as I am wanted and happy.

did you know?

The volleyball team helped Mrs. Fox clean up her home after the devastating flood. "I thought it was good for us to take time out of our busy schedule to go help out Mrs. Fox."

- Kaitlyn Marek (9)





Digging Deep
In the setter's defensive position, Chelsie Carter (11) dives to save a point against the Liberty Hill Panthers. "We had to make many changes to our defense in order for us to have enough coverage on the court," Chelsie said. The team lost to Liberty Hill that night in three games. *Courtesy Photo by Scott Casey.*



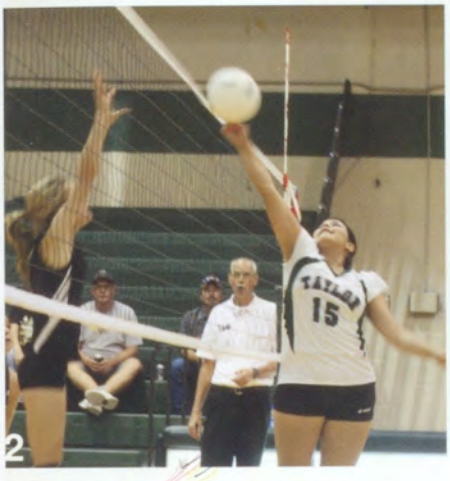
facing adversity

With the familiar sights of hardwood floor and net the volleyball team started their season with many goals established. The loss of key players and the arrival of new faces meant the team had to overcome a great deal of adversity. "Some of the challenges the girls faced this year was the lack of height and experience on the varsity level," varsity coach Holly Turnbough said. "These challenges were things, among others, that they needed to overcome in order to do well in district." In spite of the team's 4-15 record, "The overall season went well, but district was extremely tough," Turnbough said.

Due to other district teams being more experienced and having much more size, the Ducks were at a great disadvantage. The experience that the team gained this season and a full returning varsity roster will greatly improve their chances in going past district and making a deep run into the playoffs next year. "Another thing they will need to do in order to be successful is improve on their weaknesses and build on their strengths," Turnbough explained.

One of the greater strengths the team had is their bond to each other and the want to succeed. These vital improvements and their desire to win will help add to their success in the upcoming year. Ashley Burow (11) expects that the team will continue building on their experience from this past year and make a drastic change for the next. "If our team chemistry stays in tact, and we keep progressing, we will be able to go at least a couple rounds into the playoffs," Ashley said.







1. As the Ducks come together to regroup during a fierce match against the Burnet Bulldogs, Coach Holly Turnbough discusses the defensive strategy with her team. "Team talks help us to better concentrate on the task at hand and prevent errors on the court," Amanda Martinez (11) said. The varsity team lost to Burnet in three games. *Photo by Alica Vanek.* **2.** Stretching to tip the ball over the net, Marissa Guzman (11) earns a point for the junior varsity team in a close match against the Rogers Eagles. "It was an intense game but we pushed through to finish and get the win," Marissa said. The team beat Rogers in two games. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **3.** Against the Thrall Tigers, Kelsie Kaatz (11) bumps the ball to the setter to set up a point for the junior varsity team. "You have to be able to read the hitter's shoulders to play defense well," Kelsie said. The team beat the Tigers in two games. *Photo by Scott Casey.* **4.** Katelyn Kuhl (11) spikes the ball against the Rogers Eagles. "They were pretty beastly and we had to fight hard," Katelyn said. That night the varsity team lost to the Eagles in three games. *Photo by Sloane Cotner.* **5.** Anna Ramirez (9) springs to block during a tight match against the Rockdale Tigers. "My heart was racing when it came down to the third game," Anna said. The freshman team ended up winning the match in three games. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **6.** Zoned in on the match, Carrigan Wooldridge (9) studies each play against the Lampasas Badgers. "You have to stay focused on the game to know what is going on," Carrigan said. The freshman team beat the Badgers that night in two games out of three. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.*







Varsity Jr. Varsity Freshmen



Front: Katelyn Kuhl, Ashley Burow. **Second**: Selena Lopez, Kallye Marek, Chelsie Carter. **Third**: Amanda Foster, Rhegan Stroup, Amanda Martinez. **Back**: Jordan Trevino, Coty Gola.



Front: Alicia Vanek, Jensen Anders, Amber Vrabel, Mallory Marcon. **Second**: Lauren Vrana, Natalie Branscum, Marissa Guzman, Lilly Engler. **Back**: Griselda Morales, Kelsie Kaatz.



Front: Carrigan Wooldridge, Shania Henderson, Katlyn Hitt. **Second**: Courtney Gamez, Kaleetria Ashford, Cierra Tealer, Madeline Ward. **Third**: Andrea Galvan, Alexis Burnett, Ana Ramirez, **Back**: Shawntell Caldwell, Nichole Johnson.

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Killeen Ellison		L 0-3		Killeen Ellison		L 0-2		Killeen Ellison			L 1-2
Groesbeck		W 3-2		Groesbeck		L 1-2		Groesbeck			W 2-1
Teague		W 3-2		Teague		W 2-1		Teague			W 2-0
Del Valley		W 3-2		Del Valley		W 2-0		Del Valley			W 2-1
Thrall		L 1-3		Thrall		W 2-0		Thrall			W 2-1
Rogers		L 0-3		Rogers		W 2-0		Rogers			L 0-2
Caldwell		L 0-3		Caldwell		L 0-2		Caldwell			L 0-2
Rockdale		W 3-1		Rockdale		W 2-0		Rockdale			W 2-1
Salado	L 0-3,	L 0-3		Salado	L 0-2,	L 0-2		Salado	L 1-2,		L 0-2
Liberty Hill	L 0-3,	L 0-3		Liberty Hill	L 0-2,	L 1-2		Liberty Hill	L 1-2,		L 1-2
Lampasas	L 0-3,	L 0-3		Lampasas	L 0-2,	L 0-2		Lampasas	W 2-1,		W 2-1
Burnet	L 0-3,	L 0-3		Burnet	L 0-2,	L 1-2		Burnet	L 1-2,		L 0-2
Llano	L 0-3,	L 0-3		Llano	L 0-2,	W 2-0		Llano	W 2-1,		W 2-1













1. Coming from behind at the end of the game, Jarvis Caldwell (11) looks to increase the lead against Lampasas. "We played together as a team and never gave up," Jarvis said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **2.** As the clock runs down, Isiah Murray (11) rushes down court to score before the buzzer sounds. "It was a hard game to play against a good team," Isiah said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **3.** After scoring, Dylan Townsend (9) out hustles the Liberty Hill offense down the court to play defense. "Defense wins games," Dylan said. *Photo by Courtney Mcconnell.* **4.** During a pre-district game against an ex-district rival, Rockdale, Collin Vanecek (9) dribbles his way to the basket to stay ahead of the Tigers. "I'm always ready to make a play happen," Collin said. *Photo by Jina Torres.* **5.** In a close battle with Salado, Demarea Kerley (12) focuses on making his free throw. "Our free throws were a key point in that close win," Demarea said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **6.** Lorenzo Sanford (12) sets up a play against Lampasas. "I was in a tough spot in a tough game and had to look for the next smart play to score," Lorenzo said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.*

Varsity Jr. Varsity Freshmen



Front: Wendall Jones, Alex Jewett, Holden Hudson, Lorezo Sanford. **Back**: Fredrick Kerley, Demarea Kerley, Jeremy Snyder, Ronald Scott.



Front: Nelson Rincon, Ryan Hill, Logan Jezisek, Jalen Kerley, Jaden Kubiak.



Front: Quirino Ramirez, Joel Arredondo, Mark Anthony, Carlitos Pachicano, Collin Vanecek. **Back**: Laravis Blunson, Blaine Johnson, Timothy Bailey, Christopher Vrana, My'lik Kerley, Dylan Townsend, Juesse Reyes.

Cedar Ridge	W 68-66	Cedar Ridge	W 47-37
Elgin	L 66-83	Elgin	L 46-59
Waco Conally	W 50-43	Waco Conally	L 19-39
Rockdale	W 53-47	Rockdale	W 36-27
Waco Robinson	W 59-56	Waco Robinson	W 59-33
Giddings	L 55-64	Giddings	W 45-34
La Grange	W 66-62	La Grange	W 52-42
Gatesville	W 69-61	Gatesville	L 62-69
Smithville	W 75-61	Smithville	W 41-18
Liberty Hill	L 79-51, L 96-53	Liberty Hill	L 84-40
Burnet	L 49-65, W 68-58	Burnet	L 36-49
Lampasas	W 62-56, W 52-37	Lampasas	L 45-47, L 51-59
Llano	W 64-54, W 57-54	Llano	W 46-34, W 42-34
Salado	W 37-35, L 34-48	Salado	L 35-39, W 41-36

Cedar Ridge	W 45-37
Elgin	W 53-25
Waco Conally	W 63-53
Rockdale	W 59-34
Waco Robinson	W 57-29
Giddings	L 49-60
La Grange	L 44-60
Gatesville	W 60-16
Smithville	W 51-29
Liberty Hill	L 59-71
Burnet	W 58-41
Lampasas	W 48-35, W 48-31
Llano	W 55-22, W 52-38
Salado	L 65-76, L 39-51



As close as family
Killing time on the bus, members of the basketball team share some music. Though they may fight, they love each other like brothers. "We're a very close team and together a lot, even outside school and practices," Alex Jewett (12) said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.*

Oh**Brother**

Basketball boys share the love.

With varsity's first playoff appearance since 2009, the chemistry on the court was second to none. Off the court, they are as close as family. This led to their regular season success and a valiant effort in their close bi-district playoff game against Fredericksburg.

Guard Lorenzo Sanford (12) said, "We're like brothers, we may have our differences at times, but we overlook them in order to achieve success, and that's a given when you spend so much of your time together."

"With our improved defense and a better understanding of the plays, we were able to work together better than ever before," guard Holden Hudson (11) said, "Making the playoffs filled us with a sense of accomplishment and pride in ourselves as well as the team as a whole."

This sense of pride spread throughout the school. "I was really proud of them--it was the first team we had make the playoffs this year," said Jace Fontenot (11).

And as the team's success continued, the amount of fans in attendance grew as the season progressed. "It was great to see our friends and family, among other members of the community support us and this made our team's desire to win even greater," foward Wendall Jones (12) said, "We fought together and won and lost together. That's how things are when you're like family."

"We **play** for the ones that came before us and set the standards for the ones that **follow us.**"

Dustin **Johnson** (10)

1. As a Freshman moving up to the Varsity team, Shawntell Caldwell does her best to cut the Lampasas lead in the second half. "We played our best against Lampasas. The younger ones really stepped it up and our seniors helped maintain a positive attitude throughout the game," Shawntell said. *Photo by Scott Casey.* **2.** Looking for an open teammate, Sabrina Chavez (9) prepares to pass the ball. "We've had a good season so far and I hope it continues to get better," Sabrina said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **3.** Brittany Maddux (12) sets up a play against Llano. "Even though our season is more difficult, we've learned from our experiences and will keep working hard," Brittany said. *Photo by Scott Casey.* **4.** Marisa Rangel (10) hustles down the court, trying to catch Salado off gaurd and execute the play. "Being point guard is very hard because you must make sure your team knows the play and what to do," Marisa said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **5.** After recovering a knee injury, Courtney Fields (12) dribbles down the court. "This season has been challenging for me because of my injury," Courtney said. **6.** Carrigan Wooldridge (9) tries to get past a Lampasas defender in a tight low-scoring game. "I feel that we could be doing better this season, but we've been improving since the beginning of the season," Carrigan said. *Photo by Scott Casey.* **7.** After a back and forth first half, Kiera Maddox (12) continues to help lead the Lady Duck victory against Rockdale as she heads down court. "Our season has started of better than previous years," Kiera said. **8.** Courtney Findley (10) goes up for a shot while defended by a Lampasas opponent. "We played fairly well against a pretty good team," Courtney said. *Photo by Scott Casey.* **9.** Kicking off the game, Lakeisha Simien (12) springs for the jump ball against Rockdale. "I just jumped saying I'm going to get that ball," Lakeshia said. *Photo by Scott Casey.*


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Varsity Jr. Varsity Freshmen



Front: Alicia Vanek, Bianca Davila, Courtney Fields, Brittany Maddux. **Back**: Brandie Walls, Lakeisha Simien, Natalie Branscum, Kiera Maddox.



Front: Marisa Rangel, Mariah Ramirez. **Back**: Shawntell Caldwell, Anna Ramirez, Madeline Ward, Courtney Findley, Natasha Burnett.



Front: Brittany Foley, Marissa Davila. **Back**: Lydia Moreno, Andrea Galvan, Joelisha Kelly, Ashley Smith.

Reagan	W 38-32	Reagan	
Academy	L 30-40	Academy	
Rockdale	W 44-38	Rockdale	
Groesbeck	L 40-53	Groesbeck	
Travis	L 32-56	Travis	
Lanier	W 50-25	Lanier	
Jarrell	L 37-65	Jarrell	
Caldwell	W 33-28	Caldwell	
Llano	L 29-39,	L 36-54	Llano
Salado	L 10-63,	L 25-68	Salado
Liberty Hill	L 29-75,	L 31-83	Liberty Hill
Burnet	L 28-63,	L 24-54	Burnet
Lampasas	L 33-43,	L 37-57	Lampasas

Academy		L 18-36
Travis		L 3-18
Jarrell		L 17-38
Caldwell		L 17-33
Llano	L 8-49,	L 12-13
Salado		L 8-48
Liberty Hill		L 11-52
Burnet		L 19-30
Lampasas		L 10-12

Scores Unavailable

Against**Odds**

Dribble, shoot, score!

This year the Taylor Lady Ducks had a prominent pre-district season with a record of 4-4; beating Reagan, Rockdale, Lanier, and Caldwell. An improvement from last year's pre-district season. Unfortunately the Lady Ducks' record for district wasn't as favorable. They were in a new and tougher district, competing against teams like Liberty Hill and Salado, but that didn't stop them from working intently on reaching their goals on the court. "It was a challenge, but it was an improvement from last season," Amanda Martinez (11) said.

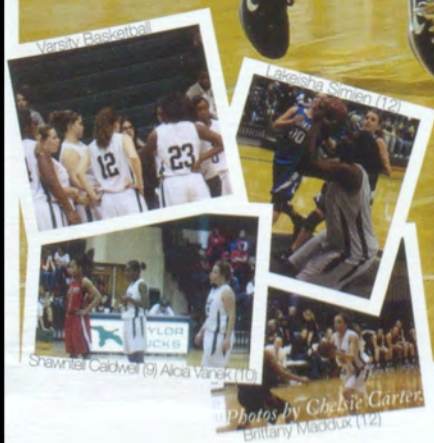
The five seniors on the team definitely stepped it up and gave it their all for their last season in high school, leaving behind some helpful hints for the younger girls on the team. "The seniors helped us maintain a positive attitude throughout the season, whether we were winning or losing. They also helped us younger players realize we are playing at a higher level that we aren't used to and helped us to step up our game and contribute to the team," Shawntell Caldwell (9) said.

The girls were also under a new head coach this year, Christina Reyna, in addition to having a new freshman coach, Joseph Schulze. Reyna worked the girls hard with rigorous workouts throughout the season, pushing them to keep going even when they were tired and teaching them to strive for what they wanted. "The coaches helped us through our season by pushing us and striving for us to better ourselves," Amanda said.

Having gotten a taste of the new district, the younger girls they know what to expect. "We'll be a young team with not many seniors," said Alicia Vanek (10), "but we hope to keep improving so we can beat this year's record.



Jump Shot
Amanda Martinez (11) goes up for a three-pointer against a new district opponent, Lampasas. "Our season has been quite a challenge, but I have enjoyed it with our new coach," Amanda said. *Photo by Scott Casey.*


Varsity Basketball

Latrisha Simien (12)

Shawntell Caldwell (9) Alicia Vanek (10)

Brittany Maddux (12)

Photos by Chelsie Carter

What's the best part?



"The best thing about basketball was just being together. We were just a big family. We would joke around and pull pranks on each other all the time."

Brandie Walls (12)
Post



Leaving a Legacy

Seniors relinquish a 4-year commitment.

Pride and determination are just two words that described the four returning seniors that lead the duck soccer team this year, the same group of guys that were apart of Taylor High School's very first soccer team started just four years ago. "The guys that are leading our team this year, are setting the tone for the years ahead," Coach Casey Shuck said.

The soccer team this year has faced its hardest district since the start back in 2008, "Never did I think we could compete with schools like Hendrickson and Conally," Victor Ramirez (12) said. The soccer team has fought and earned a playoff contingency with these top four A schools.

"I'm going to miss sharing the field with my teammates of course, but I'm planning on pursuing soccer in the future," Ulises Avalos (12) said when asked how he would feel when he would have to leave his four-year commitment.

The soccer team has faced many obstacles since starting in 2008 and is proud to see off it's seniors in style with a playoff spot. "The loss of our seniors is going to make a big impact on our team next year," Jace Fontenot said.

Play Caller

Captain, Ulises Avalos (12), prepares to throw the ball in bounds. "The Hendrickson game was intense and tiring. They are very good opponents," Ulises said. The Ducks lost that game to Hendrickson 4 to 0. *Photo by Kaylah Torres.*

Varsity Boys



Front: Nichoals Ochoa, Pablo Lopez, Marco Gonzalez, Marco Hernandez, Bobby Martinez. **Second:** Michael McIntire, Samuel Murgia, Jose Araujo, Marcus Torres, Jose Martinez, Jeffrey Carpenter, Benito Aguilera. **Third:** Coach Casey Shuck, Ulises Avalos, Russel Boussart, Moises Tellez, Brandon Morales, Kristian Tovar, Victor Ramirez, Horeb Tinco-Lopez, Codie Hall. **Back:** Jose Valladares, Jairo Diaz-Lazaro, Gabriel Reyna, Andrew Hawes, Jace Fontenot, Nathan Jones, Diego Escalante, Stephen Svatek.

Hendrickson	L 4-0, L 4-1
Elgin	L 4-1, L 3-0
Hutto	T 0-0, W 5-1
Manor	T 3-3, L 3-1
Connally	T 0-0, L 3-1

what soccer means in one word



"Exhilarating." *Michael McIntire (11)*



"Excitement." *Nicholas Ochoa (11)*



"Passion." *Marco Gonzales (12)*



"Life." *Lee Tinoco (11)*



"Competition." *Victor Ramirez (12)*

Varsity Girls



Front: Nichole Johnson, Diana Ramirez, Zulelca De La Cerda, Zoey Howard, Allison Erwin. **Middle:** Mikhayla Teles, Maria Lopez, Alex Garcia, Selena Castillo, Jackie Polanco, Esperanza Ortiz, Jocelyn Vega. **Back**: Caterina Villatoro, Ismenia De La Cerda, Carli Drake, Robyn Reyes, Maryrose Fagan, Lilly-Ann Engler, Deyanira Castillo, Shania Henderson.

Hendrickson	L 0-8,	L 0-9
Elgin	L 1-4,	L 2-8
Hutto	L 0-3,	L 0-3
Manor	L 0-6,	L 0-7
Conally	L 1-6,	L 0-4

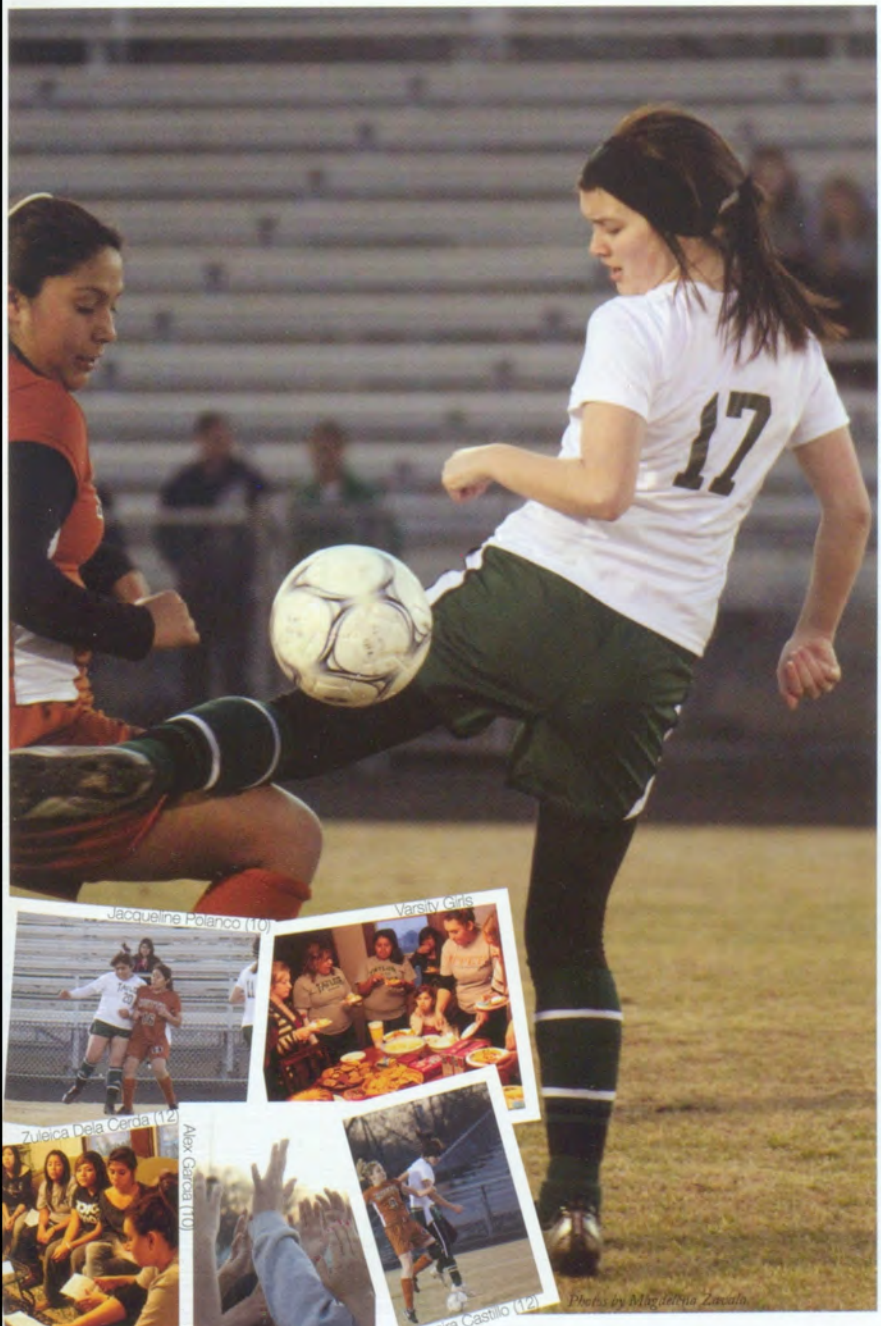
Fancy Footwork

Mikhayla Teles (9) gets a ball past a Hutto defender. "Quote he did it not me," Mikhayla said. The Ducks lost that game to Hutto 0 to 3. *Photo by Scott Casey.*

Soccer How to

Caterina Villatoro (11) shows the ball handling drills the girls soccer team does for the first thirty minutes of their practice. She has been playing soccer since she was four years old. "The best thing about soccer is the competition and it keeps you in shape. I'd like to play soccer in college," Caterina said. *Photos by Jessica Humphreys.*





Jacqueline Polanco (10)

Varsity Girls

Zulelca Dela Cerda (12)

Alex Garcia (10)

Deyanira Castillo (12)

Esperanza Ortiz (12)

Varsity Girls

Photos by Magdelina Zavala

Bonds to build

New coach faces obstacles when bonding her team.

At the beginning of the year, the girl's soccer team wasn't exactly what could be considered a family. But when the new soccer coach, Ms. Lourdes Balderrama, stepped onto the scene, all that began to change. She jumped right into the thick of it and started reading off the riot act to make sure the kids knew that soccer was her passion and that she meant business. "Knowing it was a new program, I came in with an open mind because it's hard to have a strategy when you don't know what you're working with," Coach Balderrama said.

In her effort to bring the team together mentally, she physically started getting the girls together for lunch every Wednesday to help them bond off field and to try to get them to think more like a team. "I feel [the lunch meetings] helped us grow together as a team because it helped us experience bonding not only on the field but also in our personal lives," Diana Ramirez (11) said.

Of course, problems and injuries in an intense sport like soccer are inevitable. One of the major issues was when veteran goalie Carli Drake (10) was injured and Shania Henderson (9) had to take her place. Which wouldn't be so bad except that Shania had never played goalie and had to learn on the fly to be able to keep in games. "It [was rough] because it's what happened last year," Carli said.

"And it was hard for me because it was my first year," Shania interjected, "But it was good because it gave me a challenge." *Story by Cameron Dupy.*

Powerlifting



Front: Bryan Martinez, Jordan Trevino, Michael McIntire. **Back:** David Salazar, Brandon Negus, Royal Lucas.

Regional Results:

123 lb. class - Michael McIntire	1st Place
132 lb. class - Brandon Negus	5th Place
148 lb. class - Royal Lucas	3rd Place
220 lb. class - Edward Barrera	3rd Place
275+ lb. class - Johnny Rios	5th Place

Watered down

Annual powerlifting meet canceled.

Taylor's annual powerlifting meet was scheduled to be held at the middle school on Saturday February fifth. The lifters were prepared, NHS members were equipped for the concession stand they were conducting, and all volunteers were ready and willing to work. All this came to a sudden halt due to the four consecutive days of freezing temperatures.

One of the metal pipes on an exterior wall of the middle school gym froze, and as the temperature grew warmer, the ice in the pipe started to melt, thus expanding and then bursting the pipe. The result was gallons of water gushing onto the gym floor, and flooding the whole area. In an effort to save the gym, the baseboards were removed and fans were brought in to ventilate the water. This technique wasn't working well enough and the whole floor had to be removed eventually. Taylor' s annual powerlifting meet had to be cancelled. "It was just mostly disappointing because we had put in a lot of work," Coach Marek said.

The team had mixed feelings about the situation. Edward Barrera (12) tried to stay optimistic about the situation, saying it provided him with "more sleep." While Michael McIntire (11) said, "I was disappointed because that was my opportunity to weigh in at the 123 weight class."



Straining to Succeed
David Salazar (10) attempts his third squat lift at Thrall's second annual Powerlifting Classic. "I think the Thrall meet was the easiest for me," David said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.*

Fore or five

Small team meets challenges

More athletes than ever before started of this golf season. With two returning varsity lettermen, juniors Aaron McQuary and Terry "TJ" Flores provided a valuable experience to the team. "quote from tj leading the golf team in some form or fashion. I enjoy the tournaments, they are a lot of fun," said TJ Flores, "I like playing, and meeting all the kids from the different schools."

While being an experienced player, Aaron McQuary also tries to lighten up the mood at tournaments. "I enjoy making my group laugh, it makes the game a lot more enjoyable," Aaron McQuary said.

The Ducks attended the Salado "Big Eagle" tournament and played at the future district site, Mill Creek. They also participated at the Llano River Tournament, another future district course site. "Getting to play on these courses will greatly benefit us when we start district," TJ Flores said.

The girls' division of the team had only a single member, freshman Maddie Ward. "It's extremely lonesome, but it's also really fun because you get to make new friends and I really love the game," said Maddie, "But you don't get to eat all day, which is not very fun."



Terry Flores (11) Seth Thomas (11)

Dominic Marmelejo (9)

Terry Flores (11) Aaron McQuary (11)

Photo by Seth Thomas

Trainers





Front: Carol Vasquez, Jessi Lopez, Cassidy Ramirez, Charles Kemp, Lauren Camacho
Second: Ashleigh Falcon, Shanice Caldwell, Alyssa Torres, Sadey Komandosky, Head Trainer Nikki Ray

Golf







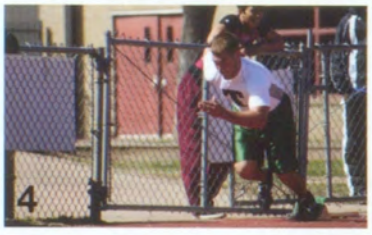
Front: Terry Flores, Jared Henson, Maddie Ward, Dominic Marmelejo, Kyle Bohac **Inset:** Seth Thomas, Aaron McQuary

Lampasas @ Hancock Park Golf Course - Boys
Lampasas @ Hancock Park Golf Course - Girls
Cameron @ Cameron C.C. - Boys
Cameron @ Cameron C.C. - Girls
Salado @ Wildflower Progressive - Boys
Salado @ Mill Creek - Boys
Llano @ Llano River Golf Course - Girls
Llano @ Llano River Golf Course - Boys
Llano @ Llano River Golf Course - Boys/Girls
Salado @ Mill Creek - Boys/Girls















1. Coming off the blocks, Katie Faught (10) starts her race. "When the gun is shot, I do my best to not false start. Track is really rewarding and pretty much my life," Katie said. **2.** Keeping her goals in mind, Gabrielle Villarreal (10) keeps up her pace to finish her run. "I would really like to make it to district this year," Gabrielle said. **3.** To prepare for their races, Fredrick Kerley (10) and his teammates go through agilities. "The races went okay, but there is a lot of work to be done for the season," Fredrick said. **4.** Leaping into a sprint, Jay Peterson (11) takes off as quick as possible to get a good lead on his opponents. "I like to keep in mind 'if you're not first you're last,' I try to be the best I can be," Jay said. **5.** At the second meet of the season, Caterina Villatoro (11) gets set to run. "I was very nervous and tried my hardest to stay focused, races always give me an adrenaline rush," Caterina said. **6.** Approaching the finish line, My'lik Kerley (9) catches his breath. "All I could think about was finishing the race and passing the guy in front of me," My'lik said. **7.** After warming up, Emmett Wiggins (11) is ready for his event. "Track is very competitive and you have to stay focused," Emmett said. *Photos by Koby Huckabee.*

Girls Varsity



Front: Zoey Howard, Gabrielle Villarreal, Alisha Gallardo, Katie Bryant, Courtney Fields **Second**: Carrigan Wooldridge, Shawntell Caldwell, Katie Faught, Vanessa Castenda-Valdivia, Destiny Rodriguez, Katlyn Hitt, Angel Gonzalez, Brittany Foley. **Third**: Natalie Branscum, Rhegan Stroup, Carra Johnson, Madeline Ward, Jennifer Townsend, Anna Ramirez, Amber Vrabel, Lydia Moreno.

Bastrop Relays
Round Rock Dragon Relays
Elgin Wildcat Relays
Palacios Shark Relays
Lexington Relays
Mustang Relays
District Meet @ Lampasas (9th grade)
Texas Relays (Austin)
District 25AAA Meet @ Burnet
Regional Meet @ Calalen - Corpus Christi
State Meet – Austin

Boys Varsity



Front: Charles Kemp, Jay Peterson, Raymond Rodriguez, Terrence Thompson. **Second**: Joshua Villarreal, Isaac Franco, Laravis Blunson, Aaron Wilson, Nick Dominguez, Dylan Townsend, Emmit Wiggins, Justin Deary, Edgar Carrera. **Third:** Ryan Hill, Antonio Elizondo, Rodney Patterson, Albert Vasquez, Wendell Jones, My'lik Kerley, David Hernandez, Daniel Rojas, Johnny Epperson. **Back:** Dantrel Hargers, Jace Fontenot, Timothy Bailey, Fredrick Kerley, Christopher Frank, Hayden Wilhelm.

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Photo by Koby Huckabee.

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Katie Bryant (10) Mariah Ramirez (10)

Seniors only



Right out of the blocks, track requires the most individual effort from each member on the team. Although you're a part of a team, in most events, results depend on only you. To better the chances of the team succeeding at a meet, each member must strive to do their best, even at practices. This is something that seniors Koby Huckabee and Angel Gonzales know well from experience. "I like that it's all on me and I don't have to depend on anyone else to help me do my best," Koby said, "I always try to break my own records and get better each week."

Being a senior is also important for these two members, they must also be leaders of the team while focusing on their own events. "As a senior, it's important to do the best I can," Angel said, "You have to make the most of what you have left!" *Photos by xxxxxx xxxxxx*

"I haven't done **hurdles** since the **7th** grade. The coaches just kind of **threw me in there!**"

Jace **Fontenot** (11)

Design **Chelsie Carter**
Reporting **Lynsie Patschke & Alicia Vanek**

Rebuilding a team

Graduation means a new team for next year.

After four years of countless hours of practice, extreme dedication, and tons of memories, ten tennis seniors face graduation. Graduation to these seniors means leaving the friendships and life lessons from on and off the court. These seniors have been together since day one of tennis in middle school. "When I first started coaching at Taylor, I coached these seniors as 7th graders. It'll be sad for me when they leave because I watched them grow up," Kevin Ramm said.

With the 2011 seniors graduating, the team next year will have to step up and basically rebuild to get a team as strong as this year's. "I'm really upset everyone's leaving next year because we've really become close, and we're really relying on the underclassmen to step it up next year," Morgan Cmerek (10) said.

With all those years of playing together, "tennis teams form families and this team has to be one of the closest teams I've coached, I love and will truly miss the class of 2011," Vikki Hall said.

Fall Tennis



Front: Lynsie Patschke, Kaylee Nemec, Coty Gola, Mallory Marcon, Kasi Lozano. **Second:** Terry Florez, Colton Anderson, Aaron McQuary, Maisen Lawhon, Isabel Yanez, Elizabeth Sengler, Lilly Ingler. **Back:** Coach Vicki Hall, Bradley Ging, Braden Gross, Steven Mcallister, Sloane Cotner, Ian Rucker, Reagan Fischer, Keith Hair, Hayden Wilkins, Coach Kevin Ramm.

Thrall
Elgin
Taylor
XXX - Girls
Del Valley - Boys
Gatesville - Girls Regional
West - Boys Regional
Corpus Christi - Girls State
Abilene - Boys State



Coty Gola (11) Mallory Marcon (10)

Edward Murray (12)

Maisen Lawhon (12)

Morgan Cmerek (10)

Sloane Cotner (12)

Kayla Beran (12)

Braden Gross (12)

Isabel Yanez (12)

Reaching for success
Braden Gross (12) looks to ace his opponent in the regional tennis meet. He and his mixed doubles partner, Sloane Cotner (12), ended up easily taking the match. "Zach Wilkins taught me to serve," Braden said.

Photos by Sloane Cotner and Maisen Lawhon.

why would anybody do that?

Cross Country isn't exactly fun.

For a sport in which the entire basis is staring down a course three miles long mentally preparing yourself to make it the whole way without puking or fainting, all the while lining up on a stretch of road with 200 other kids all trying to do the same thing, its not likely one would describe it as "fun". And yet, every year, dozens of kids drag their exhausted bodies out of bed before the sun even thinks about rising to get in shape with long time leader Coach Shelli Cobb. Senior Deyanira Castillo (12) is one of those dedicated crazies. "I got in cross country to get ready for soccer and to try something new for my senior year, and it actually turned out to be fun. I met a bunch of new people, and there's something going on all the time," Deyanira said.

After weeks of long and early practices, meets come around and it's the same story, except it's bigger. Up before the sun, getting mentally prepared to run a seemingly impossible distance against lots of other runners who all appear to be the most serious athletes in the game, and yet it stays fun. "Meets are the best part, really the only reason I'm still in cross country," Noah Kopit (11) said. "Besides the fact that you get to push yourself against other schools, what's better than sitting around and stuffing your face all day, running for 20 minutes, and then continuing to eat? Of course it's fun." Whether in it to get in shape of just for the fun of it, cross country is an unlikely sport for tons of fun, and still kids sweat it out, literally, for the friends and the good times.

Cross Country



Back: David Salazar, Justin Patschke, Antonio Elizondo, Jacob Kopit, Dawson Gay, Noah Kopit, Albert Vasquez, Tyler Jaecks, Nick Dominguez. **Middle:** Elric Martinez, Stephen Svatek, Mary-Rose Fagan, Ana Ramirez, Lacie Hensen, Jennifer Townsend, Sandra Rangel, Deyanira Castillo, Charles Kemp, Josh Villareal. **Front:** Bryan Martinez, Angel Gonazales, Mariah Ramirez, Katie Faught, Kathryn Bryant, Zuleica DeLa Cerda-Ordaz, Gabriel Villareal, Zoey Howard, Jeff Carpenter.

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Cedar Park
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Georgetown
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Survivor Run (Taylor)
Llano (District)
UTSA (Regionals)
Round Rock (State)



No rest for the weary
Elric Martinez (12) lags as Stephen Svatek (11) prepares to pass him about halfway through their race at the District meet. "That was my worst meet of the year," Elric said. "I had allergies so bad, I couldn't breathe." *Photos by Marcie Svatek.*

Boys Varsity

Vanessa Castaneda (9)

Mariah Ramirez (10)

Holden Hudson (11)

Josh Villarreal (10)

Varsity Girls



















1. Varsity pitcher, Selena Lopez (10) winds up to pitch at the Taylor Invitational Tournament. "Being a pitcher has more than one role. We carry most of the weight even when we know we have a whole team behind us," Selena said. **2.** Marisa Rangel (10) bats for the junior varsity game against Liberty Hill. "You have to stay focused and wait for the ball to come to you," Marisa said. **3.** Preparing to bat, Brandie Walls (12) puts on her batting gloves. "Before I go up to bat, I get mentally focused on what I'm to do at the plate and try not to think too much while I'm up there," Brandie said. **4.** Kasi Lozano (12) slides head first into third base. "That was my first and last head first slide, because I re-injured my arm," Kasi said. **5.** Listening to instructions from her coach, JV player Lauren Vrana (10) prepares to steal second base. "I don't like running bases because my strides aren't long enough," Lauren said. **6.** The varsity team cheers as a teammate bats. "I like cheering for the person batting, to let them know I support them," Lauren Standifer (12) said. **7.** Alyssa Reyes (9), along with Alexis Burnett (9) yells in the dugout during a JV game. "I cheer for my teammate so they'll know I have their back," Alyssa said. **8.** Down in ready position, Ashley Burow (11) prepares to recieve a grounder. "When playing short stop, you have to know every thing that's going on," Ashley said. **9.** On deck, Chelsie Carter (11) warms up while Megan Matuke (12) bats. "I always try to focus on timing the pitcher," Chelsie said. *Photos by Sloane Cotner and Chelsie Carter.*

Off the field



The softball team has not only been focusing on winning games this year, they've also been working on building a tighter and stronger bonded team. "Team dinners bring us closer together and help us communicate, and we bring that to the field," Katelyn Kuhl (11) said. The girls have been making their relationships stronger by having team dinners the night before each game and also participating in team building activities. *Photos by Jessica Humphreys and Chelsie Carter.*

Varsity



Front: Chelsie Carter, Megan Matuke. **Second:** Katelyn Kuhl, Marissa Guzman, Kasi Lozano, Selena Lopez, Jessi Lopez, Jordan Trevino. **Back**: Lauren Standifer, Brandie Walls, Samantha Pachicano, Ashley Burow, Amanda Martinez.

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Jr. Varsity



Front: Marisa Rangel, Alicia Vanek. **Second:** Cortney Gamez, Alexis Burnett, Desiree Cortez, Ashley Zavala, Lynsie Patschke, Alyssa Reyes. **Back:** Ashley Smith, Kallye Marek, Lauren Vrana, Alexandra Reyes, Natasha Burnett.

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Varsity



Front: Cade Samuelson, Eric Alderete, Colton Anderson, Justin Kolinek, Kale McQuillen, David Lee Ancira, Brandon Martinez. **Back:** Dylan Weise, Joshua Richter, Alex Jewett, Carter Sakewitz, Noah Kopit, Dillon Pekar, Chase Richter.

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JV Green



Front: Gilbert Velasquez, Steve Larson, Peter Carrizales, AJ Devlin. **Second**: Mauricio Camarillo, Daniel Moreno, Joseph Cantu, Joel Valverde, Erik Nunez. **Back**: Roy Rangel, Blayne Hegar, Jalen Kerley, Cullen Sakewitz, Tyler Jaecks, Cory Casey.

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JV White



Front: Quirino Ramirez, Brandon Williams, Barron Hunt, Tyler Vanecek, Rollan Espinoza, Dominique Marmallejo, Rhegan Brooks. **Back**: Dillion Kreidel, Esteban Arce, Blaine Johnson, Chris Vrana, Jacob Kopit, Dylan Townsend.

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Pitching 101

Eric Alderete (10) shows the four main steps for pitching. Eric is one of the pitchers for the varsity baseball team and also plays short-stop. He has been pitching since he was nine years old. "My favorite thing about baseball is competing and having fun. Hopefully I get a scholarship to play in college," Eric said. *Photos by Jessica Humphreys.*



Varsity



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1. Catching his breath, Chase Richter (12) surveys his injury in the dugout. "I had just came in from getting cleated by Pekar in the dugout," Chase said. **2.** Colton Anderson (12) backs up Kale McQuillen (11) on a grounder. "I felt pretty bad about missing it, but I have a short term memory on the field," Colton said. **3.** Warming up, Dylan Weise (11) throws to his teammate in right field. "It sucks that I don't get to play, but atleast I get to warm up my teammate," Dylan said. **4.** Brandon Martinez (9) throws a pitch to the opposing batter. "The only thing that goes through my mind before I throw a pitch, is just 'gotta throw a strike'," Brandon said. **5.** The varsity team huddles before taking the field. "During team huddles we encourage each other and get pumped before we start," Dillon Pekar (11) said. **6.** Alex Jewett (12) and other teammates line up along the fence before the game starts. "I like to lighten the mood and make them laugh," Alex said. **7.** Giving support to his teammates, Justin Kolinek (9) bumps fists with Cade Samuelson (12) and Kale McQuillen (11). "We have a bunch of support on the team, every time anyone does something good we'll give them a fist bump," Kale said. **8.** Josh Richter (11) puts on his catcher's gear after batting. "I'm usually pretty quick at putting all my gear on, but sometimes when I'm the last out I take a little longer," Josh said. *Photos by Sloane Cotner.*

JV



Photos by Jessica Humphreys and Magdelena Zavala.

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Sister sister

Ochoa sisters share more than just a room.

When you spend eight hours a day for five days a week practicing with other girls, they start to feel like your sisters--but they aren't *actually* your sisters. But in the case of Victoria Ochoa (12) and Lauren Ochoa (10), they are *real* sisters, on and off the floor.

This is the Ochoa sisters' second year dancing together as a part of the Hi-Stepper group. "It's good, it's something we have in common, but I'm with her 24/7," Victoria said.

Sometimes they got on each other's nerves, but have had to learn to separate their sister relationship from their Stepper relationship. "I don't listen to her at home, but in Hi-Steppers, I don't have a choice," Lauren said. Since Tori was Colonel, the highest-ranking Stepper, all the girls had to follow her orders. Just because Lauren is her little sister, that didn't mean she was exempted.

The Hi-Steppers practiced every morning before school from 6:30 until 8:30, then from when school got out until 10 at night. They got demerits if they missed practice and recieved ten 'stars' (difficult jumping exercises) for each minute they were late.

Before each half-time performance they would give each other a hug. "I really am going to miss her, because it gives us a bond and it's something we have in common and next year we won't have it," Victoria said.

Victoria was Colonel her junior and senior years, and Lauren plans to try out for Lt. Colonel for the upcoming year, but she worries about living in her sister's shadow. "I don't want to be known as little Tori," Lauren said.



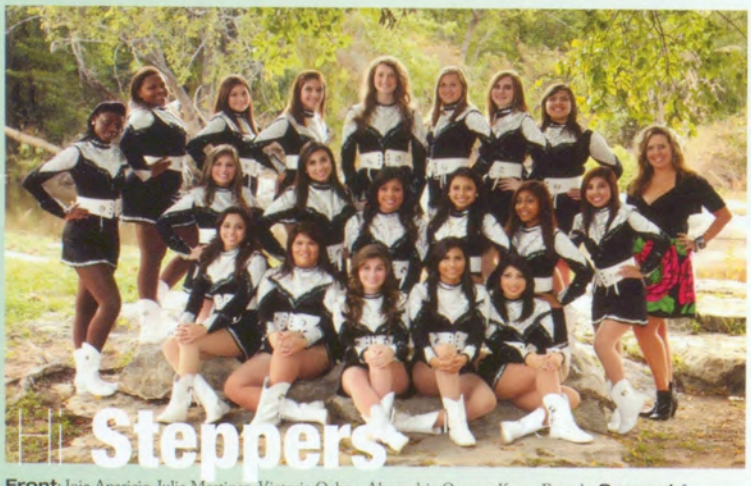
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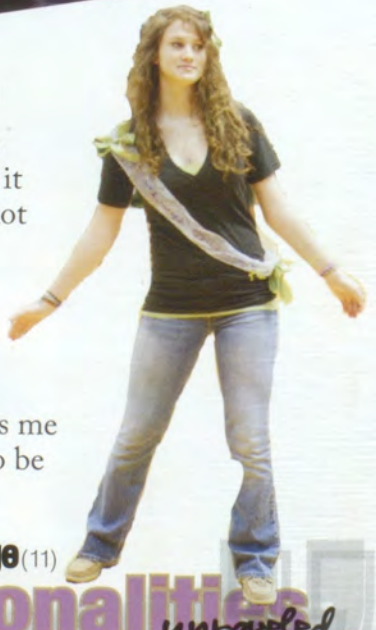
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Hi Steppers

Front: Joie Aparicio, Julie Martinez, Victoria Ochoa, Alexandria Orozco, Kacey Estrada. **Second**: Lauren Ochoa, Abril Villalobos, Stephanie Gutierrez, Deanna Mendez, Karina Nabarrette, Lorena Torres. **Third**: Kadijah Dembo, Veronique Green, Renae Torrez, Mary Walls, Austyn Savage, Bethany Matthys, Victoria Gardner, Shadow Rolan, Coach Ashley Sengsouvanh.



"I really love dancing and it consumes a lot of my life because I do it everyday. I feel like dancing gives me something to be good at."

Austyn **Savage** (11)

personalities unraveled



Photo by Kendall Wrinkle.

just dance













1. The Hi-stepper officers brought a home routine to officer camp to compete against other officers. "Zero sleep is the perfect way to describe it," Julie Martinez (12) said. *Courtesy Photo.* **2.** Shadow Rolan (10) dances with her step-dad during the Homecoming game. "He's not my real dad, he's my step-dad, and we don't talk that much, but by doing that dance we spent a lot of time together," Shadow said. The Hi-Steppers do a Daddy-Daughter dance every year at the Homecoming game. *Photo by Magdalena Zavala.* **3.** At the pep rally the Hi-Steppers perform for the students and parents. "When you hear people clapping it makes you feel good," Lorena Torres (10) said. *Photo by Israel Galvan.* **4.** The Hi-Steppers perform during a home football game half-time show with the band. "It gives me the butterflies, but it's a great feeling," Abril Villalobos (10) said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **5.** The Hi-Steppers form their spirit lines in the gym waiting for the pep rally to begin. "It's fun when there's a lot of people in the audience; it pumps me up," Joie Aparicio (11) said. *Photo by Sloane Cotner.* **6.** The officers perform their officer dance for the school during a pep rally. "It's different than any other environment because you're dancing in front of your peers," Kacey Estrada (11) said. They learned the dance at Hi-Stepper camp. *Photo by Jessica Carr.*

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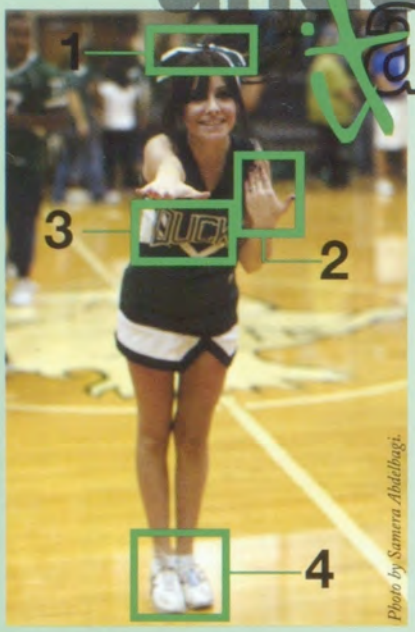


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Ivy Albright Senior Varsity Cheerleader

1 "Bows complete a cheerleader's uniform. They're cute and they add an extra pop! I always seem to lose mine, I actually have one borrowed from Liberty Jones at this moment."

2 "I love our mascot being the Ducks. It makes us unique being the only high school to have that type of mascot."

3 "To get ready for games and pep-rallies, I usually will do a little extra. I'll add glitter, put on some darker blush, and for night time add some darker lipstick."

4 "I've hurt my ankles a lot of times! I've rolled both and just recently had to be in a boot for a severe sprain. I have also had to get an MRI done on one of them before."

Bringing it x2

Being a cheerleader and playing volleyball makes a full day.

Many high school students juggle extra-circular activities outside of school with their school life, but being a part of two sports that are both in their prime season at the same time while trying to maintain high grades is practically unheard of. Rhegan Stroup (11) accomplished this seemingly impossible task using all of the endurance that she had.

Rhegan was a varsity cheerleader this year, in addition to being on the varsity volleyball team. Both sports began on the exact same day back in August, beginning the weary task of making them happen.

Before deciding whether to do both sports or not, she went through some serious contemplation. "I knew going into it, it was going to be hard no doubt," Rhegan said. Though she knew it was going to be hard, it turned into far more then she had bargained for.

While other kids were at home relaxing, hanging with friends, or getting a jump start on their homework, she was rushing from practice to practice after a monotonous day of school. "During the week it got most stressful cause I had to do a ton of homework on top of practice," Rhegan said. School work was the last thing on her mind at the end of the day and unfortunately it started to show on her grades. "It definitely caused me to slack in some classes," Rhegan said.

Though very important, grades weren't the only thing Rhegan was giving up for both of these sports; her Friday nights were full of stress. Whether it was cheering for a team, or being the one cheered for while playing volleyball. Most Friday nights were spent doing both, from playing in a strenuous volleyball game to rushing to cheer on the football team. "One of the hardest parts had to be going from volleyball games straight to football games, especially away games because I felt so rushed," Rhegan said. "A little after volleyball ended things calmed down until track season began."



Cheerleaders

Front: Sierra Gonzalez, Taylor Talavera. **Second**: Lauren Camacho, Destiny Rodriguez, Mariah Ojeda, Alexis Burnett, Selena Olguin. **Third**: Sponsor Tish Lira, Sponsor Nicole Schneider, Alyssa Torres, Rhegan Stroup, Cierra Tealer, Codie Hall. **Back**: Heather Hegar, Ivy Albright, Hannah Weison, Liberty Jones, Jessica Humphreys, Gaby Dominguez.

"Being in the air is really exciting but a little scary. I have to trust my bases won't drop me but it's always worth taking the risk to pump the crowd up."



Lauren **Camacho** (10)

personalities unraveled



non-stop fans





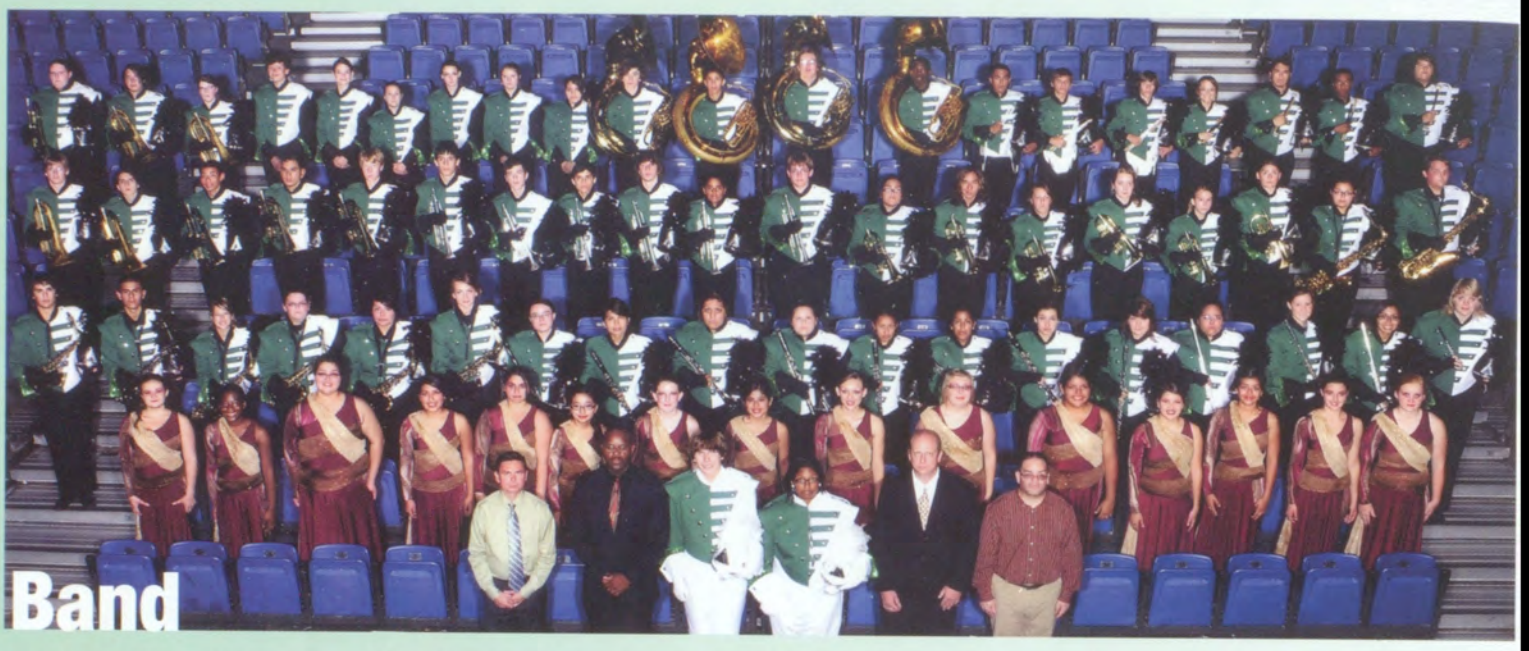








1. The varsity cheerleaders pump up the crowd from the sideline during the football game against Liberty Hill. "I've been waiting to finally be able to cheer on Friday nights since I was a little girl," Liberty Jones (11) said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **2.** Giving a lift, Heather Hegar (12) and Jessica Humphreys (11) push Ivy Albright (12) above the football lockers to hang up a sign to decorate the locker room for the homecoming game. "The boys really enjoy our decorations and signs, it really gets their spirit going," Ivy Albright (12) said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **3.** Destiny Rodriguez (9) does a toe-touch for a touchdown during the JV football game. "I try and remember to stretch and do leg lifts every night to keep my jumps high," Destiny Rodriguez (9) said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **4.** Mariah Ojeda (12) cheers at the homecoming pep rally, the last football pep rally she will ever be involved in. "I had a mixture of feelings before my last homecoming, but I made sure I went all out and wouldn't take anything back," Mariah said. *Photo by Samera Adelbagi.* **5.** The varsity cheerleaders hold up the run through sign for the football boys to crash through. "It's a little sad every time the boys tear apart our hard work, especially when the sign is super cute," Hannah Weison (11) said. *Photo by Chelsie Carter.* **6.** At the pep rally, the cheerleaders catch some air while performing their home pom routine they had taken to summer cheer camp. "We just turn on music and dance till we find moves we like, then stick it all together to make a dance," Heather Hegar (12) said. *Photo by Samera Adelbagi.*



Band

Front: Percussion Instructor Christopher Montemayor, Director Jacques Brown, Assistant Drum Major Nathaniel Jones, Head Drum Major Maricela Fernandez, Assistant Director David Motl, Guard Instructor Mike Vasquez. **Second**: Savannah Leslie, Brittany Foley, Alexandria Lopez, Griselda Morales, Autumn Stabeno, Marisol Correa, Renee Hines, Heather Luna, Allyson Powell, Sadey Komandosky, Ismenia De La Cerda, Maria Lopez, Selena Castillo, Roslyn Young, Leann Cantwell. **Third**: Thomas Solbach, Alejandro Sanchez, Avriel Pietsch, Mary Nardecchia, Laura Gonzalez, Ashlynn Volek, Ashley Bengtson, Alyssa Garza, Jacqueline Polanco, Brooke Gardner, Gabrielle Villarreal, Zuleica De La Cerda, Blanca Lopez, Jina Torres, Renee Chavez, Shannon Von Gerichten, Marcy Rodriguez, Lorellye Graham. **Fourth**: Dylan Townsend, Nicholas Mendoza, Charles Kemp, Damian Alayon, Justin Patschke, Kyle Bohac, Adam Janecka, Bryan Martinez, Stephen Svatek, Quirino Ramirez, Michael Bryant, Minerva Alderete, Nathan Dunn, Abby Howard, Lynsie Patschke, Julie Polasek, Shayla Harvey, Desiree Cortez, Travis Kovar. **Back**: Mary Griffin, Alexander Kauai, Amy Janecka, Dominic Elizondo, Maryrose Fagan, Courtney Martin, Kendall Wrinkle, Audrey Harris, Andrea Navarro, Elric Martinez, David Salazar, Trey Meaker, Mylik Kerley, Arthur Boussart, Gabriel Montemayor, Joshua Villarreal, Courtney Mcconnell, Daniel Duran, Dominic Marmolejo, Abraham Oranday. **Not Pictured**: Diana Lepe, Nathaniel Mcfarlin, Elizabeth Sengler.



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Summer band camp

1. Elric Martinez (12) practices his tuba during a summer band rehearsal. "We played the same note throughout the entire piece. It was uniquely awful," Elric said. He and the three other tubas helped make up the bass voice. **2.** Selena Castillo (9) practices her flag work with the rest of the color guard. "We'd get really serious about it, because you could see if we got it wrong on the field," Selena said. The guard would get to rehersal an hour before everyone else on Monday nights. **3.** Zuleica De La Cerda (12) practices her marching technique. "It's something that must be well executed to be successful," Zuleica said. The band would start off every rehersal with marching basics. **4.** Marisol Correa (9) holds her flag while the band was marching. "It took a month out of my summer and I love summer," Marisol said. The band started practicing at the end of July. **5.** Marcy Rodriguez (12) plays her flute during an inside rehersal. "I like playing inside better, because I don't like playing in the hot ," Marcy said. The band would play inside after lunch, during the hottest part of the day.



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Photos by Kendall Wrinkle

Putting it all Together

Drum majors combine all into one.

Trumpets, clarinets, and flutes are just some of the instruments that make up the band. It takes more than just one section to be an award winning marching band. Maricela Fernandez (12) understands that when she leads the band onto the field. "Each section benefits another to make it sound the way it should," Maricela said.

Conducting the band isn't as easy as Maricela makes it seem. Drum majors have to memorize each time change and cues along with staying together with each other. They also have to go to drum major camp for a week during the summer. Maricela's assistant drum major, Nathan Jones (11), was her left-hand man all through the marching season. "It's a unique experience, it's a huge responsibility with challenging pressures," Nathan said. The drum majors would lead the band at every football game and marching contest. After a slow start to the year, the band was able to come together from the many sections to transform into one complete marching band. The band came in first at the Capitol City Marching Contest and placed in several other contests.

The band ended up making it to the Area Marching contest, and from there, to the State Marching Contest. "It felt awesome being in a band that's gone to State twice; when they called our name I was in complete shock," Maricela said. The band ended up placing 22nd in the state.



Drumming across America







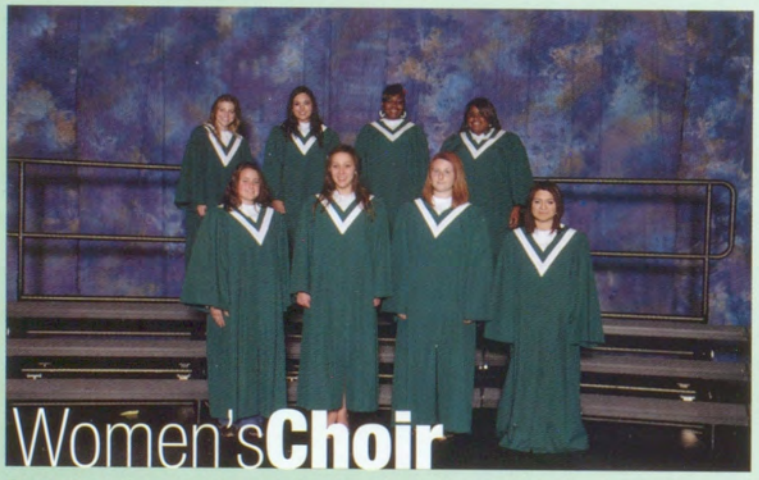


Daniel Duran (11) performed on the cymbol line in Indianapolis, Indiana for thousands of fans. "It felt like all their eyes were watching you, but the second I stepped on that field I was a performer," Daniel said. Daniel was apart of Forte Drum and Bugle Corp. Daniel also did visuals with his cymbols during the show. "It was scary. The first show I froze up," Daniel said. Daniel practiced his cymbol part in the parking lot after one of his performances. "I would come off that field physically, emotionally, and mentally tired," Daniel said. Daniel plans to go back again next summer. Gabe Montemayor (11) practices with the band during summer band camp. "It's disappointing to come back after traveling all summer," Gabe said. Gabe returned a few weeks into summer band after touring with Spirit Drum and Bugle Corp. Gabe performed with Spirit during the summer. "It's like playing for a professional team," Gabe said. He played timpani for the corp. Gabe strikes his timpani to help bring out the bass part in Spirit's show. "It's really fun to know you're performing in front of people that came to see you," Gabe said.



Theatre

Front: Diana Lepe, President Nicole Clayton, Publisher Gaby Dominguez, Codie Hall, Sierra Gonzales, Sponsor Jonathan V. Alonso. **Back**: Secretary Liberty Jones, Madeline Ward, Noah Kopit, Cameron Dupy, Head Tech Justin Vaden, Treasurer Aubrie Davis.



Women's Choir

Front: Destiny Popham, President Taylor Robichaux, Historian Lacie Black, Kara Gonzales. **Back**: Secretary Hannah Weison, Vice President Marissa Rodriguez, Danielle Jackson, La'Shaye Deary.



Concert Choir

Front: Richard Rojas, Shelby Roby, Edwin Villasenor. **Second**: Demarrius Lyons, Natasha Burnett, Nathan Taylor. **Back**: Jared Henson, Ezekeal Leslie.

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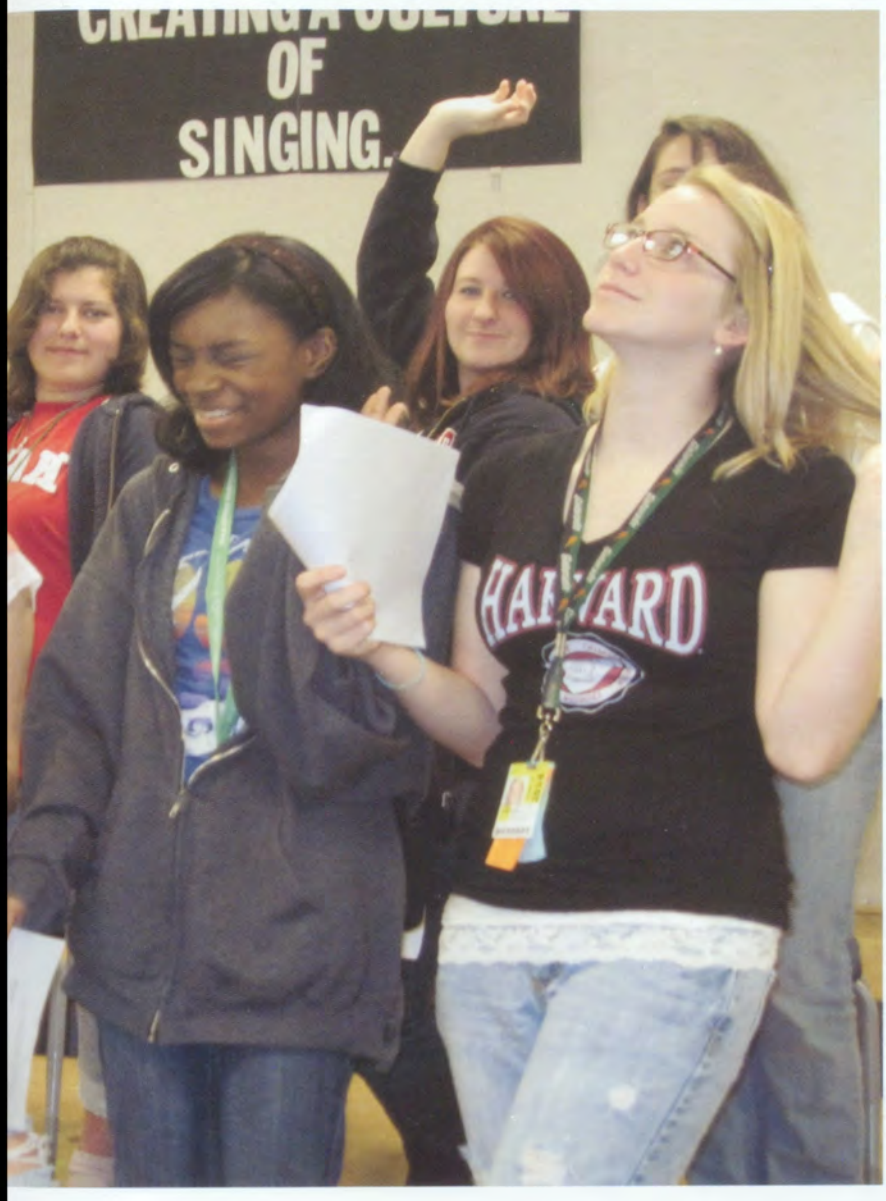


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"I'm in choir because I love singing, and it gives me a way to express myself."

-Lakia Jones (11)





Did someone say *glee*?

Mallard Minstrels take flight.

This year the choir is planning to add a twist to their typical concert performance with a show choir. This show choir is called Mallard Minstrels and it's a different side to choir. The group plans to sing more popular songs with choreography added in. "It's like *Glee*," Mr. Jamieson McCaffity said, "but we're not getting paid." Some of the songs that will be included in this years performance are 'September' by Earth Wind and Fire, 'Single Ladies' by Beyonce mixed with 'Crush' by Jennifer Page, and topped off with a Journey mash-up.

This will be the first year that Mallard Minstrels will perform at a choir concert. "I'm looking forward to starting it and it growing," Taylor Robichaux (12) said. Last year was going to be the first year, but it ended up not working out due to conflicting schedules that kept students from fully participating. More students were allowed to try out for Mallard Minstrels this year in order to prevent a repeat of last year. "People that are not in choir were allowed to try out too this year," Marissa Rodriguez (11) said. Enough people tried out this year to fill up all of the positions needed like alto, soprano, and male vocalists.

All of the students that are involved in Mallard Minstrels have referred to it as being a different experience from the usual choir scene. They expect the crowd to be pleased with a twist to the concert by adding their new show choir to the program. They may not be winning Grammy's yet, but this is the start of new directions in the choir program.

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1. Liberty Jones (11) plays the part of Lucy in *Quake*. "I was really nervous before the show to the point of shaking," Liberty said. **2.** Hayden Wilhelm (10) played the 'perfect guy' role in the play. "I wasn't used to a whole bunch of people looking at me at once," Hayden said. **3.** Madeline Ward (9) took on the role of a flight attendant. "We became a family," Madeline said. **4.** Sierra Gonzales (10) plays the psychiatrist role in the play. "It was hard to do because I had to act crazy," Sierra said. **5.** Allyson Powell (10) tries to get Lucy (Liberty Jones (11) to drill a hole in her head to get rid of all her bad thoughts. "It was hard to fit my personality, being a serial killer and a mad scientist," Allyson said. **6.** Noah Kopit (11) pretends to die on stage while in character as 'The Guy'. "I like being able to overact," Noah said. *Photos by Justin Patschke.*



SilverCord

Front: Chelsie Carter, Jordan Trevino, Collin Vanecek, Alyssa Reyes, Devon Arquette, Quiriro Ramirez, Nichole Johnson, Hannah Weison, Gail Holman, Brooke Gardner. **Second**: Destiny Rodriguez, Jessica Humphreys, Mariana Velasquez-Marin, Leticia Marmolejo, Lynsie Patschke, Ally Powell, Heather Hegar, Victoria Ochoa, Amanda Kimble, Kasi Lozano. **Third**: Desiree Cortez, Salvador Morales, Dillon Kreidel, Shanice Caldwell, Elizabeth Sengler, Lauren Standifer, Charles Kemp, Alyssa Torres, Mariah Ojeda, Audrey Harris, Haden Hudson . **Fourth**: Kaylee Nemec, Edward Murray, Julia Trejo, Madeline Ward, Kendall Wrinkle, Cameron Dupy, Holden Hudson, Liberty Jones, Elric Martinez, Dylan Weise, Stephen Svatek, Loren-Codie Hall . **Back**: Bradley Ging, Blayne Hegar, Keith Hair, Paul Smith, Noah Kopit, Seth Thomas, Andrew Makare, Kyle Bohac, Jace Fontenot, Dustin Stefek, Justin Patschke.



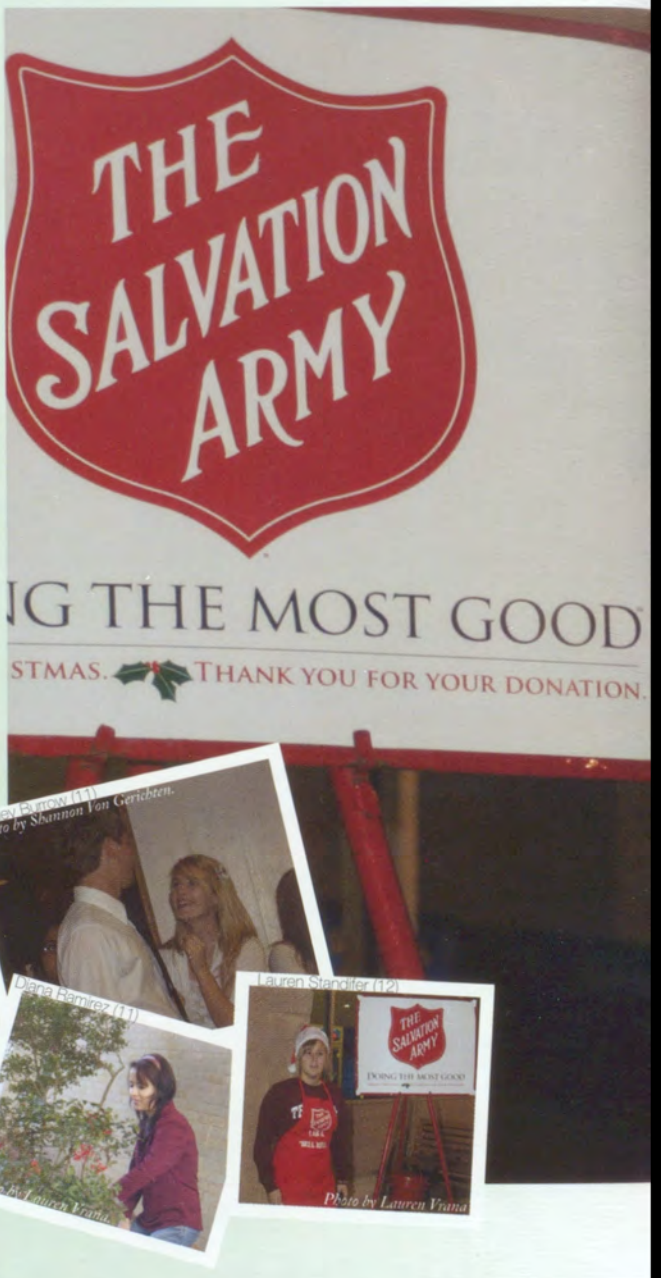
Interact

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NHS

Front: Gail Holman, Ivy Albright, Nicole Clayton, Hannah Weison, Marcy Rodriguez, Coty Gola, Jessica Humphreys, Kaylee Nemec, Chelsie Carter, Zoey Howard, Vicki Rowe. **Second:**Heather Hegar, Ulises Avalos, Alyssa Torres, Addy Turner, Shannon Von Gerichten, Ashley Burow, Julie Martinez, Lauren Standifer, Kasi Lozano, Naomi Hundley. **Third:**Kayla Beran, Thomas Solbach, Kendall Wrinkle, Stephen Svatek, Holden Hudson, Cameron Dupy, Justin Patschke, Jennifer Townsend, Samantha Pachicano, Salvador Morales. **Back:**James Bradley Ging, Braden Gross, Andrew Makare, Kaleb Chambers, Seth Thomas, Noah Kopit, Paul Smith, Jace Fontenot, Tanea Bailey.



Ashley Burow (11)
Photo by Shannon Von Gerichten.

Diana Ramirez (11)
Photo by Lauren Vrana

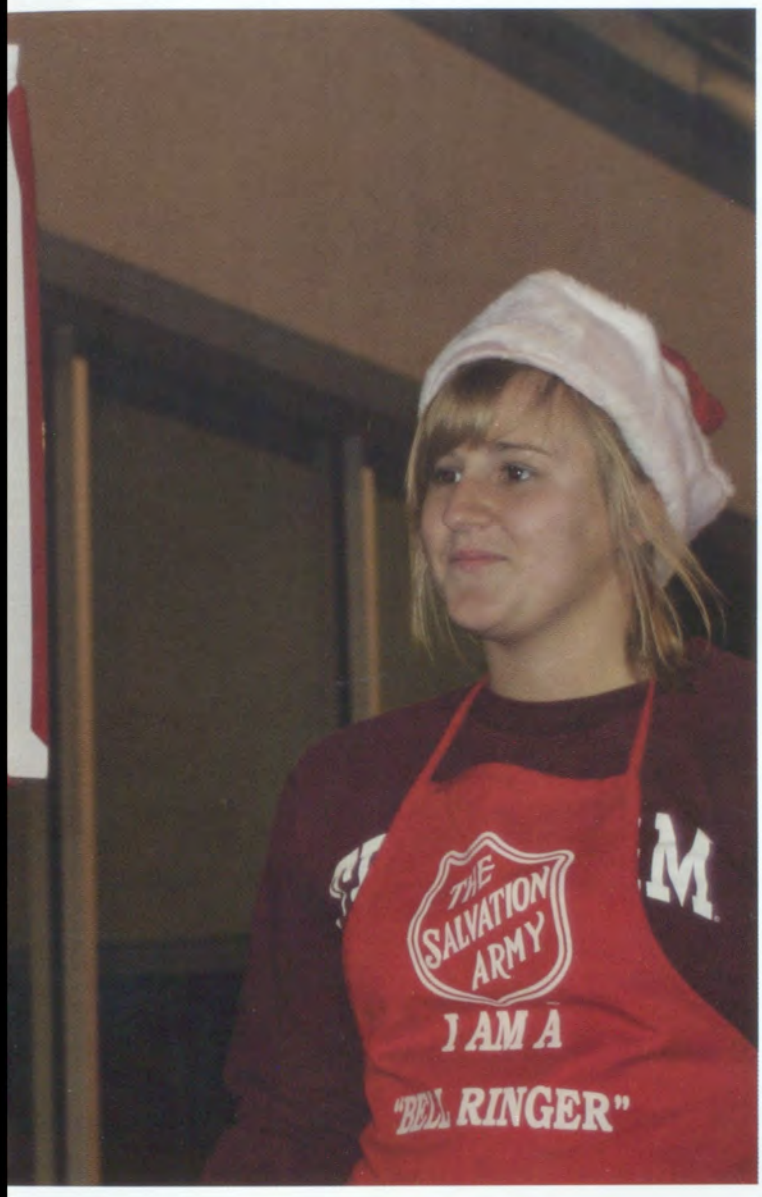
Lauren Standifer (12)
Photo by Lauren Vrana

did you know?

"By being an NHS member I got to work with special education three- and four-year-olds. You had to take extra measures, but it was great seeing a smile on their faces."

Salvador Morales (12)





Making a Difference

Clubs provided volunteering.

Green Santa, Coats for Kids, Salvation Army, fish camp, and the business expo. These are all activities that took place over this year and are all activities that Lauren Standifer (12) helped out with. "It really feels like I'm making a difference within my community when I help others," Lauren said. Lauren helped with all these activites within NHS, Silvercord, and Interact. She also has helped out in participating in different activites throughout the year.

NHS participated in Green Santa to help bring less fortunate children a better holiday season. Green Santa is a project where an organization shops, wraps, and delivers presents and food to less fortunate families around the area. "It felt good knowing that I was helping someone less fortunate," Lauren said.

Ringing of the bells for the Salvation Army was another organzation that Silver Cord helped out with along with other groups from the school. Students in these clubs were supposed to sign up in the counsler's office to work a one hour shift over a week period. The students were required to stand outside Wal-Mart and ring bells. "It was definitely cold standing outside, but worth it in the end," she adds.

Coats for Kids was the other organzation that student's were vigirously working for. Students were supposed to collect old, used, or new coats and give them to kids that were in need of them for the holiday season. "It's sad to think that a child during the winter season doesn't have a coat," Lauren said. Even though it's tough being in high school between homework, extracurricular activities, and a social life, students still find time to stop their busy lives and help others less fortunate.

the caring never stops

1. Lydia Moreno (9) helps serve food at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet. "My feet were really tired by the end of the night," Lydia said. Silver Cord volunteers for many things throughout the year. **2.** Gail Holman (12) eats with other members of NHS after the banquet. "They had a bunch of leftovers and they said we could take it," Gail said. **3.** Daniel Moreno (10) cleaned up plates after people were done. "I like helping and doing things like that," Daniel said. **4.** Thomas Solbach (12) eats leftovers from the banquet. "I like being in NHS and making events run smoothly," Thomas said. **5.** Renee Chavez (9) assembles plates to be served. "It felt like I was doing something good," Renee said. **6.** Lynsie Patschke (10) waits to be told what to do. "I realized what it was like being a waitress," Lynsie said. *Photos by Shanon Von Gerichten.*



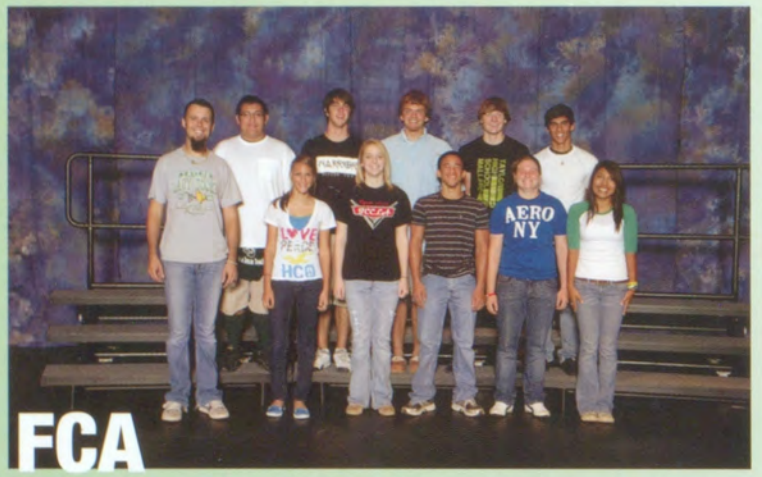












Front: Sponsor Nathan Gray, Haden Hudson, Madeline Ward, L. Codie Hall, Kasi Lozano, Angel Gonzales. **Back**: Kristian Tovar, Andrew Makare, Steven McAllister, Jace Fontenot, Holden Hudson.



Front: Abner Rincon, Paul Smith, Taylor Wade. **Second**: Ezekeal Leslie, Thomas Solbach. **Back:** Sponsor Nathan Gray.



Front: Daniel Gonzales, Hunter Kennedy, Trey Ruiz. **Second**: Kristian Tovar, Chris Vrana. **Back**: Sponsor Nathan Gray.



Front: Sponsor Nathan Gray, Nicole Clayton, Max Beckwith, Chelsie Hutcherson, Thomas Solbach. **Back**: Mary Lefner, Paul Smith, Hunter Wilson, Abey Oranday, Gabe Sutton.

gray matters

1 Daniel Gonzales (11) is the leader of the Propane Gang and is also in Mr. Grays art class. "We encourage the team to score a touchdown and acheive their goals," Daniel said. Although the Propane Gang did all they could the team lost in a close game. **2** Madeline Ward (9) prays with the FCA club to close out their weekly meeting. "I love FCA, it refreshes me every week," Madeline said. FCA meets every Tuesday at lunch. **3** Hunter Kennedy (9) helps pump up the fans and the football team against the Elgin Wildcats in a close Friday night battle. "It takes a lot of energy to be in the Propane Gang, which I have," Hunter said. **4** Paul Smith (12) prepares a canvas for his next project. "I enjoy the art club people and our sponsor Mr. Gray, he makes it fun," Paul said. **5** Mikey McIntire (11) gives his time to think of others while in FCA. "When we pray, it's a time to put others in front of ourselves," Mikey said.



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the many shades of Mr. Gray

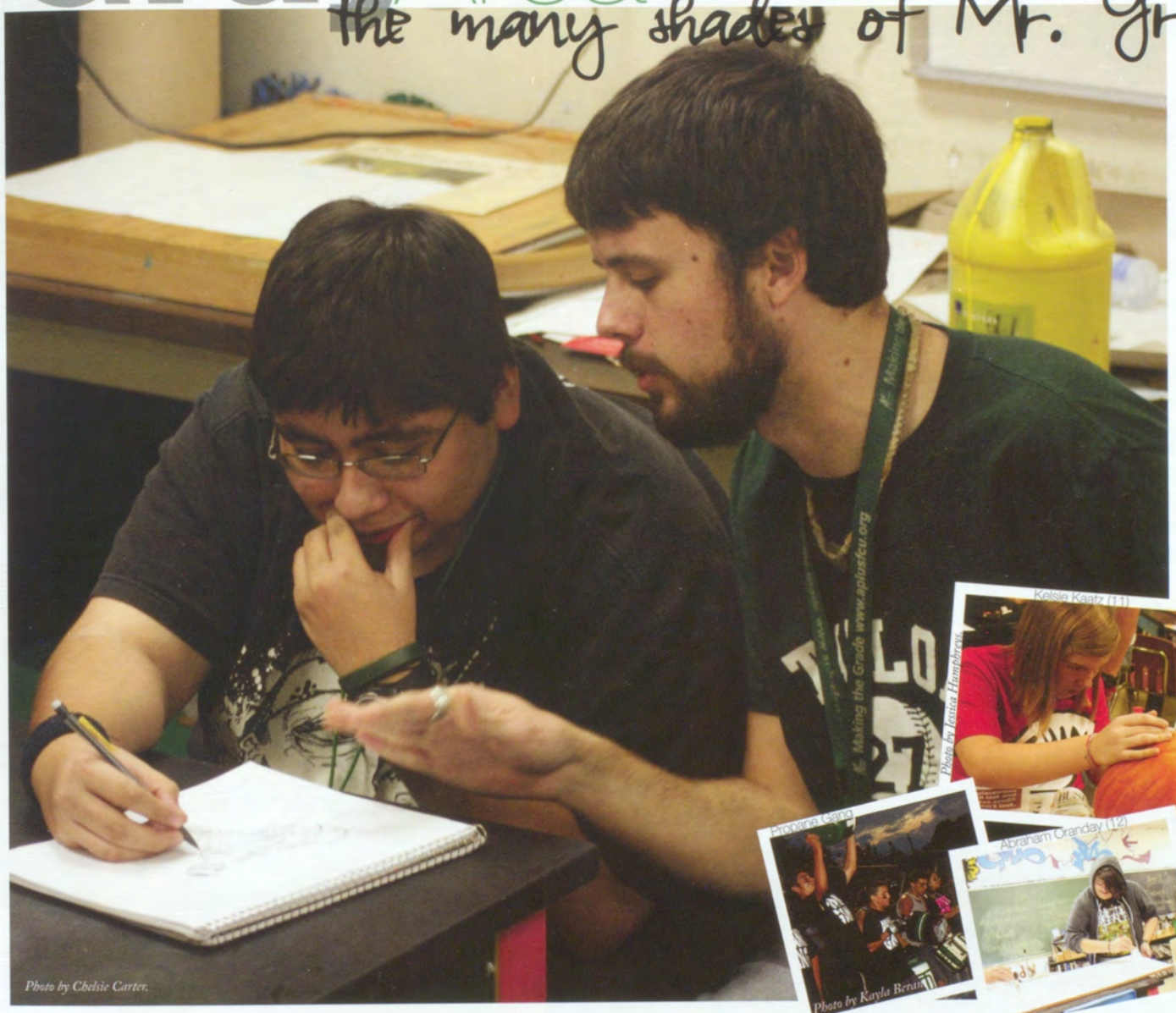


Photo by Chelsie Carter.

Kelsie Kaatz (11)

Photo by Jessica Humphreys

Propane Gang

Photo by Kayla Berard

Abraham Oranday (12)

Photo by Jessi Lopez.

Art teacher stretched thin.

Nathan Gray is always seen in the hallway with a smile on his face seeming to not have a worry in the world. Though he may appear that way on the surface, beneath it he has a million activities and plans for his clubs which include Skate Club, FCA, Propane Gang, and Art Club.

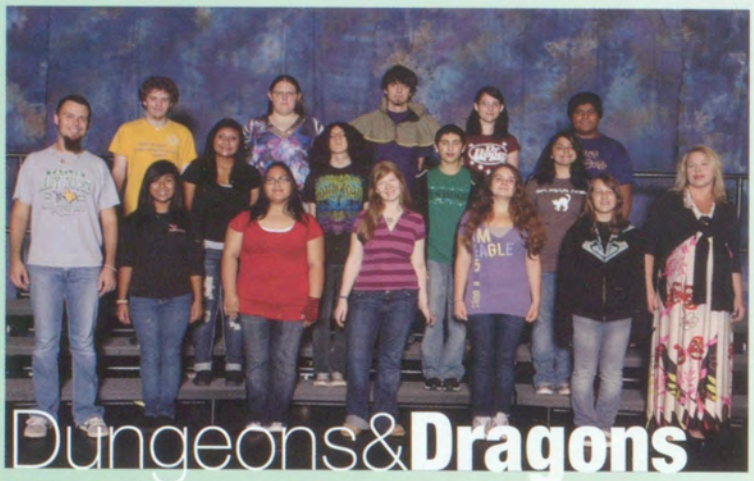
Juggling his clubs, classes and raising a family is no small task for Mr. Gray. "Pretty much everyday of the week something is going on," Mr. Gray said. "Sometimes I feel like I don't dedicate enough time to certain clubs as I should. It can be overwhelming, but I care for the kids too much to say no."

Mr. Gray doesn't sponsor all these clubs for the attention. "I think it's important for the kids to have a positive adult influence," Mr. Gray said when asked why he is so involved. He also enjoys the amount of energy the students from these clubs bring to him, "It keeps me young at heart," Mr. Gray added.

No matter if it is before, after, or during school hours, you will probably see Mr. Gray organizing many club activites, hosting meetings, making time for family, or demonstrating his artistic talent while teaching class.

"It helps if you're a little bit crazy"

Nathan **Gray**



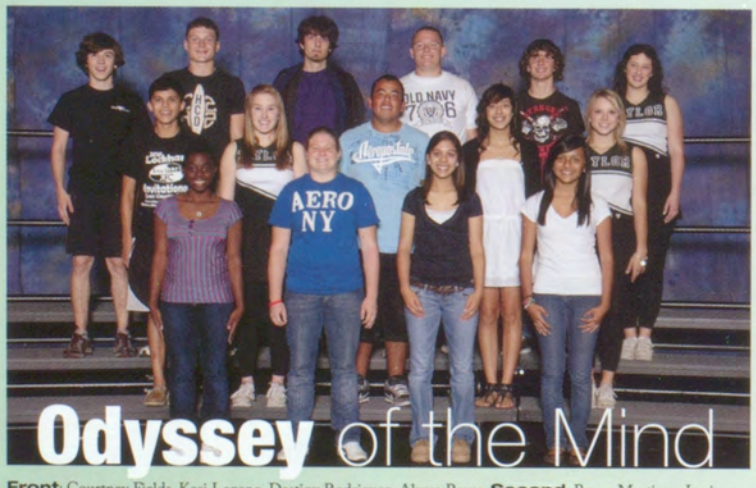
Dungeons&**Dragons**

Front: Sponsor Nathan Gray, Alisha Gallardo, Minerva Alderete, Jessica Carr, Savannah Leslie, Abby Howard, Sponsor Nisa Stevens. **Second**: Lydia Moreno, Nick Mendoza, Justus Saucedo, Autumn Stabeno. **Back**: Dungeon Master Max Beckwith, Dungeon Master Mary Griffin, Zachary Lindsay, Mary Rose Fagan, Secretary and Historian Chris Mejia.



Academic **Decathalon**

Front: Julie Polasek, Renee Hines, Christian Campbell, L. Codie Hall, Andrea Navarro, Advisor Vicki Rowe. **Second**: Nick Mendoza, Stephen Svatek, Shannon VonGerichten, Adam Janecka. **Third**: Cameron Dupy, Jered Bony, Antonio Elizondo, Justin Patschke, Jennifer Townsend. **Back**: Nathan Jones, Paul Smith, Andrew Makare, Noah Kopit, Kyle Bohac, Dominic Elizondo.



Odyssey of the Mind

Front: Courtney Fields, Kasi Lozano, Destiny Rodriguez, Alyssa Reyes. **Second**: Bryan Martinez, Jessica Humphreys, Henry Oranday, Gaby Dominguez, Heather Hegar. **Back**: Elric Martinez, Blayne Hegar, Zachary Lindsay, Camron Richardson, Stephen Svatek, Liberty Jones.



did you know?

"Dungeons and Dragons is a way to express myself through role play. It's a way to be free."

- Jessica Carr (10)





Odyssey of the Mind

Teams had high expectations.

Architecture, engineering, and theatrical elements are just some of the components that make up this creative problem solving competition. In Odyssey of the Mind, students have to think outside the box and find creative solutions to problems. "It's a really great environment to be in, especially around other people who want to be creative with you," Gaby Dominguez (10) said.

Being in OM teaches students how to think differently by providing open-ended problems that appeal to a wide range of interests. Team members are challenged to create all of the props that they use to solve the problems and come up with a completely original skit. OM teams change every year as new students join and seniors graduate. "We've had a few people join and then leave, but mostly our team has been together since my fifth grade year. We're like a family, we even call our coach 'Mom'," Jessica Humphreys (11) said.

The spontaneous category requires students to come up with solutions to problems on the spot. There are three different types of a sponateous problem that the team could face. There is a verbal type, a hands-on verbal type, and then a hands-on type. "I like it because it forces you to think on your feet and you don't usually get that in real life," Stephen Svatek (11) said.

Studying for Success


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1 Taylor Bryant (11) studies the Social Science section of his AcDec material during 8th period. "It's enjoyable and mentally stimulating," Taylor said. Taylor placed first in the varsity group at regionals and has won twenty four medals this entire AcDec season. **2** Christian Campbell (12) uses her time wisely by reviewing AcDec topics. " It's time consuming, I get tired of reading the materials because there are so many, but it teaches me good study habits," Christian said. **3** Julie Polasek (10) reads the art section of the AcDec material. "The people in AcDec are intelligent," Julie said. **4** Jered Boney (12) highlights the important facts in his AcDec materials. "If you don't study, it gets hard and it takes a lot of time," Jered said. **5** Collin Vanacek (9) takes a section quiz over material he read. "I like the challenge of being in AcDec," Collin said. **6** Noah Kopit (11) and Codie Hall (11) play Demi Danger, an AcDec version of Jeopardy. "I like the competitive part of it," Noah said. "It's satisfying to be right."

Photos by Justin Patschke.



Latin

Front: Sr. Consul Naomi, Maria Rios, Kira Garcia, Coscribe Aimee Sanchez, Ivy Albright. **Second**: Minerva Alderete, Autum Stabeno, Kaylee Nemec, Savannah Leslie. **Third**: Christian Campbell, Courtney Findley, Alexandra Reyes, AJ Devlin, Kasi Lazano. **Fourth**: Dylan Weise, Jr. Consul Zachary Lindsay, Paul Smith, Braden Gross, Ezekeal Leslie, Treasurer Edward Murray.



German

Front: Kelsie Kaatz, Ashley Smith, Ally Powell, Vice President Katelyn Kuhl, Isabel Yanez. **Second**: Lynsie Patschke, Samantha Birchard, Bethany Matthys Cody Oberwegner, Secretary Kayla Beran, Sponsor Leslie Decker. **Third**: Zoey Howard, 2nd Vice President Shannon VonGerichten, Parlimentarian Elric Martinez, President Justin Patschke, Treasurer Samantha Pachicano, Stephen Svatek. **Fourth**: Seth Srnensky, Joshua Richter, Historian Hunter Wilson, Reagan Fischer, Blayne Hegar, Bradley Ging, Shayla Harvey, Chase Richter.



Spanish

Front: Zuleica De la Cerda, Chelsie Carter, Selena Olguin, Courtney Fields, Sponser Tracy O' Quinn. **Second**: Jessi Lopez, Lauren Standifer, Nathan Jones, Jace Fontenot, Joel Arredondo.



Abby Howard (9)

Photo by Justin Patschke.

Mer Vanecek (9)

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Allison Powell (10)

Lynsie Patschke (10)

Ashley Smith (10)

Photo by Samantha Pachicano.

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did you know?

"I accidentally ran over a family of ducks when i was driving about 100 miles per hour on the Auto-Bahn in Germany. I felt pretty bad for the little guys."

- Ms. Decker



Houston Fest woes from the snow

Annual trip cancelled due to winter weather.



Houstonfest is a large competition for high school students to attend. There are hundreds of activities to compete in ranging from art to writing to acting. The top five advance to the state competition. The German Club has participated in Houstonfest every year for the past five years. "Houstonfest is one of the few activities I look forward to all year. I like getting a chance to speak German," Lynsie Patschke (10) said.

The members of German Club are encouraged to take part in events at Houstonfest. "It is a good learning opportunity for students to use German outside the classroom. They also get to meet other German students," Ms. Decker said.

About thirty students spent December and January preparing for the annual trip to Houstonfest only to be met with disappointment. They day before the trip, February 4, Taylor was blanketed by snow. Despite the fact that the snow melted by the next day, the buses were unable to take the German Club to Houston. "I was annoyed because I was sure the weather would be fine, which it was. I just came and took as many projects as I could to Houston," Ms. Decker said.

"I was upset that our puppet show that we worked hard on got cancelled," Abby Howard (9) said.

Ms. Decker was still able to get students performing in skits, duets, and other acting activies to go to the state competition in Austin. So, not all of the hard work and preperation was wasted. The level two skit, puppet show, and duets were all able to show off their German at the state competition.

clubs fundraising



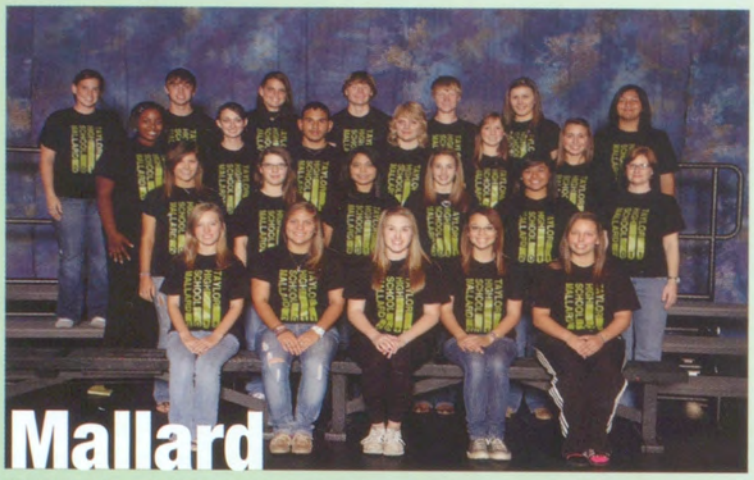








1. Maria Arellano (9) recieved flowers on Valentine's Day sold by the Spanish Club. "It was my first surprise gift that my friend gave me," Maria said. *Photo by Samantha Pachicano.* **2.** Wrapping it up, Katelyn Kuhl (11) wraps a gift for Green Santa through German club. "After three years of participating in Green Santa, I still can't wrap," Katelyn said. *Photo by Justin Patschke.* **3.** Lynsie Patschke (10) gets ready to load and deliever gifts for Green Santa for German club. "It was fun, especially since it was for a great cause," Lynsie said. *Photo by Shannon Von Gerichten.* **4.** Raquel McQuinn (9) checks if flowers have been bought for her on Valentines Day, a fundraiser put on by the Spanish club. " I felt pretty good about getting a little something for Valentine's Day," Raquel said. *Photo by Samantha Pachicano.* **5.** Selling candy for Latin club to go to Six Flags, Kaylee Nemec (11) sneaks in a quick candy sale before school. "Teachers don't really like it, but students are always coming up to me to buy candy," Kaylee said. *Photo by Samantha Pachicano.*



Mallard

Front: Zoey Howard, Chelsie Carter, Jessica Humphreys, Courtney McConnell, Alicia Vanek. **Second**: Kayla Beran, Amy Janecka, Sandra Rangel, Mallory Marcon, Jessi Lopez, Mrs. Melanie Catuogno **Third**: Julia Trejo, Kendall Wrinkle, Damian Alayon, Lorellye Graham, Shannon Von Gerichten, Morgan Cmerek. **Fourth**: Maisen Lawhon, Cameron Dupy, Sloane Cotner, Jace Fontenot, Justin Patschke, Lauren Vrana, Samantha Pachicano.



Cotton Boll THS-TV

Front: Zoey Howard, Courtney Martin, Tori Ochoa, Diana Lepe, Mrs. Dawn Fischer. **Second**: Andrea Navarro, Coty Gola, Hannah Weison, LaShaye Deary. **Third**: Elric Martinez, Zachary Lindsay, Andrew Makare, Stephen Svatek, Jennifer Townsend.







What's the best part?



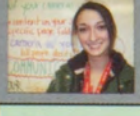
It's like a big family. It's great having fun with people that are into the same things as you.
Julia Trejo (11) *Mallard Staffer*



Being able to watch your final project on the television.
Andrew Makare (12) *THS-TV Staffer*



You get to write something different than you would usually write in a regular english class.
Stephen Svatek (11) *Cotton Boll Staffer*



I like being a part of something that'll be around forever.
Kendall Wrinkle (12) *Mallard Staffer*

Photos by Jessica Humphreys.



the art of Journalism











1. Filming for THS-TV, Courtney Martin (10) works the camera and captures an interview to aire on the next episode. "I like filming and being able to entertain and inform the student body," Courtney said. *Photo by Mallory Marcon.* **2.** Yearbook design editior, Sloane Cotner (12) flips through other yearbooks to get new ideas. "Flipping through pages always gives me ideas, and when I find one, I take it and make it my own," Sloane said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.* **3.** Victoria Ochoa (12) interviews Bradley Ging (11) for his opinion on a topic for an episode of THS-TV. "I'd much rather be behind camera, because I get really camera shy," Victoria said. *Photo by Mallory Marcon.* **4.** Zachary Lindsey (12) talks with Jennifer Townsend (12) while she uploads an episode of THS-TV." Zach and Courtney are the video experts," Jennifer said. *Photo by Mallory Marcon.* **5.** Zoey Howard (12) and Morgan Cmerek (10) work on their page for their upcoming deadline. "I like designing but it's hard to meet deadline and have everything stay on track," Morgan said. *Photo by Mallory Marcon.* **6.** Chelsie Carter (11) and Samantha Pachicano (11) work on yearbook tasks as Lauren Vrana (10) takes a snack break in the Mallard office. "It's always nice to have a quiet office to go to when I really need to concentrate," Chelsie said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.* **7.** Courtney McConnell (10) gets an interview from Coty Gola (11) for her yearbook spread. "I get kinda nervous at first, but then again it's pretty interesting hearing what they have to say," Courtney said. *Photo by Mallory Marcon.* **8.** Jace Fontenot (11) takes the last bite of the chocolate brownie for a birthday party in the Mallard office. "The only reason I work so hard is so they'll let me near the food in the back," Jace said. *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.*

Media Blitz *in action*

News and Yearbook join forces to create new Student Media Group.

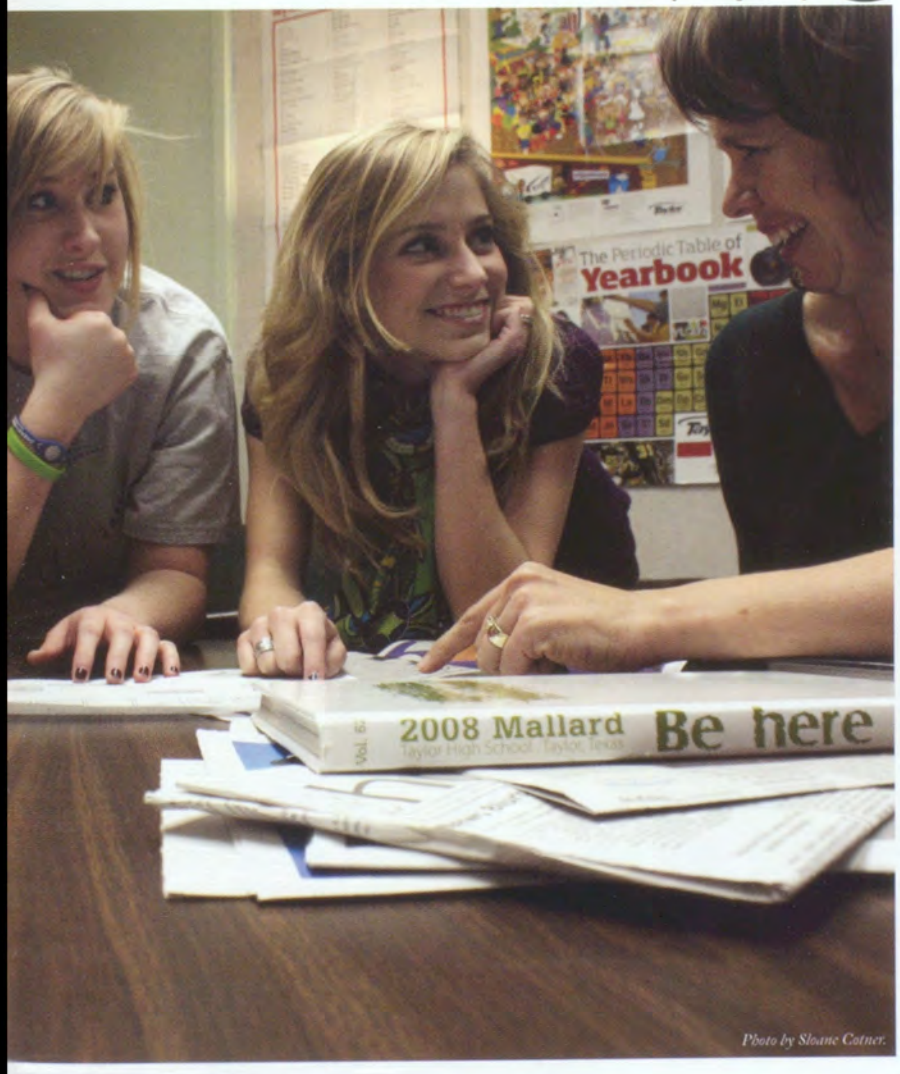


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The programs formerly known as Yearbook, Newspaper, and THS-TV have merged into what will be known as the Taylor High School Student Media Group. This group of students is responsible for recording the history of Taylor High School through daily publication to the web as well as ongoing coverage and features for broadcast and the yearbook. "It's called convergent media, and schools all over the country are doing this," yearbook adviser Melanie Catuogno said.

As technology progresses, newspapers all over the country are reorganizing, reducing and eliminating actual paper printing. Over the years, ad sales for the Cotton Boll have declined, issues have decreased in frequency, and it was time to accept that the newspaper was no longer a feasible project. "When I first found out the Cottonboll wasn't going to be printed anymore, I got really emotional, but I'm excited for the new website," Cotton Boll editor Hannah Weison (11) said.

The next logical step--online publication--provides journalism students with the opportunity to publish daily, "which we could have never done on paper," said journalism teacher Dawn Fischer.

The staff is letting go of paper, but re-claiming the responsibility of reporting daily events, recording school history, and preserving memories. The daily publication to the web will be archived, and many stories will be developed further for the yearbook and the periodic broadcast of THS-TV. "We're all coming together to hopefully have a smoother running compilation of information," Mallard editor Jessica Humphreys (11) said.

Design **Jessica Humphreys**
Reporting **Mallory Marcon**



Empowerment**Club**

Front: Katherine Rodriguez, Sponsor Kristina Tellez, Christian Campbell. **Second**: Autumn Stabeno, Edward Murray. **Third**: Chris Mejia, Zachary Lindsay. **Back**: Lee Martinez



Debate

Front: Diana Lepe, Jessica Carr, Brittany Foley, Sponsor Nisa Stevens. **Second**: Leo Arce, Vice President Madeline Ward, Julia Trejo, Chelsea Shamard. **Back**: President Jennifer Townsend, Jace Fontenot, Treasurer Seth Thomas, Secretary My'lik Kerley, Roy Rangel.



Culinary**Arts**

Front: Zuleica Dela cerda-ordaz, Taylor Donovan, Victor Ramirez, Edward Barrera Katherine Rodriguez, Sponsor Candice Martin. **Back**: Valasha Cummings, John Horsey, Edward Murray, Brandon Kruse, Jasmine Barber, Jose Lopez. **Not Pictured**: Jared Meyer, Dwayne Marek.



Junior**Historians**

Front: Christian Tone, Thomas Solbach, President Jeff Carpenter. **Second**: Treasurer Elric Martinez, Chase Richter, Jace Fontenot, Stephen Svatek. **Back**: Historian Ian Rucker, Vice President Braden Gross, Steven McAllister, Paul Smith, Sponsor Paul Quarles.



FCCLA

Front: Courtney Rields, Vice President Diana Ramirez, Zuleica Dela cerda-ordaz, Secretary Ana Ramirez, Shelby Roby, Katherine Rodriguez, Cassidy Ramirez, Laryssa Pachicano, Kelsie Kaatz, President Ivy Albright. **Second**: Sponsor Candice Martin, Amanda Arguelles, Marisa Rangel, Secretary Jordan Trevino, Nichole Johnsun, Shawntell Caldwell, Marissa Guzman, Jacob Jensen, Taylor Talavera, Destiny Rodriguez, Alyssa Reyes, Quirino Rameriez, Sponsor Susan Sumpter. **Third**: Ashley Zavala, Vice President Katelyn Kuhl, Mireya Sandoval, Erica Agundis, Jessica Singleton, Shanice Caldwell, John Horsey, Taylor Donovan, Alexis Schulta, Codie Hall. **Fourth**: Savannah Wright-Evans, Selena Castillo, Ismenia Dela Cerda, Taylor Robichaux, Olivia Becke, Carol Vasquez, Kallye Marek, Vice President Lilly Engler, Amanda Martinez. **Back**: Becky Smith, Madeline Ward, Roy Rangel, Seth Srnensky, Pepe Ortiz, Moses Guerrero, Erik Nunez, Victor Ramirez, Edward Murphey.

Double Double fun & trouble

Club activities bring advantages and challenges.



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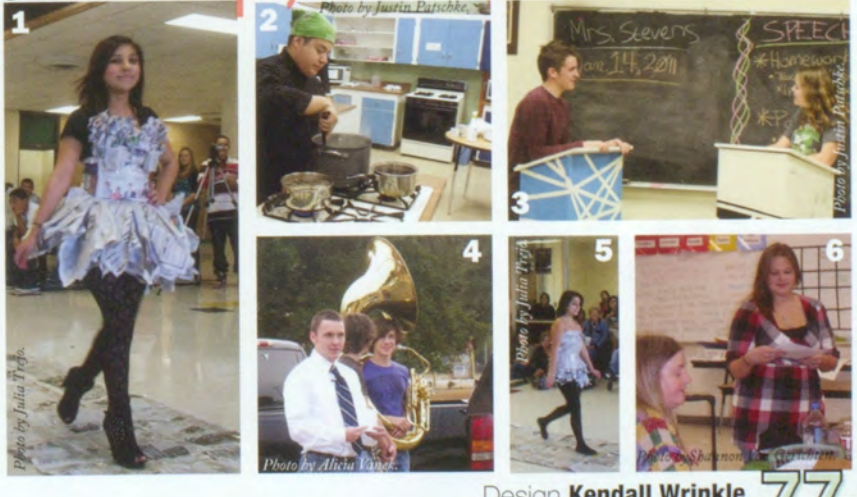
Katherine Rodriguez (12) spends much of her time during the week at different clubs. She is a member of Culinary Arts and FCCLA. "I have a lot of spare time and I want to be a part of everything." Katherine said. The club meetings are on different days so she's able to balance out her time and get everything done.

Being in two clubs can create conflicts with schoolwork or another club. Katherine has had to decide whether to go to tutorials or a club meeting on occasion. "I decided to spend half my time at tutorials to take a test and the other half at a club meeting once," Katherine said. She's never had to decide between two club events going on at the same time, but says her FCCLA priorities would come first.

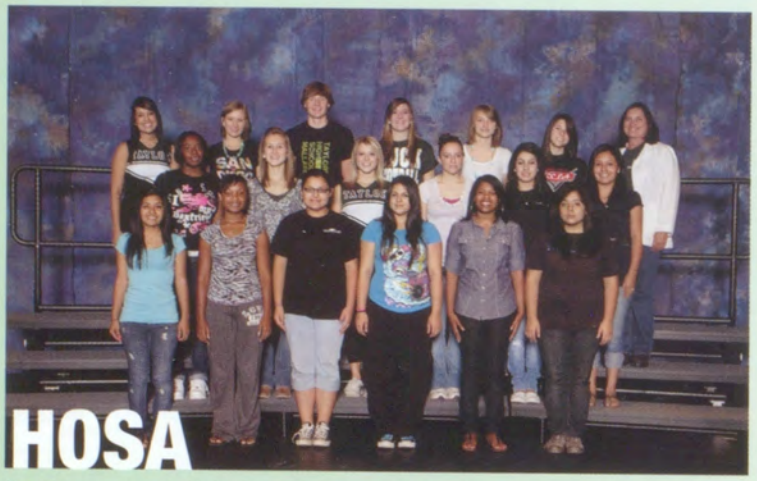
Her involvement gives Kathrine something to look forward to every day, whether it's an event or a competition. Katherine has cooked meals for Habitat for Humanity and provided gifts through Green Santa.

Culinary Arts also competes, which Katherine is excited about. "It's my first time competing," Katherine said. In spite of her now-tight schedule, Katherine said she would still like to join more clubs, if she found some that interested her.

what's up, clubs?



1 Lorena Torres (10) struts the runway showing off her newspaper dress. "It was really nerve-racking with so many people staring at me, but overall it was fun," Lorena said. **2** Edward Barrera (12) stirs a pot on the stove during Culinary Arts. "We go in knowing what we're supposed to do and get it done," Edward said. **3** Jennifer Townsend (12) and Seth Thomas (11) practice debating against each other. "It's really fun to beat everyone and I enjoy arguing," Jennifer said. **4** Jeff Carpenter (12) reads a speech during the Veteran's Day cermony. "I am happy that I get the oppurtunity to pay tribute to the men and women who protect the freedom and liberties I enjoy," Jeff said. **5** Sierra Gonzales (10) heads down the runway during the FCCLA fashion show. "I didn't know who would be there, but it was fun," Sierra said. **6** Catherine Stewart (11) looks over programs for the Middle School Duck University program. "The kids acted older than they were," Catherine said.



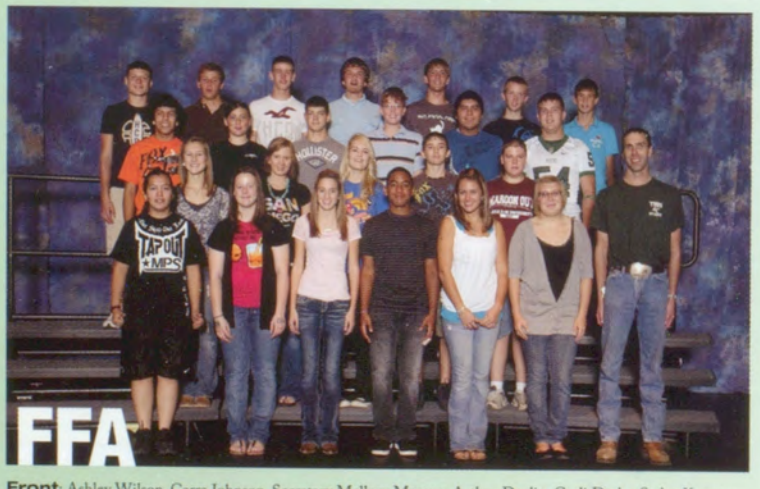
HOSA

Front: Lauren Camacho, Chelsea Kemp, Desiree Cortez, Reporter Bianca Davila, Shaneka Hill, Diana Lepe. **Second**: Kiera Maddox, Treasurer Amber Vrabel, President Heather Hegar, Brittany Maddux, Historian Blanca Lopez, Leticia Marmolejo. **Back**: Vice President Mariah Ojeda, Addison Turner, Jace Fontenot, Kristen Cuba, Courtney Findley, Ashley Smith, Sponsor Lisa Vaughan.



BPA

Front: Naomi Hundley, Heather Luna, Marcy Rodriguez, Chelsea Hernandez, Darrian Torres. **Back**: Morgan Cmerek, Matthew Reyna, Tanea Bailey, Shelbie Stegall, Vice President Kristen Cuba, President Addison Turner.



FFA

Front: Ashley Wilson, Carra Johnson, Secretary Mallory Marcon, Arthur Devlin, Carli Drake, Sadey Komandosky, Sponsor Mr. Bishop. **Second**: Treasurer Amber Vrabel, Addison Turner, Ashley Burow, Dillon Kreidel, Cody Chambers. **Third**: Lance Morales, Shayla Harvey, Chase Richter, Sean Bullock, Vice President Matthew Reyna, Cory Casey. **Back**: Blayne Hegar, Ian Rucker, President Kaleb Chambers, Steven McAllister, Braden Gross, Dylan Fitzgerald, Tyler Jaecks.



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Photos by Lisa Vaughn

1. Shaneka Hill (12) and Chelsea Kemp (12) attempt to transfer liquid into an IV without getting contaminated. "I ended up getting it all over me," Chelsea said. The students were checked after the exercise for contamination by using a black light. **2.** Jensen Anders (10) attends the College and Career Expo at the Palmer Events Center. "I got to cut open and staple the dummy's stomach back together," Jensen said. The HST students went to learn about different careers in the medical field. **3.** Hailey Kuntschik (11) draws a heart diagram as an assignment for HST. "It taught us a lot about the heart," Hailey said. They had to color code their heart and draw arrows to represent the flow of blood.

Would you rather

be a nurse, or an accountant?



Nurse, because I want to help patients get better when they're ill. Mia Bowers (9)



Nurse, because I would love to be in the ER so I could see the drama in there. Naomi Stoyles (11)



Accountant, because I want to work in an office, and everyone wants to be a nurse and I'd like to do something different. Alyssa Garza (12)

Rising Professionals

tomorrow's CEOs



High business hopes.

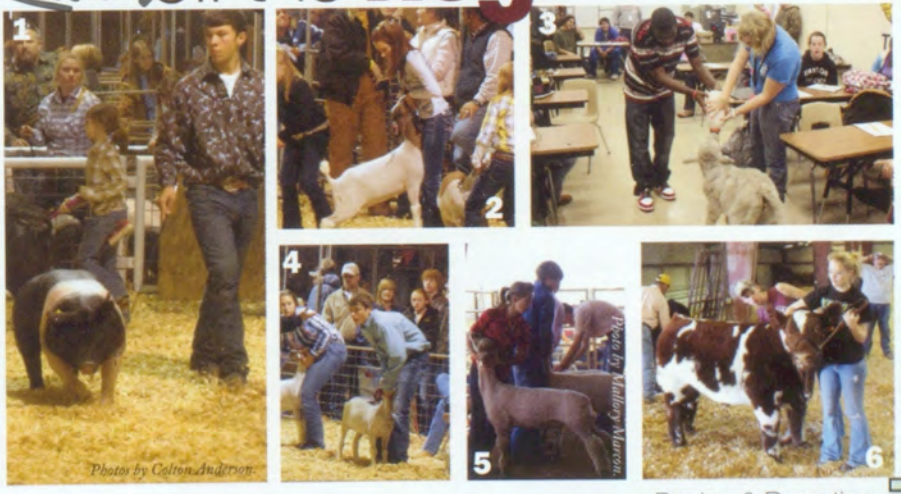
The Business Professionals of America (BPA) is founded upon a hardworking group of students that train to compete in a variety of 73 different categories. These categories range from payroll accounting, desktop publishing, computer security, and interviewing skills. Marcy Rodriguez (12) went to state on her first try for Fundamental Word Processing, "It will really help me out later in life," Marcy said, "I can always turn back to my reference book." All of the different categories have one thing in common, they give life long learning skills, employability skills, and management skills.

The students involved in BPA went to a contest held at A&M Consolidated High School in College Station on Saturday, January 29th. Depending on how each student performed at this contest they were admitted to the State BPA Conference in Fort Worth. This year there were three students that qualified for state and five students that were alternates for state. Patrick Gamez (12) was an alternate for state in the Video Production Team with Steven McAllister (12). "Our video was about the dangers of texting and driving," Patrick said.

Many students in BPA enjoy being in it because they like that they are learning skills that can be put toward finding a better job and becoming more professional. They consider it to give them an upperhand since they gain more experience by participating in BPA. Patrick wis one of the many students that feel that way. "I wish I had done it in my past years," Patrick said, "but I didn't know about it."

Livin' off the hog

1. Reagan Fischer (10) struts his hog around the arena at the 2010 Williamson County Livestock Show. "The judge wanted the pig to walk but he wouldn't, so I was mad," Reagan said. **2.** Mallory Marcon (10) calms her goat for judging. "I felt pressure to do good this year," Mallory said. **3.** Sadey Komandosky (10) bottle feeds a new calf that Mr. Bishop brought to class. "It brought back memories from my grandparent's farm," Sadey said. **4.** Blayne Hegar (10) watched the judge intently waiting for an answer for how his goat looked. "It was nerve-wracking wondering if the goat in front of you or behind you was going to win," Blayne said. **5.** Amber Vrabel (10) adjusts her lamb into position and does one last lookover before judging. "It teaches responsibilty, you have to take care of them everyday," Amber said "it pays off whenever they place." **6.** Kaleb Chambers (12) and Ashley Burow (11) help prepare Matthew Reyna's steer. "Since I didn't have my own animal to show," Kaleb said, "I helped whoever needed something."





Happy Hands

Front: Maris Valdivia, Kiara Garcia, Ruthie Arriaga, Kaci Lozano, Jessica Carr, Nisa Stevens. **Second**: Marissa Rodriguez, Savannah Wright-Evans, Vice President Shanice Caldwell, Mellissa Reveles. **Third**:Edward Barrera, Addy Turner, Kristen Cuba, President Julia Trejo, John Horsey.



Trainers

Front: Cassidy Ramirez, Ashleigh Falcon, Jessi Lopez, Lauren Camacho. **Second**: Clarisa Lopez, Charles Kemp, Captain Alyssa Torres, Carol Vasquez, Chelsea Shamard.



Class Officers

Front: Gilbert Velasquez, James Alcoser, Israel Galvan, Justin Deary, Eric Alderete. **Second**: Brandon Martinez, Kevin Trejo, Brandon Martinez, Christopher Garza, Daniel Moreno, Mauricio Camarillo. **Third**: Adrian Uriegas, Blayne Hegar, Camron Richardson, Roy Moreno, Fabian Rodriguez. **Fourth**: Hayden Stewart, Jeremy Snyder, Reagan Fischer, Jonathan Martinez. **Back**: Fredrick Kerley, Joshua Vrana, Dustin Johnson.

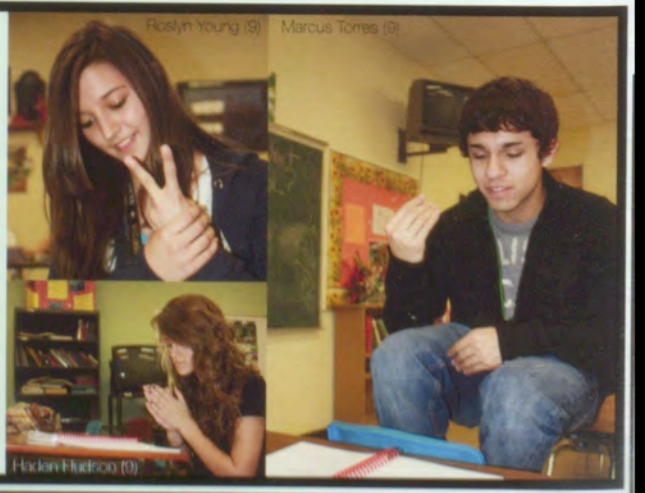


Student Senate

Front: Lauren Camacho, Brittany Foley, Hannah Weison, Selena Olguin, Sierra Gonzales. **Second**: Destiny Rodriguez, Nichole Johnson, President Angel Gonzales, Haden Hudson, Joel Arredondo, L. Codie Hall, Jessica Humphreys, Coty Gola, Collin Vanecek. **Third**: Kasi Lozano, Mallory Marcon, Victoria Ochoa Amber Vrabel, Gaby Dominguez, Rhegan Stroup, Vice President Heather Hegar, Renee Torres. **Fourth**:Mariah Ojeda, Morgan Cmerek, Alyssa Torres, Reporter Madeline Ward, Holden Hudson, Justin Kolinek, Liberty Jones, Taylor Robichaux, Justin Vaden. **Back**: Cory Ray Casey, Blayne Hegar, Jace Fotenot, Kyle Bohac, Secretary Reagan Fischer, Dustin Johnson, Reporter Andrew Makare, Tanea Bailey, Tyler Jaecks, Lauren Vrana.



Happy Hands, is an organization that takes advantage of the ability to communicate through sign language. Although the sponser of the club is Mrs. Nisa Stevens, her idea came from a club created in the movie Napoleon Dynamite. Sign language is a great skill to learn essentially for public environments, or even for in home purposes. "We not only practice sign language but we perform sign language too," Mrs. Stevens said. If you don't know it, you can always learn. During meetings each individual sign is broken down into a learning motion. When you eventually get all the motions down and in the right rhythm you know exactly what your doing and how it should be done. *Photos by Julia Trejo.*



Above & Beyond



Leaders from all clubs come together to better school spirit.

Being a part of Student Senate consist of much more than just your average club organization. This particular group of students participate in a large section of our school activities such as games, decorations, Homecoming, etc. "It's a lot of work," Alyssa Torres (11) said, "but it's worth it. During Homecoming week we had to work on coming up with different themes and even what to charge at the door of the party." Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Leschber help the club organize these events by brainstorming ways to raise money such as fundraisers. The funds earned are used for some of the projects listed along with donations to the community and so on.

These committed set of students have worked so hard throughout the year to the best of their abilities. A swamping amount of pressure is put on them, because they're the voice of each class from seniors to freshmen. "We think of events to bring the school together," Holden Hudson (11) said. Each year they learn how to not only better each other, but the student body as a whole.

It takes a real committed group of students to get a message across the right way towards the student body. In order for our school to enjoy any event, commitment of a dedicated student, class, and school is needed. When everyone gets involved and all come together, things turn out really well. Bringing two people together is good, bringing a class or more together,thats soemthing to really be proud of. That's the type of spirit Student Senate aims for.

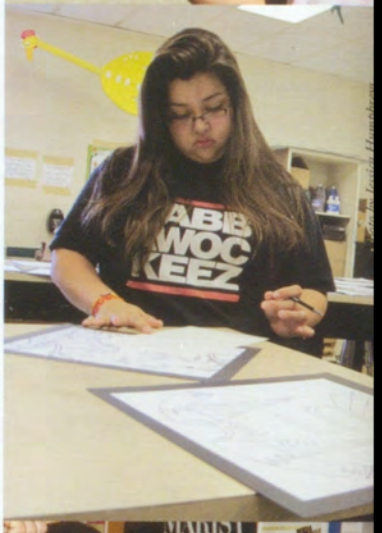
individuals

72 **classrooms**, and within those classrooms are 881 **students**. Sitting among those students there is **one**. And that one is **you**.

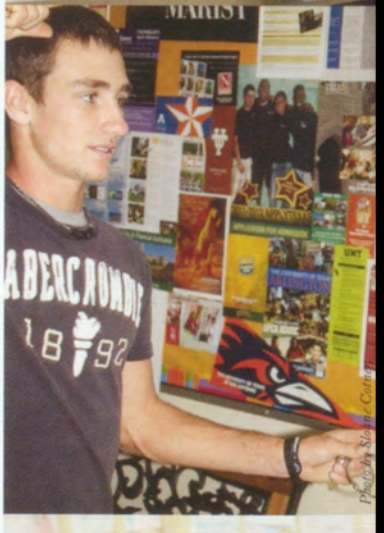
881 students are enrolled. Some you know and some you don't. Flip through these pages and see who you recognize. See how much they've changed. See how much they've accomplished over the year. See your friends, your classmates, and the rest of the school you had no idea existed.



Noah Kopit (11)



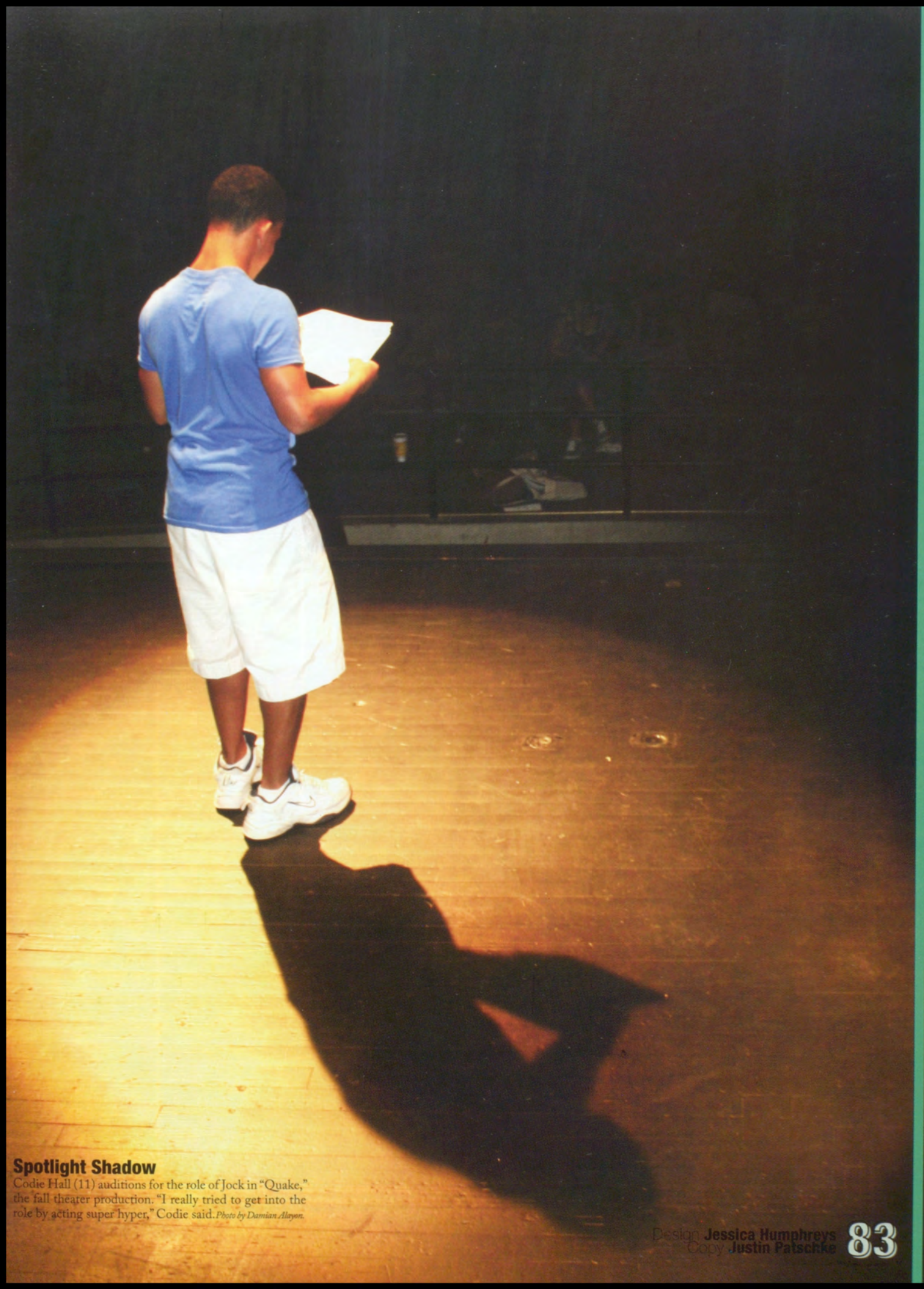
Alex Lopez (10)



Cade Samuelson (12)



Gabrielle Villarreal (9)



Spotlight Shadow
Codie Hall (11) auditions for the role of Jock in "Quake," the fall theater production. "I really tried to get into the role by acting super hyper," Codie said. *Photo by Damian Alayon.*

Daniel Aguilar
Erica Agundis
Ivy Albright
Antoine Alderete
Kari Alderete



Samantha Allmon
Keila Amieva
Colton Anderson
Dulce Araujo
Ulises Avalos



Estevan Aviles
Tanea Bailey
Edward Barrera
Veneza Bason
Wesley Beaver



Kayla Beran
Samantha Birchard
Jered Boney
Josey Booms
Joey Borek





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most unique

"It makes me want to skip through a field of strawberries!"
Taylor Robichaux

The Game... You have just lost it."
Hunter Wilson



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haha Funniest

"I am somebody because I was willing to be nobody.
Tanea Bailey

Everything I do, I do it big."
Carter Sokenitz



Arthur Boussart
Janette Brown
Juan Camarillo
Christian Campbell
Christopher Campbell

Milagros Campos
Jeffrey Carpenter
Deyanira Castillo
Austin Chacon
Kaleb Chambers

Heather Chapa
Nicole Clayton
Jose Correa
Margarita Correa
Eric Costilla

Sloane Cotner
Justin Crain
Kristen Cuba
Valasha Cummings
Aubrie Davis

Monica De Avila Delgado
Jesus DeHoyos
Zuleira Dela Cerda-Orda
Denise Diaz
Roman Diaz

Jairo Diaz-Lazaro
Taylor Donovan
Anacareen Esquivel
Ramon Esquivel
Maricela Fernandez

Smiling makes everything better. -Aubrie Davis

Friendliest

"I'm friendly?"
Kasi Lozano

"Howdy!"
Kaleb Chambers



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most helpful

"If you're not first, then you're last."
Angel Gonzales

"Who you gonna call..."
Daniel Hyzak



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Courtney Fields
Justin Fitzgerald
Kevin Gabriel
Patrick Gamez
Max Garcia



Alyssa Garza
Dawson Gay
Angel Gonzales
Devinity Gonzales
Kara Gonzales



Cruz Gonzalez
Marco Gonzalez
Braden Gross
Bryanna Guerrero
Stephanie Gutierrez



Josh Hannington
Heather Hegar
Anthony Hernandez
Chelsea Hernandez
Jonathan Hernandez



Ramon Hernandez
Ashley Heselmeyer
Shaneka Hill
Gail Holman
John Horsey

Zoey Howard
Koby Huckabee
Naomi Hundley
Chelsie Hutcherson
Daniel Hyzak

Brandon Irizarry
Katrina Jackson
Niayesha Jackson
Rafael Jacobo
Jacob Jensen

Alex Jewett
Justin Johnson
Wendell Jones
Charles Kemp
Demarea Kerley

Amanda Kimble
Michael Lafler
Naptally Laprade
Maisen Lawhon
Daniel Leatherman

Mary Lefner
Zachary Lindsay
Chelsea Lockinger
Blanca Lopez
Chris Lopez

Life is too short to be serious all the time. - Koby Huckabee

Jessi Lopez
Joe Lopez
Manuel Lopez
Maria Lopez
Kasi Lozano



Amanda Luna
Heather Luna
Kiera Maddox
Brittany Maddux
Andrew Makare



Leticia Marmolejo
Luis Marrero
Eric Martinets
Elric Martinez
Felisa Martinez



Julie Martinez
Xavier Martinez
Megan Matuke
Steven McAllister
Christopher McFarlin





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best dressed

"Keep it fancy and classy."
Victoria Ochoa

"Your style is your unspoken statement to the world."
Nephtally Laprade

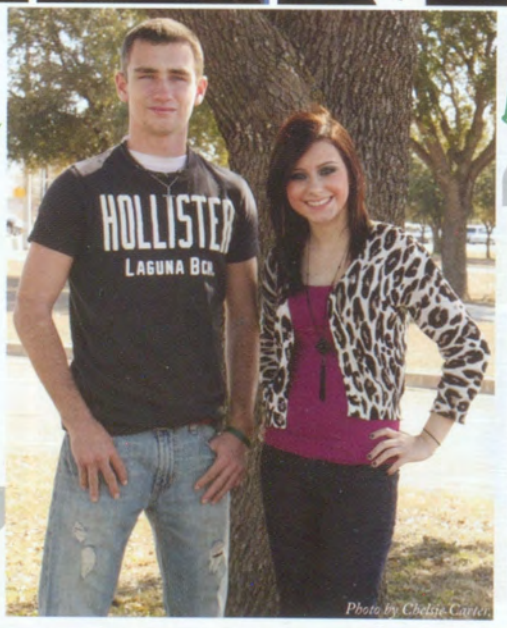


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most beautiful handsome

"My mother is the most beautiful woman I've ever seen. All I am I owe to my mother."
Ivy Albright

"I guess I got that pretty boy swag."
Cade Samuelson



John McMahan
Roberto Medina
Lilian Mendez
Monica Milligan
Gregory Mixon

Jose Morales
Tracy Morgan
Samuel Murguia
Edward Murray
Brandon Negus

Andre Nevins
Victoria Ochoa
Mariah Ojeda
Selena Olguin
Lawrence Olivarez

Abraham Oranday
Esperanza Ortiz
Jose Ortiz
Justin Patschke
Carlos Perez

Laiha Peterson
Cody Popham
Ana Ramirez
Victor Ramirez
Sandra Rangel

Richard Reyes
Jennifer Reyna
Matthew Reyna
Chase Richter
Maria Rios

Anything worth getting isn't easy. - Heather Luna



Taylor Robichaux
Adrianne Rodriguez
Katherine Rodriguez
Marcy Rodriguez
Rolando Rodriguez



Daniel Rojas
Eric Rojas
Aracely Rosas
Ian Rucker
Grindelia Rueda



Carter Sakewitz
Emilio Salazar
Cade Samuelson
Alejandro Sanchez
Alexis Sanchez



Jacob Sanchez
Maria Sanchez
Xavier Sanchez
Lorenzo Sanford
Alexis Schultz



Terrence Scott
Lakeisha Simien
Paul Smith
Thomas Solbach
Lauren Standifer



Shelbie Stegall
Catherine Stewart
Kelbie Stifflemire
Gabriel Sutton
Christian Tone
Brittany Torres







Christian Torres
Darrian Torres
Jennifer Townsend
Anna-Lisya Trevino
Addy Turner







Karina Velasquez
Mariana Velazquez
Elsy Ventura
Alyssa Villanueva
Joshua Villanueva







Vanessa Villarreal
Shannon VonGerichten
Brandie Walls
Eric Walton
Amanda Williams







Dedrick Williams
Lakevia Williams
Lorenzo Williams
Ashley Wilson
Hunter Wilson

most athletic



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"It's all about hard work and dedication."
Courtney Fields

"Never out-worked, never out-hustled."
Kelsie Stiffelmire

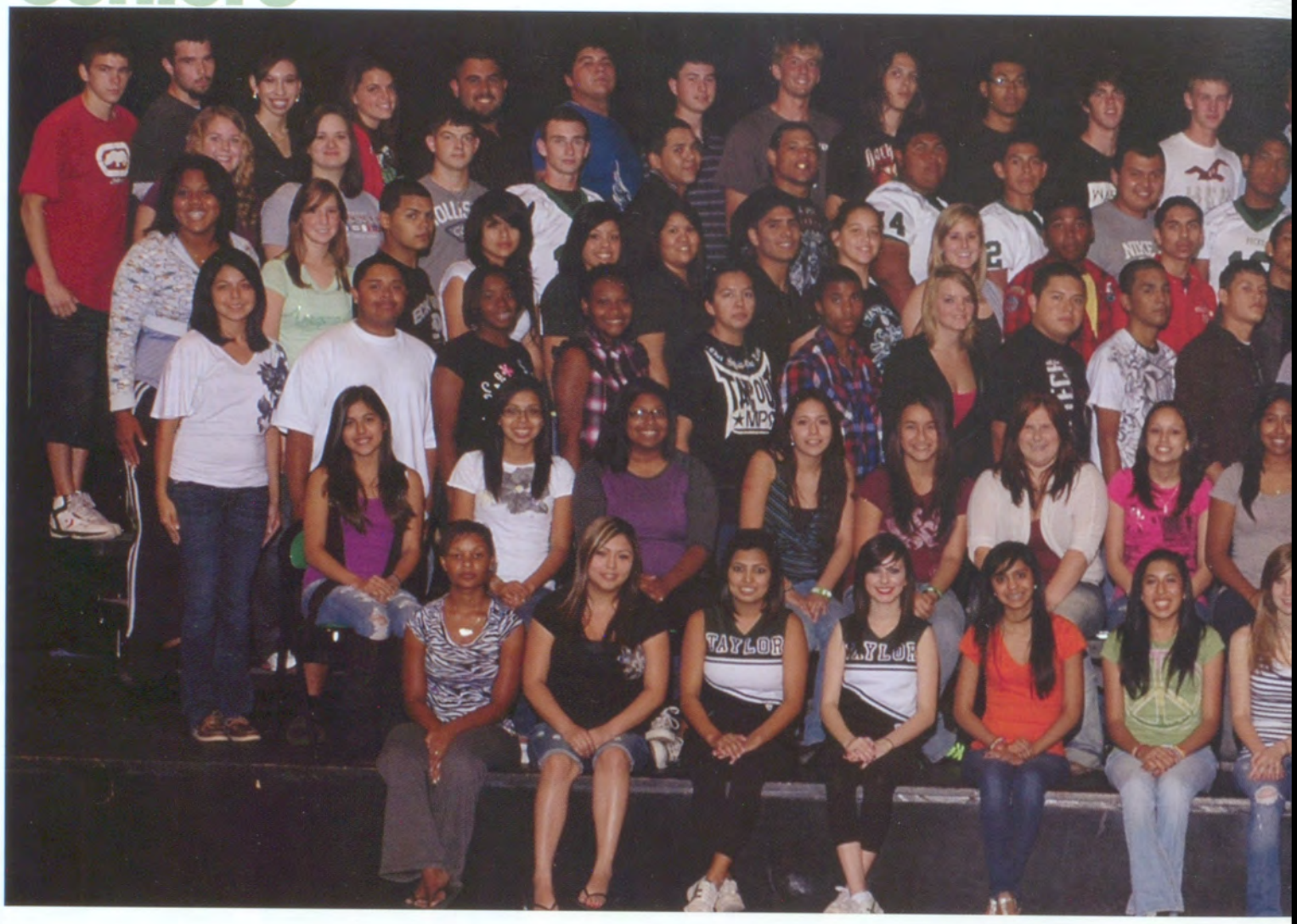



Kamery Woolridge
Kendall Wrinkle




Isabel Yanez
Christian Zuniga

Respect is everything. - Maray Rodriguez



Class

color: **Turquoise**

flower: **Rose**

song: **"So Close Now" by Ell Young Band**

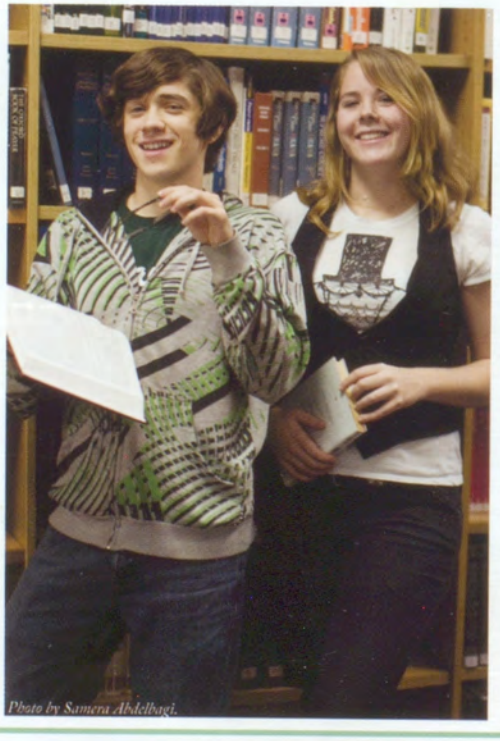


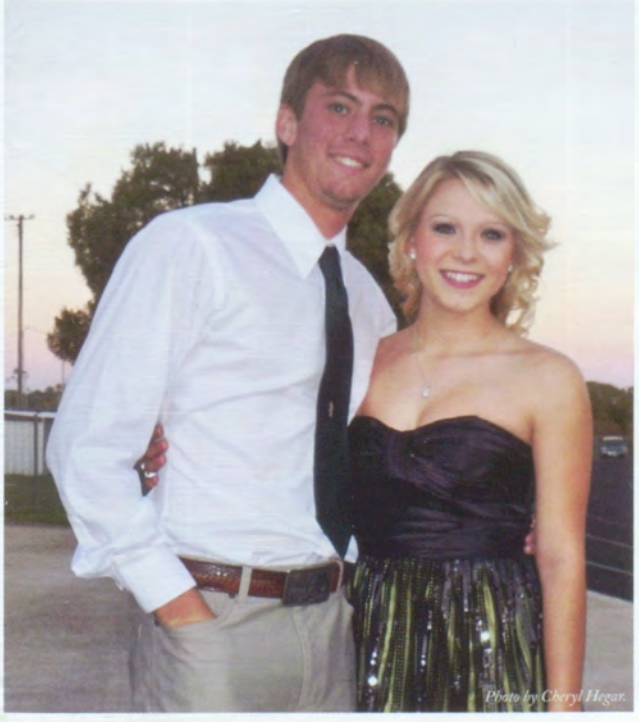
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most likely to succeed

"If you can't convince them, then confuse them."
Jennifer Townsend

Debateable!"
Elric Martinez




Photo by Cheryl Hegar.

"Remember you can be anything you want to be."

Heather Hegar

...Know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us.

Romans 5: 3-5

Braden Gross"

Mr. & Miss HS

Class motto

Life brings tears, smiles, and memories. The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the memories stay forever.

Design **Sloane Cotner**
Editing **Justin Patschke** & **Kendall Wrinkle**

Relationships...

Romance?

Lexie Orozco (11) Hunter Matysek (11)



Though they have known each other forever, they have never had a close relationship until this year. "She's easy to talk to and she doesn't have a whole lot of drama. People always asking if we're talking," Hunter said.

Bromance?

Josh Villareal (10) Bryan Martinez (10)



"We've been best friends since kindergarten when we met in Mrs. Griffith's class. His family is basically my family. I call his parents Mom and Dad," Bryan said.

Galpals?

Audrey Harris (9) Kasey Christianson (9)



"We've been best friends for three years. We have the same birthday and we were born in the same hospital. She's really funny and has a lot of blonde moments," Audrey said. *Photos by Kendall Wrinkle.*

Samera Abdelbagi 11
Ana Acevedo Ordonez 10
Joslin Acosta 11
Jesus Aguilar Reyes 11



Gabriel Aguilar 9
Jose Aguilar 11
Benito Aguilera 9
Mike Aguirre 10



Elias Alayon 11
Eric Alderete 10
Minerva Alderete 9
Desmond Aldridge 11



Yolanda Aleman 9
Brandon Almendares 10
Stevan Alonzo 9
David Ancira 9



Jensen Anders 10
Julian Anderson 9
Joie Aparicio 11
Alianna Araujo 9



Ana Araujo 11
Francisco Araujo 11
Jose Araujo 9
Leonel Arce 9



Maria Arellano 9
Amanda Arguelles 11
John Arista 10
Miranda Arista 9



Devon Arquette 9
Joel Arredondo 9
Ruth Arriaga 11
Devin Ashworth 10





Andre Avalos 9
Dominic Avalos 10
Timothy Bailey 9
Kiara Baker 10
Jonathan Ballard 11
Joshua Ballard 9



Jasmine Barber 11
Melina Batts 9
Darius Bayson 9
Aaron Beals 9
Maryah Beals 9
Max Beckwith 11



Ashley Bengtson 11
Jacob Bishop 9
Lacie Black 11
Capreshia Blakely 10
Kelsey Bland 9
Laravis Blunson 9



Kyle Bohac 9
Mia Bowens 9
Cecilia Bradfield 9
Natalie Branscum 10
Ashley Brian 10
Daron Brockington 10



Reagan Brooks 9
Essence Brown 11
Kathryn Bryant 10
Michael Bryant 11
Sean Bullock 9
James Bunch 10



Alexis Burnett 9
Ashley Burnett 9
Natasha Burnett 11
Ashley Burow 11
Judah Byrd 9
Jarvis Caldwell 11



Shanice Caldwell 11
Shawntell Caldwell 9
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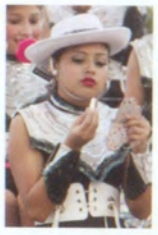
Did **you** do your homework?

six ***excuses*** why not

Taylor Deutsch
senior
"I'm too lazy to do it."



Deanna Mendez
sophomore
"Hi-stepper practice ends late, so I'm too tired to do anything else."



Ramon Hernandez
senior
"I threw it away because I don't believe in homework."



Amanda Powers
sophomore
"I was too tired so I didn't feel like doing it."



Michael Carlson
junior
"I usually tell my teacher I had 'allergies', so I couldn't read what was on the homework."



Melissa Reveles
junior
"I just didn't want to do it."



Kelsey Cargill
Michael Carlson 11
Kara Carnes 9
Jessica Carr 10
Edgar Carrera 9

Juan Carrizales 9
Peter Carrizales 9
Chelsie Carter 11
Shelby Carter 10
Perla Casas 9

Cory Ray Casey 10
Vanessa Castaneda-Valdi 9
Christopher Castillo 10
Eric Castillo 11
Selena Castillo 10

Alex Castro 10
Sergio Cervantes 10
Jaritza Chaires 9
Jorge Chaires 10
Cody Chambers 9

Renee Chavez 9
Sabrina Chavez 9
Luis Chicas 11
Oscar Chicas 9
Kacey Christiansen 9

Joshua Cigales 10
Rhayven Clark 10
Morgan Cmerek 10
Taneal Coleman 10
Margarita Correa 11

Marisol Correa 9
Desiree Cortez 9
Skylar Crayton 11
Jackie Crittendon 10
Julieta Cruz 11

Rudy Cruz 9
Marcus Cummings 9
Bianca Davila 10
Marissa Davila 10
Ismenia De La Cerda 10





Justin Deary 10
Lashaye Deary 11
Kadijah Dembo 11
Arthur Devlin 10
Karina Diaz 11
Crystal Dimas 10



Hunter Dismuke 11
Chantell Dominguez 10
Nicholas Dominguez 9
Jordan Donovan 10
Carli Drake 10
Nathan Dunn 10



Cameron Dupy 11
Daniel Duran 11
Antonio Elizondo 11
Dominic Elizondo 9
Lilly-Ann Engler 11
Allison Erwin 9



Diego Escalante 9
Rollan Espinoza 9
Wendy Espinoza 9
Kacey Estrada 11
Maryrose Fagan 9
Ashleigh Falcon 11



Jorge Falcon 10
Katie Faught 10
Hunter Faul 10
Abel Fernandez 11
Courtney Findley 10
Reagan Fischer 10



Kayla Fisher 10
Dylan Fitzgerald 9
Tre Fitzgerald 11
Brenda Flores 10
Cecilia Flores 11
Jonathan Flores 11



Miranda Flores 9
Yessenia Flores 10
Terry Florez 11
Cortney Flowers 9
Brittany Foley 9
Jace Fontenot 11



Amanda Foster 11
Isaac Franco 9
Christopher Frank 9
David Fuller 10
Alisha Gallardo 9
Andrea Galvan 9

broken bones

the story behind the bandage



Braden Gross (12)

What happened?

"I jumped off a hill and tried to roll out of it like a ninja but I landed wrong. I ended up breaking my collar bone. It didn't hurt at first, it only hurt when I lifted up my arm. My reaction was me asking the doctor how long it would take 'til I could play tennis again."



Selena Lopez (10)

What happened?

"I broke my finger at softball practice. We were soft tossing and the girl swinging hit my finger. It's been a pain in the butt at school because it's so hard to write and I can't play for a while."



Isreal Galvan 10
Analisa Gamboa 9
April Gamez 9
Cortney Gamez 9



Alessandra Garcia 10
Alyssa Garcia 10
Daisey Garcia 9
Joseph Garcia 9



Kira Garcia 10
Brooke Gardner 9
Victoria Gardner 10
Andrew Garza 9



Christopher Garza 11
Jesse Garza 9
Veronica Garza 9
Elijah Gault 10



Malcolm Gault 11
James Ging 11
Coty Gola 11
Ashley Gomez 10



Daniel Gonzales 10
Richard Gonzales 11
Sierra Gonzales 10
Diana Gonzalez 9



Laura Gonzalez 11
Karla Gonzalez-Rodrig 11
Lorellye Graham 10
Veronique Green 10



Mary Griffin 11
Chi Griggs 9
Moses Guerrero 11
Ebony Guyton 9



Marissa Guzman 11
Keith Hair 11
Edward Hall 9
Loren Hall 11
Justin Hardin 10
Dantrel Hargers 10



Audrey Harris 9
Shayla Harvey 10
Blake Haverland 10
Andrew Hawes 9
Blayne Hegar 10
Shania Henderson 9



Jared Henson 9
Matthew Herklotz 11
Casandra Hernandez 9
Hernan Hernandez 11
Jessica Hernandez 9
Jessie Hernandez 10



Joe Hernandez 9
Marco Hernandez 9
Martin Hernandez 10
Nancy Hernandez 9
Michael Herrera 9
Raymond Herrera 10



Renee Herrera 11
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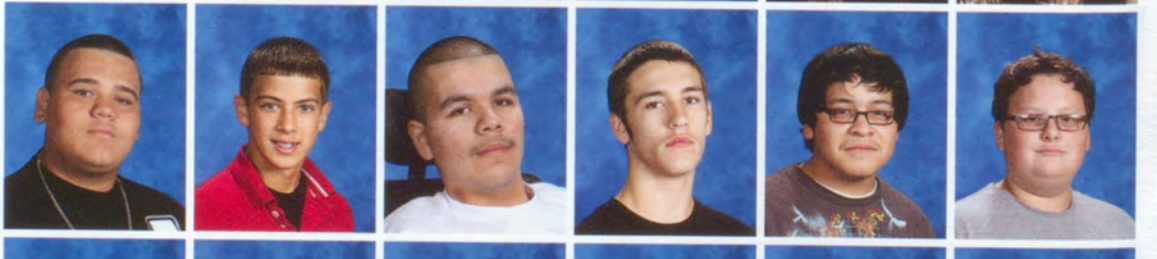
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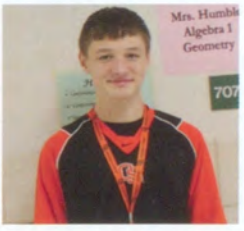
What is your favorite college team?



"The **Longhorns** weren't too great this year, but I am still a loyal fan."
Kate McQuillen (10)



"I really like the environment that **Texas Tech** provides, plus my family has gone there."Mariah Ramirez (10)



"I like **Oregon State University** because I used to live in Oregon."
Blaine Johnson (9)



"My whole family has gone there, and for as long as I can remember I have always wanted to go to **A&M**."
Lauren Standifer (12)

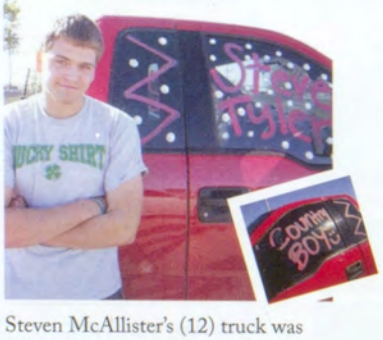
You got... Tagged



Angel Gonzales (12) got her truck tagged for the district cross country meet by Andrew Makare (12). "I was so excited because that was like the first time my truck has ever been tagged," Angel said. *Photos by Shannon Von Gerichten.*



Tagged three times, Ashley Burow's (11) truck was loaded with window paint. It was first tagged by fellow volleyball teammates, then from the senior cheerleaders during homecoming, and then Colton Anderson (12) tagged her truck for county show. "It doesn't really matter to me, I just never wash it off," Ashley said. *Photos by Jessica Humphreys.*



Steven McAllister's (12) truck was tagged by an unknown person. "It's a high school thing, as long as it's not anything bad I don't care," Steven said. He is constantly getting his truck tagged by his friends. *Photos by Shannon Von Gerichten.*



Kimberly Mata 9
Mark Mata 9
Bethany Matthys 10
John Matuke 11



Hunter Matysek 11
Caterina Mayberry 11
Courtney McConnell 10
Nathaniel McFarlin 10



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Johanna McNulty 10
Aaron McQuary 11
Kale McQuillen 11



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Roy Moreno 10



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JT Peterson 11
Avriel Pietsch 9



Jacqueline Polanco 10
Julie Polasek 10
Destiny Popham 11
Allyson Powell 10
Amanda Powers 10
Vanessa Rageldo 11

what's your worst Fear?



Photos by Magdalena Zavala.

Fish! They can like eat my toes and legs off.

Jesen Arden (10)



Photos by Sloane Cotner.

Snakes, because I was almost bitten by one when I was three.

Baron Hunt (9)



Photos by Magdalena Zavala.

I'm afraid of **windows**. when I was little I was sleeping and a robber came through my window and over my bed and ever since I've been scared of windows.

Brittany Sarmiento (11)

Anna Ramirez 9
Brock Ramirez 9
Cassidy Ramirez 10
Diana Ramirez 11
Kimberly Ramirez 9



Laura Ramirez 10
Mariah Ramirez 10
Mason Ramirez 10
Quirino Ramirez 9
Tayler Ramirez 11



Marisa Rangel 10
Roy Rangel 9
J'Nae Rathke 11
Kayla Renteria 9
Melissa Reveles 11



Alexandra Reyes 11
Alyssa Reyes 9
Jaime Reyes 9
Juesse Reyes 9
Liana Reyes 10



Robyn Reyes 11
Steven Reyes 11
Gabriel Reyna 9
Camron Richardson 11
Darrion Richman 10



Joshua Richter 11
Abner Rincon 10
Nelson Rincon 10
Johnny Rios 10
Francisco Rivera 9



Armando Robles 9
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Jacob Rodriguez 9
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Rhegan Stroup 11
Taylor Susan 9
Stephen Svatek 11



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Robert Taylor 10
Cierra Tealer 9
Mikhayla Teles 9
Seth Thomas 11
Terrence Thompson 9



Horeb Tinoco 11
Abbigayle Torres 9
Alyssa Torres 11
Jina Torres 10
Kaylah Torres 10
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Marcus Torres 9
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Juan Walle 9
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Keith Waller 10
Madeline Ward 9
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Aaron Wilson 11



Angela Wilson 9
John Wilson 9
Kywana Winn 10
Carrigan Wooldridge 9



Savannah Wright-Evans 10
Richard Yanez 9
Kathleen Young 11
Roslyn Young 9



Elias Zambrano 11
Ashley Zavala 11
Natalee Eason 11 Legacy
Jennifer Flores 11 Legacy



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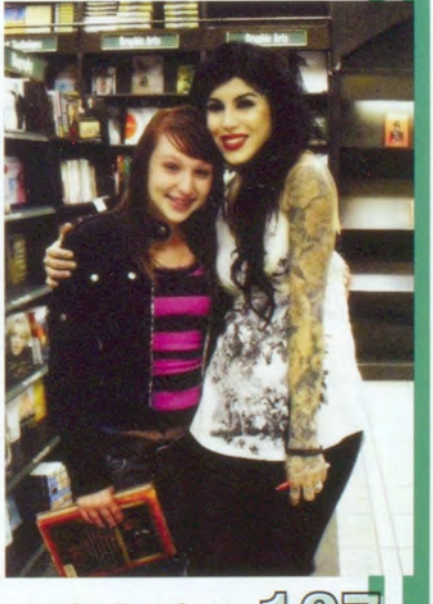


Elizabeth Vasquez 11 Legacy
Kelsi Wardi 11 Legacy

Mini meets Kat VonD



Mireya Sandoval (11) has been a fan of Kat VonD since her freshman year. For Halloween she dressed up just like her. "I look up to her. She's a role model, and a huge inspiration of my future career," Mireya said. On November 1, Mireya recieved a message from one of her friends stating that Kat VonD was coming to Austin to do a book signing that Wednesday at Barnes and Noble. She couldn't believe her eyes. "I was so excited, I couldn't believe I was going to meet her," Mireya said. Upon arrival they connected more than they expected. Shared ideas and more and even insite on her future. "She told me that when I got my first job as an artist, to come and visit her letting her know how everything turned out, and that she is looking forward to speaking with me again," Mireya said.



Araceli Alderete *CM Instr Aide*
Patricia Alford *TOC Principal*
Jonathan Alonso *Th Arts 1-4, Tech Theatre*
Leah Ancell *Prin. of Tech, Aqu Sci*
Jean Barnett *Art 1, Art 2 Sculp*
Jeri Birdwell *Legacy PAP English II*
Scott Bishop *AgTech/Metal, Ag Design/Fab*

Justin Boswell *Boys PE, Psy, PEA*
Eliza Boyd *CM Instr Aide*
Nancy Bracero *ESL*
Jim Brogan *Instructional Aide*
Jacques Brown *Band Director*
Randy Brown *Assistant Pricipal*
Rachel Burklow *Achievement*

Kelly Burns *Legacy PAP Geometry*
Michael Campos *Instructional Aide*
Kirsten Carpenter *Life Skills Aide*
James Casselman *Aqu Sci, A&P, Bio*
Melanie Catuogno *Journalism, Graphic Design, Yearbook*
Roy Champion *Health Science, Med Trm*
David Chapman *Applied Math 1-3*

Shelli Cobb *Girls' Athletic Director*
Rick Cobia *Athletic Director*
Lloyd Collier *Legacy PAP English I*
Natalie Collins *Chem, A&P, Study Isand*
Sherri Cook *Life Skills Aide*
Deona Cox *IPC, TOC*
Ramona Craig *On-Track Aide*



A flood of support



Sweeping up

Julie Martinez (12) sweeps off Mrs. Fox's porch after Hurricane Hermine hit. "I wanted to help Mrs. Fox, because she does a lot for us and I love helping people," Julie said. The hurricane caused Mrs. Fox's new floors to buckle and they were layered with a foot of mud. *Photo by Samantha Pachicano.*



Scrub it clean

Alyssa Torres (11) and Marcy Rodriguez (12) scrub off the mud and dirt from Mrs. Fox's furniture that got damaged from the hurricane. "I never knew water could cause so much damage," Alyssa said. Some furniture was ruined beyond repair. *Photo by Samantha Pachicano.*

Hurricane Hermine ravaged through central Texas causing unbelievable flooding. Thousands of Texans were affected by the flooding including librarian Diann Fox. Mrs. Fox's home near Circleville was flooded by 30 inches of water from the San Gabriel River. "I knew what to expect, but I wasn't prepared for the reality of it," Mrs. Fox said. Her home had never flooded this badly in the 25 years she's been living there.

The varsity volleyball team, FCCLA, FCA, NHS and different teachers volunteered to help Mrs. Fox with the clean-up process.

The volleyball team cleaned the kitchen chairs and moved trash out. FCCLA cleaned the furniture outside and packed up books and vinyl records. NHS cleaned the mud from the remainder of the furniture. FCA provided a meal for Mrs. Fox and her family. "It's hard to put my gratitude for the help into words," Mrs. Fox said "The feeling of the kindness that people showed was very touching. It made us feel thankful for living in Taylor with people that genuinely cared." Thanks to the help of others Mrs. Fox was finally able to finish cleaning her house. "The help was a silver lining to the dark cloud of the flood."



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Leslie Decker *German 1-4, Eng 1-2 SOL*
Allen Dews *Legacy PE*
Jamie Doege *Eng 1-2, A+*
Billy Duke *TOC*
Dawn Fischer *Graphic Design, Video Tech, Media, Journalism*

Diann Fox *Librarian*
Yvonne Garcia *Attendence Clerk*
Teresa Gardner *Even Start*
Carla Geeslin *Health Ed., PE, PEA*
Jean Gifford *Physics PAP, AP Physics*
Maureen Gray *US History, AP Macro Econ*
Nathan Gray *Art 1-3*

Anita Gutierrez *Custodian*
Vicki Hall *PE, Girls' PE, PEA*
Ellen Hannington *Life Skills Aide*
Hunter Hartwig *Legacy Alg I, PAP Alg II*
Madeline Hatcher *Counselor*
Heather Henson *Even Start*
Katie Hodges Burkhart *Compliance, ESL, ELA*

Terrie Holmstrom *CM, CM/A+*
Rebecca Humble *Geometry, Alg 1*
Debbie Jackson *Life Skills*
Connie Janak *PEIMS Clerk*
Barbara Johle *Asst. Principal Secretary*
Ed Johnson *Auto Tech, Prin of Transport*
Doug Kuhl *Bio, Bio PAP, PEA*

Sue Lawson *Prin of Business, BIMM*
Barbara Leschber *Career Prep.*
Shannon Lindholm *Eng 3, AP Eng 3*
Louise Long *Chemistry, AP Chemistry*
Roy Longcrier *Assistant Principal*
Kathryn Lynch *On-Track Teacher*
Robert Marak *Bio, AP Bio, PEA Boys*

Justin Boswell
Julie Rohan
Maureen Gray
Joseph Shultz
Dawn Fischer
Nisa Stevens
Doug Kuhl
Jane Medema
Charles Rohan

James Proctor
Candi Gadison
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Ryan Vrabel
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Paul Quarles
Jose Silva
Jacques Brown
Magdalena Zavala
Tracy O'Quinn
Diann Fox
Nathan Gray
Robert Marak
Terrie Holmstrom
Melanie Catuogno
Vicki Hall
Krystina Tellez
Jamieson McCaffity

personalities unraveled



Jean **Gifford** (physics)

Why CU? The official name is the University of Colorado, but it goes by CU. I grew up in Colorado. It was a state school so it was the obvious choice. I got a good scholarship for music too, and it had a good engineering school.

What Major? Chemical Engineering.

What did you like most? It was close to home, had good professors, a beautiful campus, and a great climate. I also met my husband at school.

Deborah Marek *Cafeteria*
Norma Marquardt *Legacy Principal*
Candice Martin *Nutr Wellness, Cul.Arts*
Magdalena Martinez *Custodian*
Carolyn Mason *Life Skills Aide*
George Matthys *Acc. Math, Achievement*
Jeff Mc Bride *Legacy World Geography*

Jamieson Mc Caffity *Concert Choir, Women's Choir*
Mary Mc Farlin *Clerk*
Jane Medema *Life Skills*
Minerva Montoya *Custodian*
Suzanne Morris *CM Instructional Aide*
David Motl *Assistant Band Director*
Charles Norris *Acc Math, Alg. 1-2*

Tracy O'Quinn *Spanish 1, French 1-3*
Pam Pekar *Registrar*
Danny Potts *TOC*
Debbie Powell *Nurse*
James Proctor *W History, PAP W History, PEA*
Paul Quarles *US History USH AP*
Kevin Ramm *Alg 2, Math Models, PEA*

Lourdes Reyes *W Geography, PEA*
Rita Reyes *Custodian*
Jana Richardson *Eng 1, PEA*
Cassandra Ricks *Assistant Principal*
Francisco Rivera *Custodian*
Lidia Rodriguez *Even Start Aide*
Julie Rohan *Math Models, PAP Alg. 2*

Vicki Roth *Legacy Principal's Secretary*
Vicki Rowe *Eng 4, Eng 4 AP, ACDEC*
Patti Ruemke *ISS*
Maria Ruiz *Custodian*
Michele Samuelson *CATE Clerk*
Joseph Schulze *Acc Sci, A+*
Jina Self *Athletic Secretary*



When I grow up, i wanna be...



Photography teacher Ms. Magdalena Zavala photographed her first New Orleans Saints game while working for the New Orleans Times Picayune. "I actually lived out my fantasy career. I wanted to be a **photojournalist**, and I got to complete all the fantasy assignments that I wanted to complete," Ms. Zavala said. *Photo courtesy of Magdalena Zavala.*



Before becoming an English teacher, Mrs. Shannon LIndholm wanted to be a **Broadcast Journalist.** "I loved to watch breaking news on television and thought it would be really fun to ber in on the action and excitement myself," Ms. Lindholm said. *Photo by Melanie Catuogno.*

New Superintendent Jerry Vaughn



The Taylor ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name Floydada ISD Superintendent Jerry Vaughn as Taylor's next Superintendent of Schools. *Courtesy photo.*



Ashley Sengsouvanh *Hi-Steppers, Dance 1-4, PE*
Carin Shaughnessy *W Geo, W Geo Pre-AP*
Sarah Singer *Legacy Span 1-2*
Christina Solorio *Principal's Secretary*
Chad Springer *Legacy PAP Chem., PAP Physics*
Brandon Spurgin *Eng 1-2, Reading*
Nisa Stevens *Prof. Comm., Debate*

Susan Sumpter *Human Serv., Fashion Des., Child/Pers./Fam. Developement*
Dee Sutton *LIFE Instructional Aide*
Krystina Tellez *SAT/ACT Prep., Latin*
Marilyn Tennill *Counselor*
Mike Tennill *Govt., PEA (NTR)*
Melissa Thomas *Eng 1 PAP, Eng 2*
Whitney Thomas *Legacy Counselor*

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Johna Underwood *Eng 2-3 PAP, Eng 3*
Connie Urbis *CM Aide*
Donna Vanecek *Life Skills Aide*
Lisa Vaughan *Rn Prin Health Sci*
Steven Vigil *Legacy PAP Biology*

Antonio Villalon *Eng. 4, PEA*
Ryan Vrabel *TOC, W History, PEA*
Danny Ward *Principal*
Cathy West *Pre-Cal, Pre-Cal PAP, AP Calculus, Computer Sci*
Kevin Widmer *Life Class*
Kindra Wimberley *LIFE Instructional Aide*
Susan Wind *Campus Tech*

David Wolbrueck *Content Mastery*
Magdalena Zavala *Photo Journalism, A+*
Mary Ann Zucknick *CM Instructional Aide*

School**Board**



Front: Secretary Shorty Mitchell, President Brad Moss, Vice President Johnny Sanford. **Back**: Thomas Martinez, Jim Weison, Eliseo Elizondo, Assistant Secretary Anita Volek.



Nisa Stevens
Professional Communications & Debate Teacher

1989
Burleson High School



2010
New Mommy



Courtesy photos.

What the **heck** is a Marpter?

What for? "We made the shirts for Flock Day during Homecoming week.

Who designed? Mr. Gray drew our faces and gave us a couple of options for bodies. Then we scanned it and colored it in Photoshop.

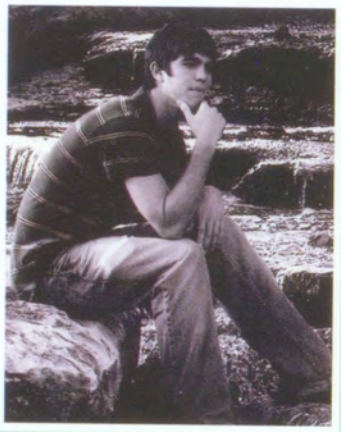
What inspired it? Mr. Longcrier was always trying to put our names together because wherever there is one of us, the other is there. So, we came up with the name "Marpter" to symbolize us both.



Marpter: *noun;* 1. A two headed monster which cooks, sews, and takes care of babies. 2. A friendly monster that resides in the 300 wing.

Photos by Melanie Catuogno.

Andrew Makare



Dear Andrew.

We are so proud of you!
We can't wait to see what you do in college!

We love you!
Love,
Dad, Heather,
Amara, and Avery

Chelsea Hernandez



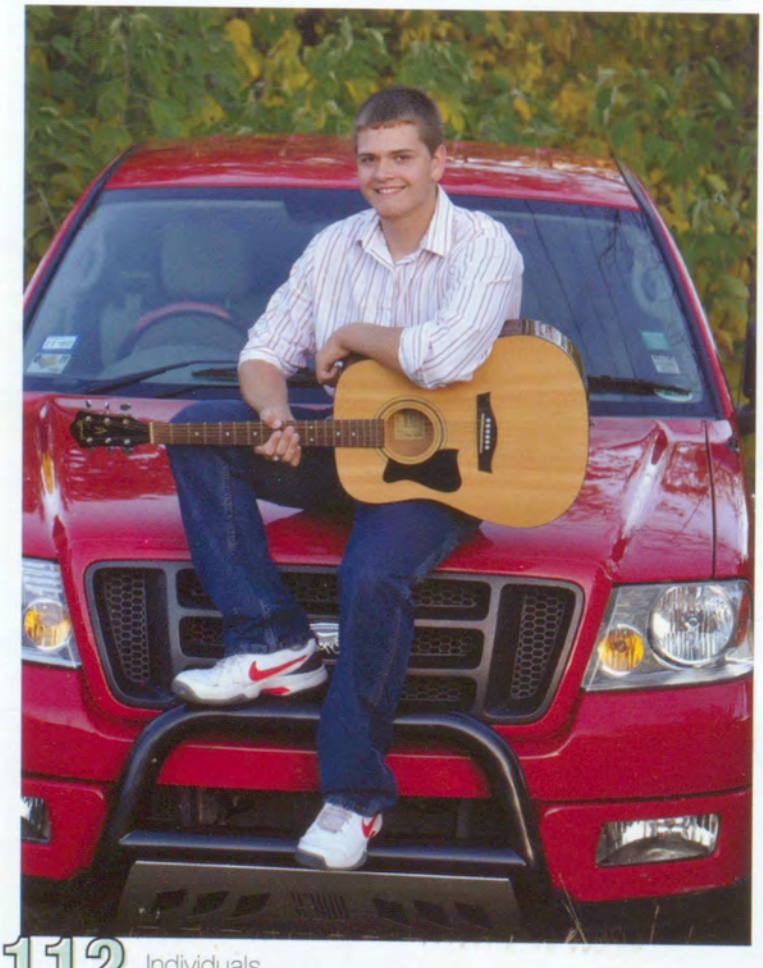
I know we have had our differences and not always seen eye to eye, but I just wanted to tell you I'm proud of you before anymore time passes by. I know that you will succeed in everything you do, but always keep in mind that dad loves you.



Amanda Kimble

I know you are going to do great in whatever career you choose.
Good luck and we love you!

We are so proud of you!
Love Mom, Dad , Nana, Becky, Joe, and Sara



Steven McAllister

Dear Steven, go confidently in the direction of your dreams.

With much love,
Mom, Dad, Granny, Grandpa, Pawpaw, & Maymay









Shannon VonGerichten

God has given us the pleasure of raising such a special young lady. We wish his richest blessings for you. You will always be forever young in our hearts. Congratulations on your accomplishments. We love you very much. Love, Mom, Dad, Chris, & "The Gang"





Heather Starr

The past 18 years have flown and
To a beautiful young lady you have grown.
You have been successful at all you have done,
These 18 years have been so much fun.
Although there have been some obstacles along the way,
You didn't let them ruin your day.
You have given us many memories to cherish of all you have done,
You have kept us going and on the run.
From following you to all your soccer games when you were four,
To watching you perform your color guard routine and so much more.
Congratulations and may all your dreams come true.
We wish you success in your future too.



Love, Mom, Abby, G-Ma, and G-Pa



Victoria Tori Ochoa

Jeremiah 29:11

"My amazing daughter, you're someone who dreams with a heart full of hope, wonder, and imagination, and I'm someone who believes in you and every wish, every someday, every anything you've ever dared to imagine."

We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Josh

Kara Gonzales

I can't begin to tell you how proud we are of you. I've been given the opportunity to watch you grow from an incredibly cute small child into a beautiful young woman. You have achieved so much and no matter what has happened in the past or what will happen in the future, always know that we love you and we will always be here for you. You have made us so proud and I know that you will continue to do so during your journey through life.

We always knew you could do it!





In loving memory of

Paige Buckalew



August 24, 1993-
August 4, 2010

Go rest now precious one.





Kasi Lozano

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.
Phil. 4:13









Kasi,

You are truly our "sparks" child! You bring such joy to our family! We are so very proud of you and look forward to where God will take you! Keep your eyes focused on him and everything will fall into place. We love you!

Mom, Tony, Matt, and Sparky

Mariah Ojeda



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all ways aknowledge, and he will make your paths straight."

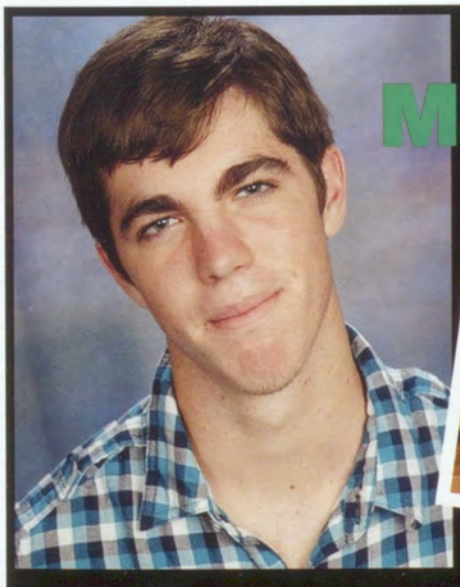
Proverbs 3: 5-6







Andrew Makare

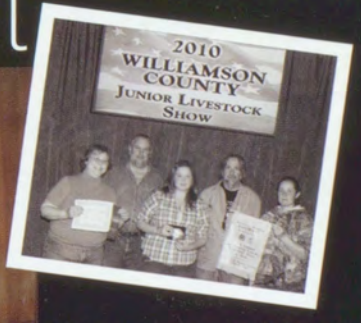




{ One cute boy grew into one talented young man which makes one very proud mom. Love, Mom }

Catie Stewart





We are so proud of all that you have accomplished through your life. You have overcome any obstacle that has been put in front of you. Dad, Aubrie and I have enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling with you. May the rest of your life's journey be filled with great opportunities and adventures.



Koby Huckabee

Koby,

Watching you grow has been the delight of my life. I look at you and wonder what dreams you will dream, what mountains you will climb, what joys you will have. I know there will be tears and struggles as well, but my prayer is that you will grow into the man you are meant to be.

Love, Mom, Mimi, and Mary



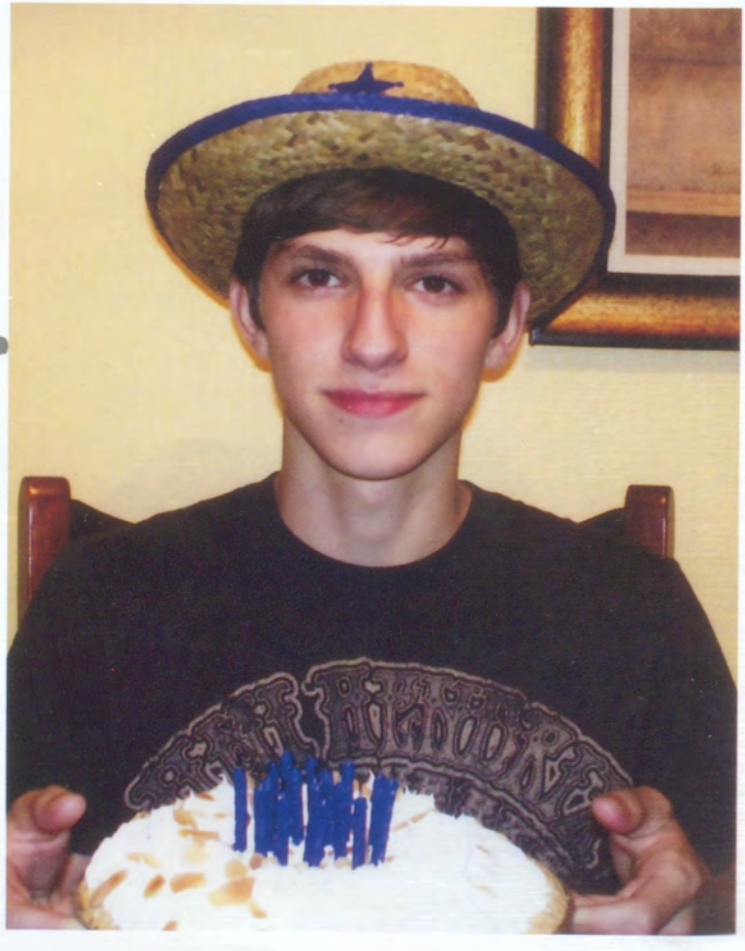
Christian Tone

Christian,

Congratulations on your graduation! This will be the first step you take towards achieving your goals in life. Good luck in college and dream big. Never forget how much we love you!

Love Daddy, Mommy, Devyn, and Brice







Heather Hegar

Heather ,

We are very proud of you! We wish you the best in the future and in everything you do! We love you "Sunshine"!

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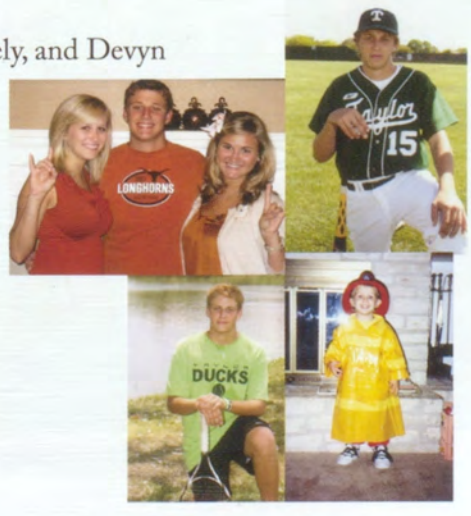


Ian Rucker

Ian,

You are a special young man, and we are so proud of the person you have become. Your uniqueness has added so much to our family and lives. As you venture out into the world, remember we will always be there for you with our love and support. We wish you only the best!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Keely, and Devyn







Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

Kristen Cuba

We are so proud of all of your accomplishments in school as well as life. You have given us years of wonderful memories and will surely fill our future with pride and joy. Remember how powerful you can be if you are motivated and believe in yourself. Believe in what you have become, what you will become, and what you have to offer. Most importantly love life and all that comes with it!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Madison





Chelsie Hutcherson

We are so proud of you. You are working so hard to graduate and be the best you can be. Good luck to you in what ever you decide to do in your future and we'll always be beside you.

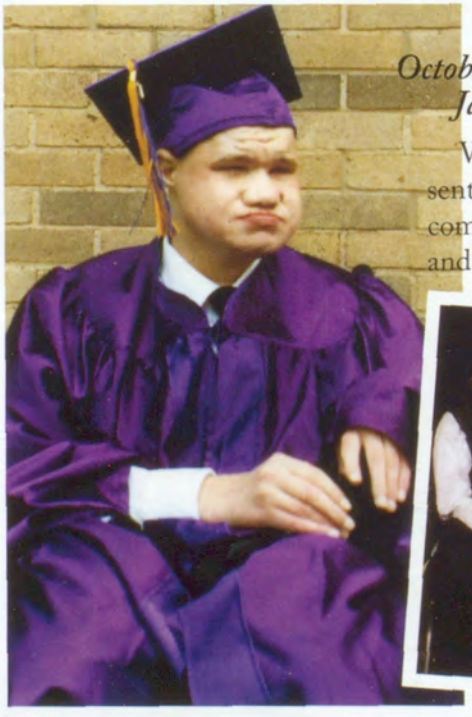
Love,
Mom & Dad

Marcy Rodriguez



Never be afraid to take a leap of faith! I will always be here to catch you.
Love, Mom

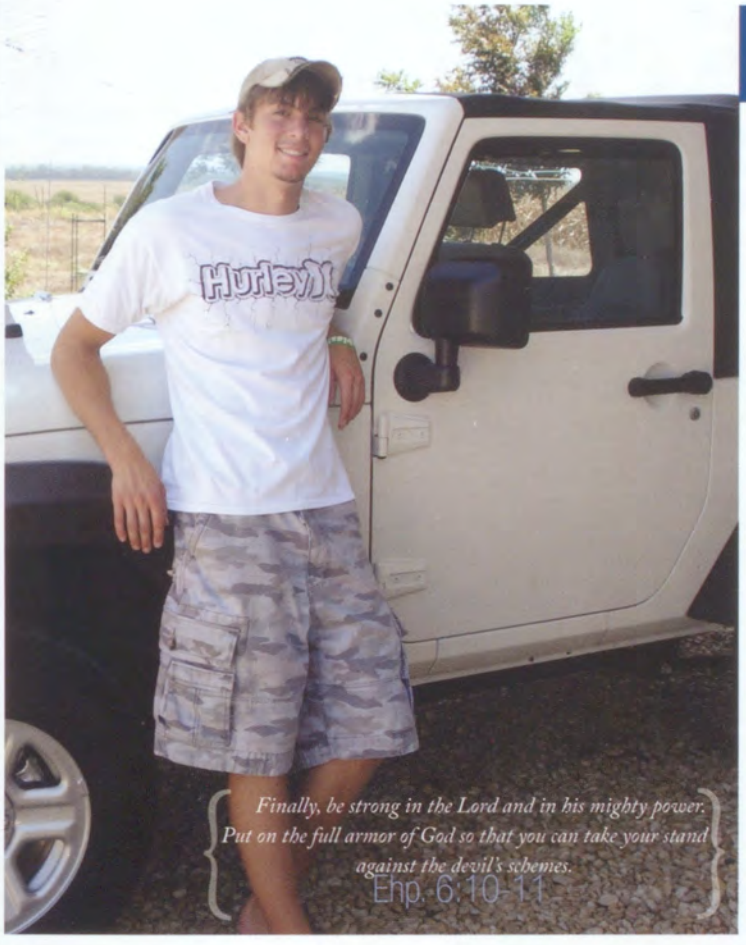
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With this child sent from above comes stronger faith and richer love.





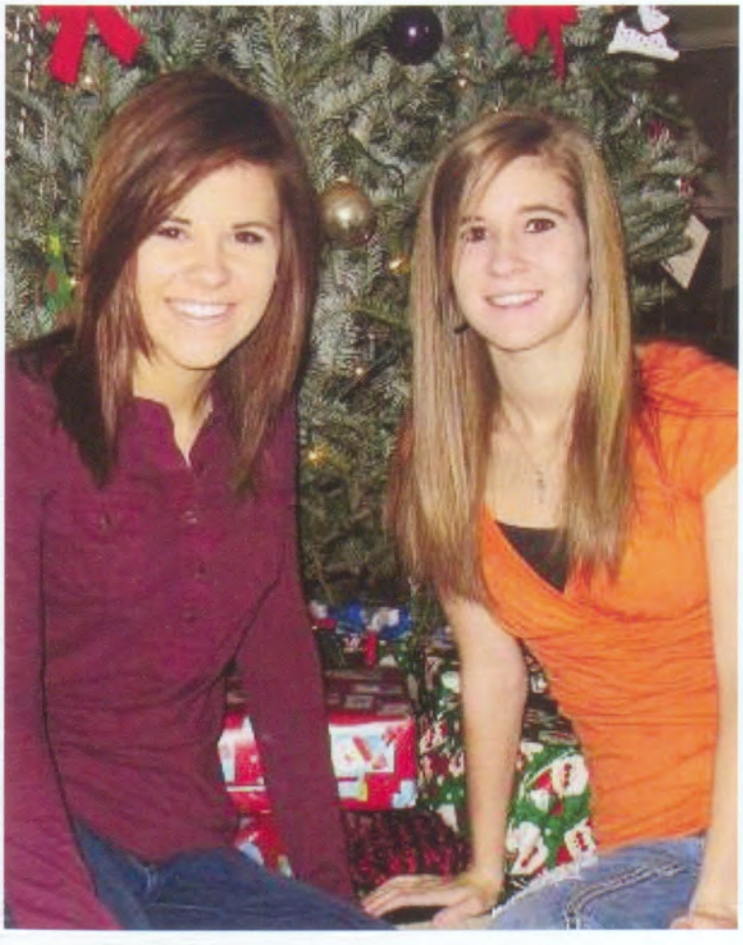
Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.
Ehp. 6:10-11

Braden Gross

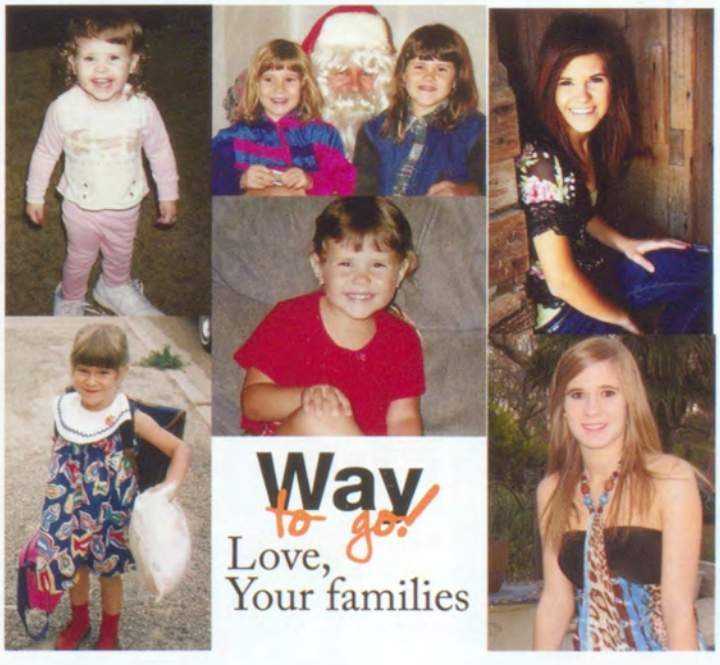
What a sweet blessing God gave us with your birth. Whether it was cowboys, rock collecting, basketball, fishing, hunting, pole vaulting, tennis, playing guitar, helping in Church, or driving your jeep, you always gave it 110%. Your creativity is awesome. Your positive attidude is inspiring and contagious. From ER rooms to knee surgery to collar bone surgery, you have handled it all with patience and strength. Best wishes as you continue your studies learning how to preserve this beautiful world God created for us. You will do amazing things.

Love,
Daddy-O, Mom, Scott, Brianna, and Keegan





{Kayla Beran & Gail Holman}



Way to go!
Love,
Your families

Sandra Rangel






Our beautiful daughter,
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Love, Mom and Dad



Addy Turner






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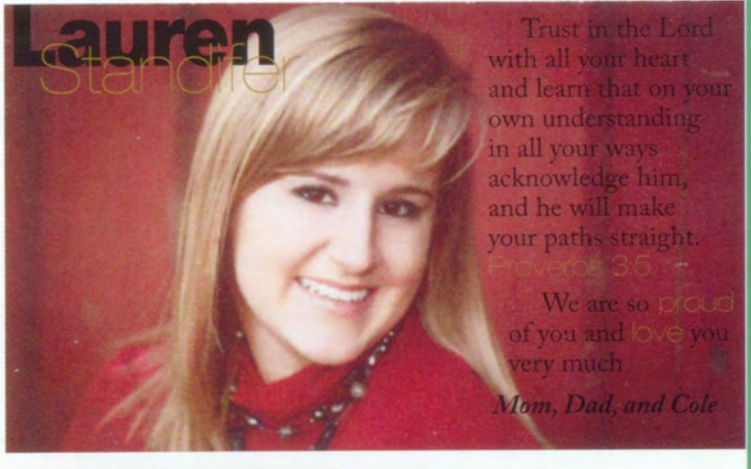


We are so proud of how you have grown into a beautiful, smart, and funny young woman. God has a special plan for such a special girl.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Maddie, and Katie



Lauren Standifer



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and learn that on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5

We are so proud of you and love you very much

Mom, Dad, and Cole



Chase Richter

I have watched you grow into a wonderful and smart young man and I am so proud to call you my son. You ahve accomplished many things so far in your life and I know you will accomplish a great many more. Congratulations on your graduation.

I love you,
Mom

Kendall Wrinkle & Justin Patschke



Kendall,

We are so proud of you! You have been such a joy to us and will continue to be as you follow your dreams all the way to Texas Tech! Get your guns up!

-Love you,
Mom, Dad, and Lindsey





Justin,

The world is waiting, go find the stars, reach high! We know you will suceed! We are so proud of you!

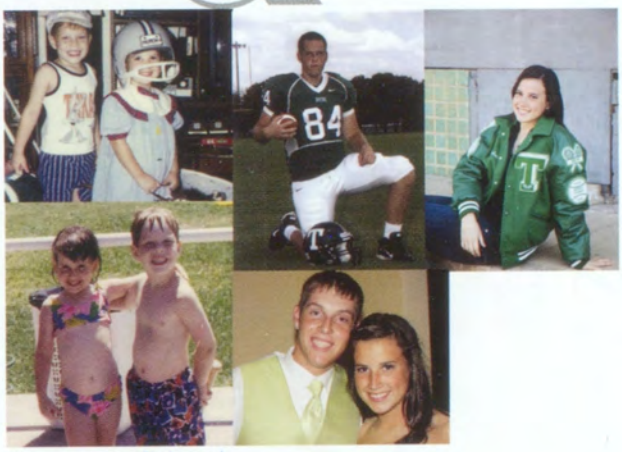
-Love,
Mom, Dad, and Lynz too!







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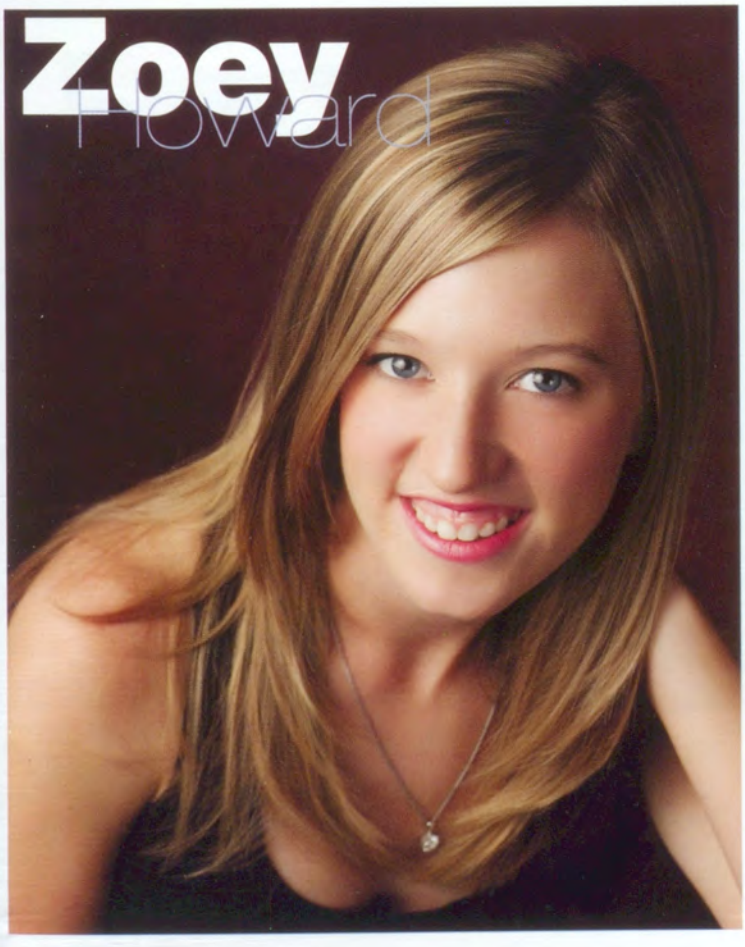
Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined
~ *Henry David Thoreau*

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Zoey Howard



In our hearts, you will always be our "prettiful" little princess. We are extremely proud of your accomplishments and the beautiful young lady you have become. May your future be blessed with only the best!

Love always,
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Chase,
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Love,
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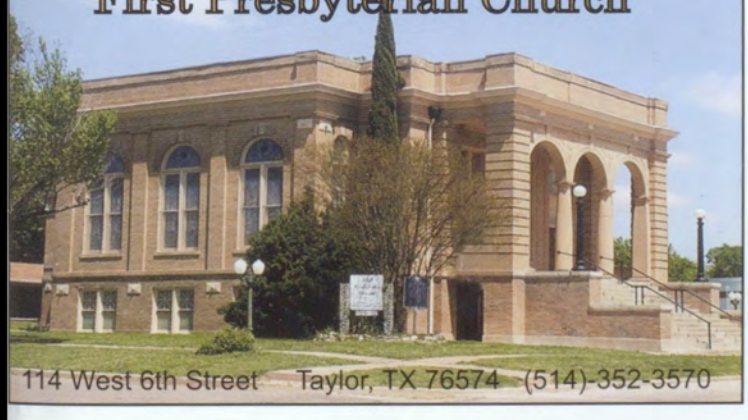
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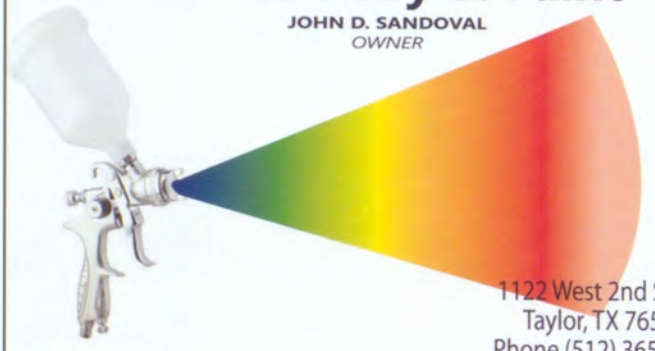
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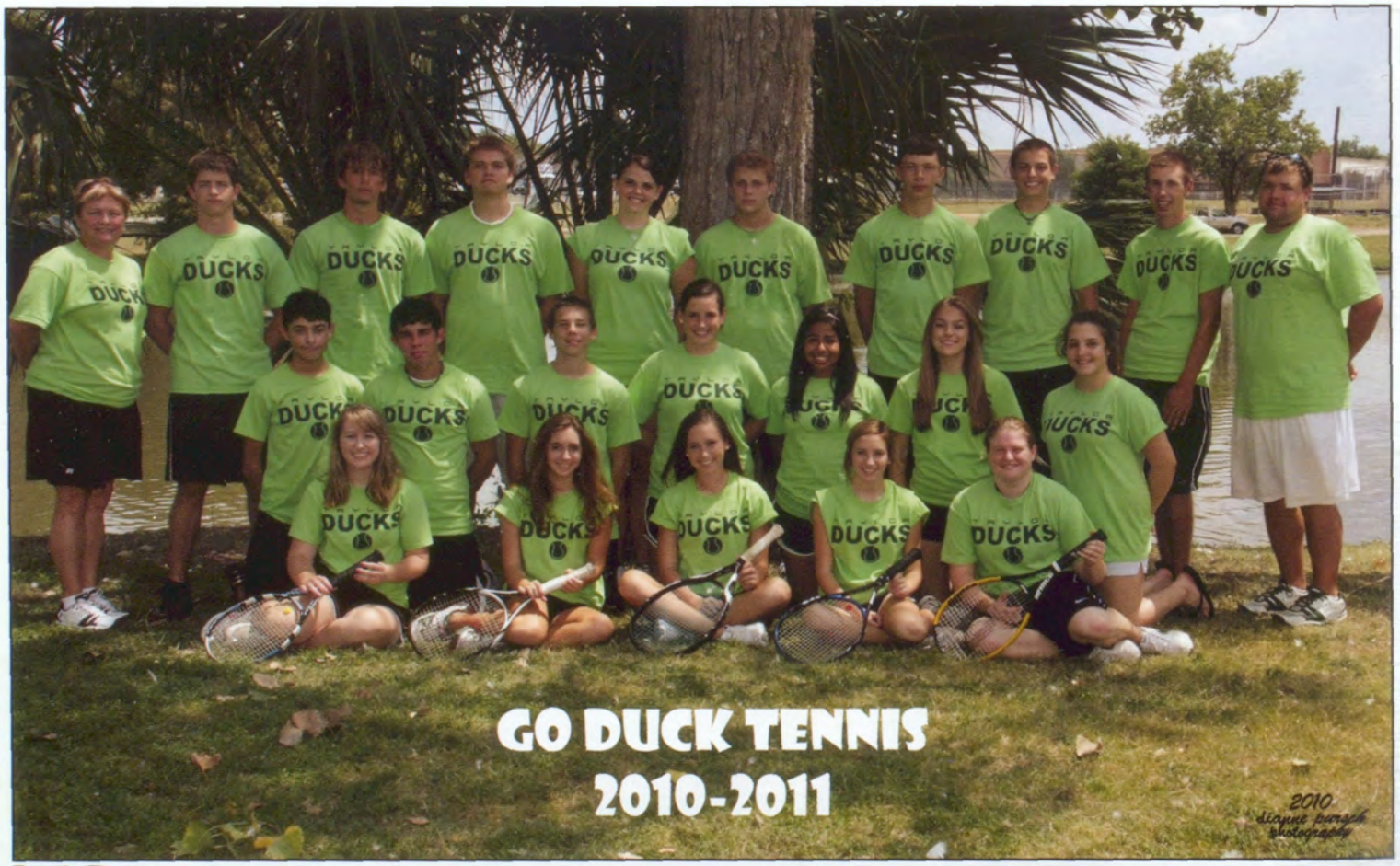
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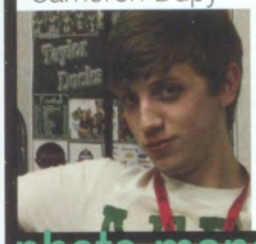
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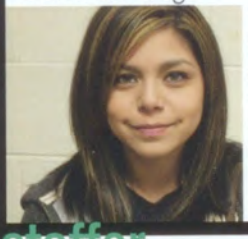
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staffer
Zoey Howard



"I just realized my feet don't touch the ground."

staffer
Morgan Cmerek



"Say no to PDA."

staffer
Mallory Marcon



"Sloane where's the shortbread cookies at?"

staffer
Samantha Patchicano



"I'm down. Katelyn's?!"

staffer
Lauren Vrana



"Hey, Mrs. C, you got the spoons right?"

staffer
Jessi Lopez



"Me too! She said look ma, no hands!"

staffer
Julia Trejo



"Do the potty dance."

staffer
Jace Fontenot



"I am doing something!"

staffer
Amy Janecka



"I got my permit before you!"

staffer
Shannon Von Gerichten



"It makes me ill."

staffer
Kasi Lazono



"I joined for the food."

layers



Gaby Dominguez (10)



THS Cheerleaders



Jose Ortiz (12)

So there it is. There's the **scoop**, that's what went down this year, those were the layers of your **life** here at Taylor High. This yearbook strove to show all the hidden **layers** of life to everyone reading, and to all those who once **believed** that Taylor High School is a one dimensional place, hopefully we've proven you wrong.

The layers of our lives have a tendency to lie flat and what is on the surface is all people see. If nothing else, we hope this yearbook reached into your heart and you mind and lifted the layers covering all that you did not see, exposed to you all that you missed experiencing, and showed you all that you wish to remember and cherish forever.



School's out
Leaving for the day, Alantino Leal (9) takes another trip out of the side door, one he will no longer walk out of for the rest of his high school years to come. "I'm nervous and excited about the new school. There's a lot of different people in this school," Alantino said. "But I pretty much talk to all of them..." *Photo by Jessica Humphreys.*

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