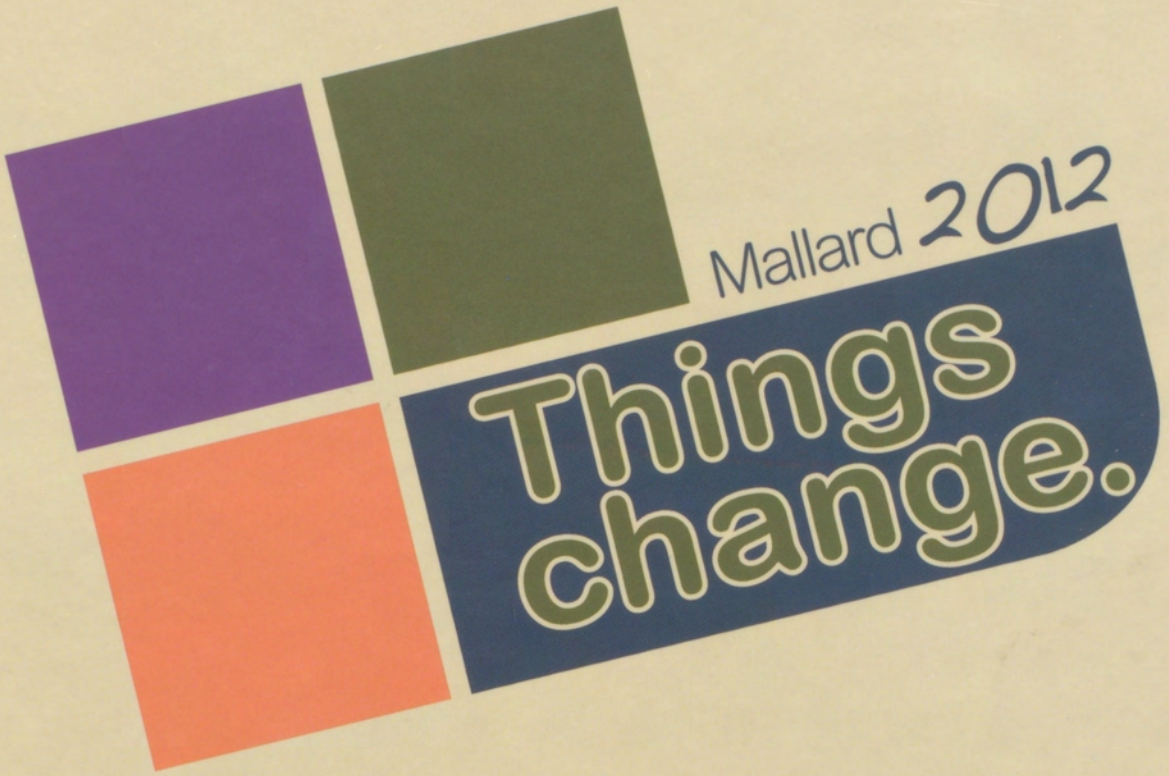

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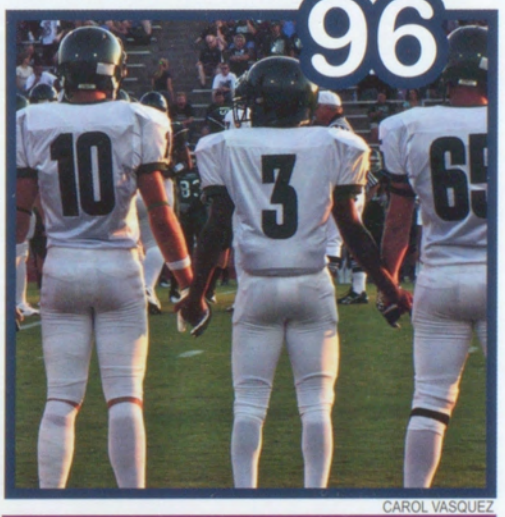
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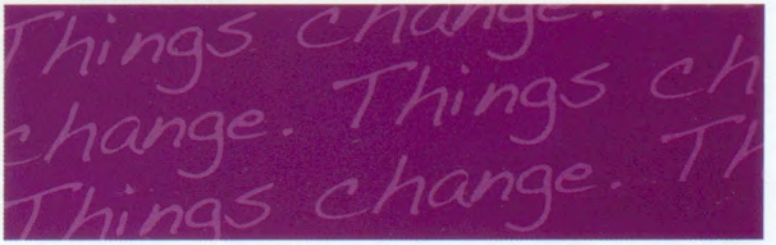
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Change of Address The new Taylor High School building was completed just in time for the start of school in August. "We had to work log hours and weekends to get everything in place before the first day of school," Brad Ging (12) said. "You don't appreciate the desks and chairs until you haul and construct hundreds of them." Ging was one of several students who were employed by the district to help with the move. **New Technology** Students and teachers were issued new MacBooks in the first weeks of school. "This will change the way we teach and learn," said Mrs. Sandy Vaughn, director of the Technology Immersion Program.



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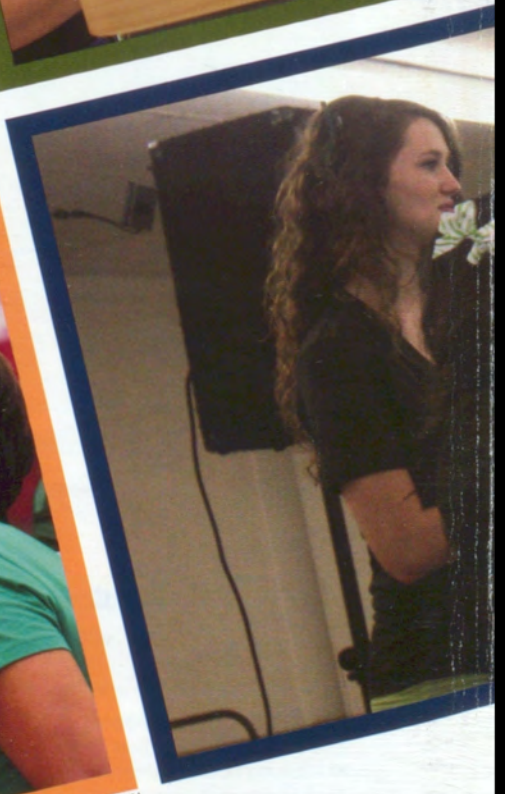


BETTY ORANDAY





AMY WEISON



Things change.

Things change. They change for the better. They change for the worse. They change because you change them. They change whether you want them to or not. Things change suddenly or they change gradually over time. The only thing that is certain, really, is that things change.

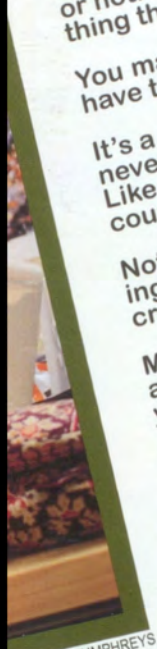
You may as well accept it. Nothing ever stays the same. Life is change. You have to learn and grow constantly to keep up.

It's a year of big changes for Taylor High School. Changes we thought would never come, like a shiny new building. Like new laptops for every student. Like natural light in the hallways, a student-run cafe, and online dual-credit courses.

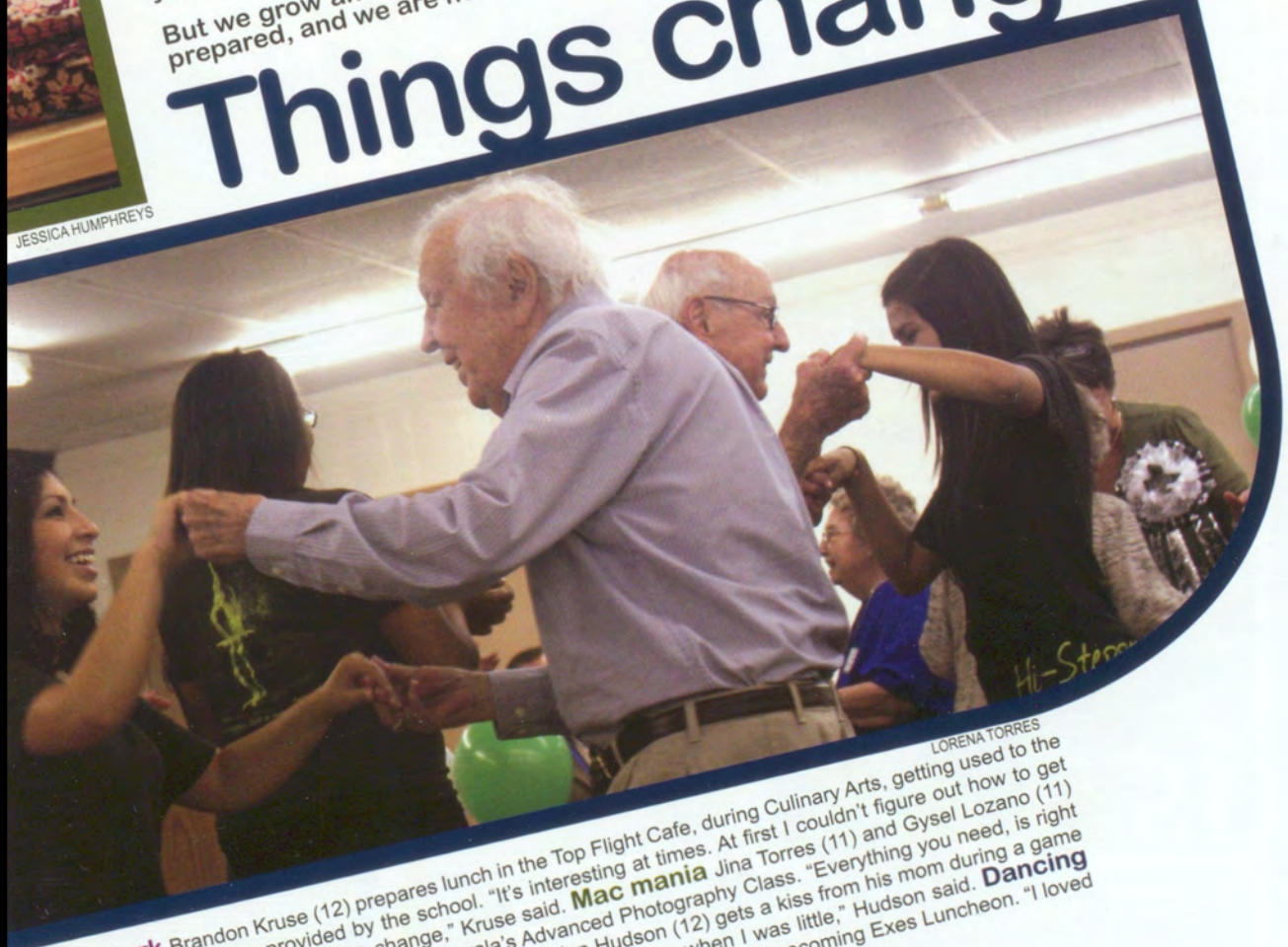
Not all change is good. We miss our friends at lunch. We struggle with changing gears for eight classes every day. We walk farther than we used to, or we crowd on the bus.

More change is coming. We make plans for graduation, for moving on, for life after high school. There is no time for getting used to anything--by the time you do, it's already changing.

But we grow and adapt. Change is our element. We are ready for it. We are prepared, and we are not afraid. It's OK. We know. Things change.



JESSICA HUMPHREYS



LORENA TORRES

Prep work Brandon Kruse (12) prepares lunch in the Top Flight Cafe, during Culinary Arts, getting used to the new kitchen appliances provided by the school. "It's interesting at times. At first I couldn't figure out how to get the steamer working, but it's a nice change," Kruse said. **Mac mania** Jina Torres (11) and Gysel Lozano (11) use their new macs to edit photos in Mrs. Zavala's Advanced Photography Class. "Everything you need, is right at your finger tips," Torres said. **Motherly love** Holden Hudson (12) gets a kiss from his mom during a game at a pep rally. "I knew it was my mom, and she still kisses me like when I was little," Hudson said. **Dancing partners** Kacey Estrada (12) dances along with a Taylor Alumni at the Homecoming Exes Luncheon. "I loved it. We started to talk and he taught me how to swing dance," Estrada said.

2 June — Tubing in Branson, MO

"The lake was the best thing about the trip to Branson," Elizabeth **Sengler** (11)



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6 Peru

TJ Stiewert (10) visited Machu Picchu, Cusco, and Lima, Peru. "I climbed Mt. Machu Piccu and went hang gliding on the Lima coast. We walked around the cities there and saw a lot of weird people," Stiewart said.



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13 Touring California

Coty Gola (12) traveled to California. "It was an instant breath of fresh air stepping off of the first flight in San Francisco because the weather was so much cooler than in Texas," Gola said.



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16 Twirling

Nationals Competion

This being the first time Julie Polasek (11) went to a competition on the national level, Polasek said, "It was an awesome experience, it was interesting to see the different routines, and meet people from all over the country. I will definitely do it again." Polasek placed first in the three-baton division and third in the one baton division.



LORELLYE GRAHAM



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Project LOOP goes on a field trip to Frank's Hot Dogs.

July 1

Reagan Fischer (11), Libby Fischer (9), Lauren Hortenstine (9), and Katelyn Roznovak (9) went to the Frio River.



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Overseas Expedition 26

Tallie Thompson (9) took a trip with her family to Ireland . "I really enjoyed the trip. We saw the London Bridge and the London Eye. And Ireland looked like it did in the movies," Thompson said.



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FFA Convention 13

Eleven members of Taylor FFA attended the State FFA convention in Lubbock, Texas. "To be able to see what other FFA chapters are doing, throughout the state of Texas, motivates us to do more things within our chapter," Mallory Marcon (11) said.

iSWAG's

trip to Corpus Christi

"It opened my eyes up to much more opportunities out of Taylor. It made me feel like I was important when it came to adult stuff," Alyssa Torres (12) said.

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20 TbarM

The Hi-Steppers attended their annual TbarM summer camp. "It was amazing! We made a lot of progress dance-wise, but we also created a sisterhood," Lauren Ochoa (11) said. While at the camp, the girls engaged in several team building games for team bonding and learned a variety of dances.



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24 Ashley Bengston

(12) went to Warped Tour.

Exchange Student from Japan

An exchange student from Japan lived with Ashlynn Volek for the month of July. "Airi lived in our house, and basically became part of our family. She was extremely shy at first, but began to come out of her shell. She didn't know much English at all; so the iPhone translator app became our best friend," Volek (10) said.

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28 Jersey

Thayer Selleck (9) goes on a vacation to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. "Jersey looks just like it does on the show Jersey Shore," Selleck said.



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August 1



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"After the first week I was sore and it sucked because we had to wake up at six in the morning, but they were much easier than I thought," Chris Vrana (10) said.

Start of *Two-a-Days*

Snip-It's 5

Alex Reyes (12) worked a normal shift at her summer job at Snip-It's Haircuts for Kids. "I just wanted to walk out when those few bratty girls would show up, but for the most part, there were mostly good kids," Reyes said.



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"Band Camp was interesting. We taught the freshmen how to march and we could also legally start to drill, which is the stuff we do at the football games," Taylor Bryant (12) said.

PracticemakesPerfect

Second week of band camp starts



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Freshmen visted the high school and were taught the ropes along with team building activities. "It gave us an advantage because we knew our way around the school before everone else," Andres Delgado (9) said.

15 Teachers get MacBooks



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13 Scrimmage

Taylor VS. Hutto



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The band held a fundraiser where they sold burgers. "We raised money for our trip to Disney world in the spring," Daniel Duran (12) said.

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"The first day was horrible. I could not find anything and I hit my hand on a door," Brittany Foley (10) said.

First volleyball game in the new gym



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The Varsity and Freshmen volleyball teams dominated Del Valle at their first home game in the brand new gymnasium. "I was extremely excited but nervous being a freshman on the varsity team," Savannah Kaspar (9) said.Varsity won 3-1 and Freshmen won 2-0. The JV team lost 2-0. 26

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At the official ribbon cutting of the new high school, Principal Danny Ward said that it took a year and four months to build from the groundbreaking ceremony until the ribbon cutting. "The drought was a good thing [for us] because we didn't have to stop during construction," Mr. Ward said.

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Mrs.Palmer's **Chemistry** classes learned lab safety.



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Idol Audition 8-26-11







PHOTOS BY AMY WEISON

On Friday, August 26th at 10:00 A.M. **Hannah Weison (12)** confidently marched into Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas to audition for American Idol. Hannah had been recommended for a showcase audition by her vocal coach to American Idol producers and got to skip the first round of auditions, straight to the head producers of the show. "I stepped out on that floor, walked up to the judges, and I gave them the performance they had been waiting for all morning," Weison said. Unfortunately, the performance she gave was one that only two of the four judges were interested in. Being only liked by half, she was asked to sing a second song to help the judges make a final decision. After singing her second song, they decided against her favor."I was pretty upset, I'm not going to lie. Being told you're almost good enough, but that you're barely missing the mark is hard to take, but I'll definitely be back next year."

LOOP Lessons

LOCAL NON-PROFIT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES

Project LOOP is a non-profit organization, created by Austin photographer Brent Humphreys, that helps teens find a career path that best fits them and its major project is constructing a BMX track in Taylor. LOOP stands for 'Lessons on and off the pavement'. "If there is something you want to do later on in life, Brent Humphreys will get you there," Royal Lucas (11) said. "The organization is like a family. In the beginning, we didn't even know each other, and now we're all completely comfortable."

The group has done activities that help them learn about architecture, movie making, art, photography, and even entrepreneurship. "It started out as a group of students incorporating careers with BMX, but turned into an all-around career exploration," Diana Ramirez (12) said.

The group has experienced careers from all different fields, including making their own coffee. The LOOP group was split up into two teams, and each team blended their own coffee and worked with Austin-based Graphic designers to package their logo. "The graphic designer was really cool and sincere with everything he said," Hayden Stewart (12) said.

During the summer, students from LOOP met with the Dean of Architecture from the University of Texas to tour an environmentally friendly house he had built. "I thought we were just on a field trip to ride bikes, but we ended up stopping at this awesome house," Toby Kidwell (10) said, "I couldn't believe we were talking with UT's Dean of Architecture."

Project LOOP currently has around 15 kids, 8 of which are from Taylor High School. The organization grows every week, and not only gains students, but also the inspiration to find the perfect career.

It's a cheer thing...

THS CHEERLEADERS PERFORM AT UT STADIUM

The chants of other squads echoed the stadium walls, as the Taylor High School Cheerleaders entered the University of Texas Darrell K. Royal Memorial Stadium. "Performing on that field drove my determination to go further in my cheerleading career," Destiny Rodriguez (10) said.

It was their last night at cheer camp, and they were given the opportunity to perform their Xtreme Routine and have All-American Cheerleader tryouts, on the same field that the Texas Longhorn football players use every Saturday for home games. The Taylor High School Cheerleaders have never before had the privilege of cheering on the University of Texas field.

Members of both the Junior Varsity squad and Varsity squad also got the chance to try-out for the UCA All-American team, while in the U.T stadium. Hannah Weison (12) was named an All-American Cheerleader and invited to cheer in London, England. "Being in the stadium and trying out in front of so many people completely pumped me up," Weison said.







Digging In Taylor Wade (11) along with his younger brother and a BMX course builder, digs up dirt to build the jumps for a demo track. "It was a lot of work but worth it because of all we learned," Wade said. **Coffee Calling** At Progress Coffee, Jacob Kopit (10) learns about the roasting process. "I never knew there were so many ingredients to coffee, but I still don't like it very much," Kopit said. **Architecture Tutorial** Royal Lucas (12) and Toby Kidwell (10) get a tour of a modern architecture styled house from the University of Texas Dean of Architecture. "The tour made me realize that I don't have the patience to be an architect," Lucas said.



Screen Scene Abner Rincon (11) gets assistance from a professional screen-printer while hand making the LOOP sponsored Taylor Rodeo poster. "I had never seen it done before," Rincon said. **Check 1-2** While at the BMX Texas Toast Jam, Diana Ramirez (12) got to interview various pro-riders. "It was a bit nerve wrecking and random," Ramirez said. **Brainstorming** Jessica Humphreys (12) works with an Austin based Graphic Designer to come up with designs for her team's coffee. "He was so good at drawing, I was embarrased of my stick figures," Humphreys said.







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PHOTOS BY JESSICA HUMPHREYS

One more thing!



CHELSIE CARTER

Summer Jobs

"Kids **poop** at the pool all the time. One girl stepped on some thinking it was a leaf--it was hilarious!"

Jordan Trevino (12) Lifeguard

Design by Jessica Humphreys

The Show *will go on...*

There is no auditorium in the new school building, so the theater department had to take a new approach on things as they planned their first performance, 'John Lennon and Me'. The drama club had a positive outlook of the year. "We're really lucky this year because we didn't lose any seniors, so we know each other and we know how everyone works," Cameron Dupy (12) said.

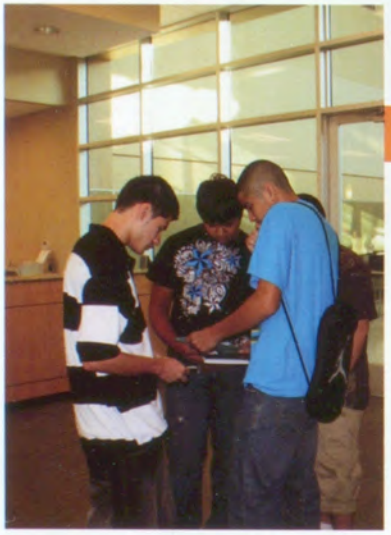
The Theatre Arts group decided to keep things simple by having their performances at the old high school auditorium. "We are hoping to use the old auditorium since we don't have one here. Hopefully the school board will realize in the future that we need a performance room," Theatre Director Jonathon Alonso said.





PHOTOS BY ANDY CAMARA & ALYX MARTINEZ

"We're thinking **out of the box** as to where future performances will be," Mr. Alonso said.







Stair Scare Students walk up the new stairs to class on the first day of school. "The stairs are kind of a pain; my legs get tired," Joshua Richter (12) said. **Schedule Stress** Andre Avalos (10) asks his friends for help to figure out his schedule. "The first day was stressful because I couldn't find any of my classes," Avalos said. **Helpful Hints** Mrs. Shannon Lindholm helps Zeipharr Whitley (9) locate one of his classes on the first day. "I just used a map to help all the lost students," Mrs. Lindholm said. **Fast Learner** Kara Carnes (10) gets her new schedule for the year. "It was difficult learning my new schedule, but I learned it fast and got to my classes quickly," Carnes said.



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53 new students

53% of students were late

55% of students got lost

First Week *Statistics*

Start of Something NEW

NEW SCHOOL BRINGS NEW CHANGES

There is no doubt that every student attending Taylor High was excited about the brand new 207,000-square-foot high school. Bigger than than the old location and not including any portable buildings, the new school is further from town but has lots to offer.

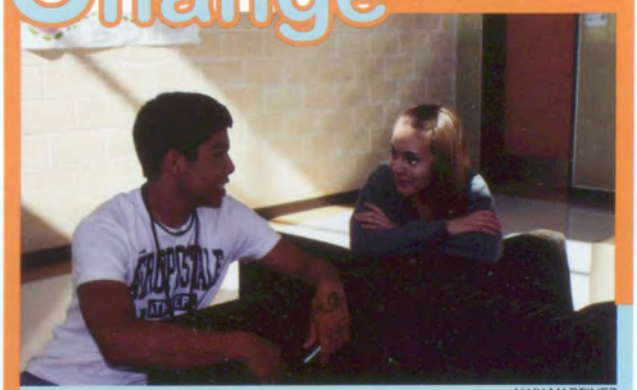
Among the excitement, there were mixed emotions from student to student. People got lost, were split up from their friends at lunch, but at the same time loving every minute of being inside the new building, which includes 58 classrooms and supports up to 1200 students. "I love the new school. Everything is so organized and perfect, but I wish I knew my way around," Taylor Talavera (10) said.

The most controversial topic of the new school was the three separate lunch periods. The lunch room holds a maximum of 350 students, so the student population had to be split up. "I don't have any of my friends in my lunch period. It's really hard for me to make new friends, so it's going to be a challenge," Haleigh Wilkinson (10) said.

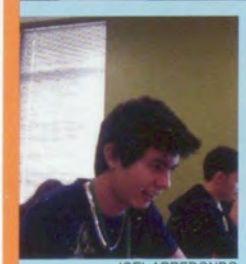
Another change was the shorter class periods. This means that each student goes to every class, every day. "I don't like the new un-blocked schedule at all. I go to one class, have to rush through my work and then go to the next class, and I pretty much forget everything I learned from my previous class," Taylor Susan (10) said.

There were many changes that came with the new school. From classes every day to climbing the stairs, students and teachers had to adjust. "I like the new school way more than the old one. Everything is more compact and I can get to all of my classes quicker than I could in the older school," Christian Lawson (12) said.

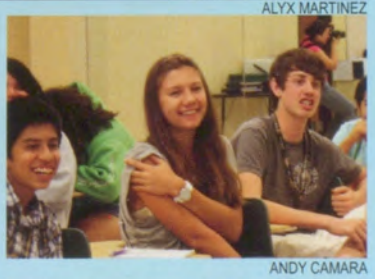
foreign Change



ALYX MARTINEZ



JOEL ARREDONDO



ANDY CAMARA

This year, three foreign exchange students came to Taylor High School. Thiago Tanaka (11) from Brazil, Valeryia Timofeeva (11) from Russia, and Anastasiya Kyyanenko (9) from the Ukraine, all came to live in America for the entire school year. The exchange students each had opinions on our high school and the people here. "The people in Taylor are really cool, and the opportunity of being in band has helped me make friends and grow as a musician," Tanaka said. The large number of choices and opportunities available here were different for them. "I like that I can choose electives or my path of study, like band, choir, or dance, because in Russia we do not have those choices," Timofeeva said.

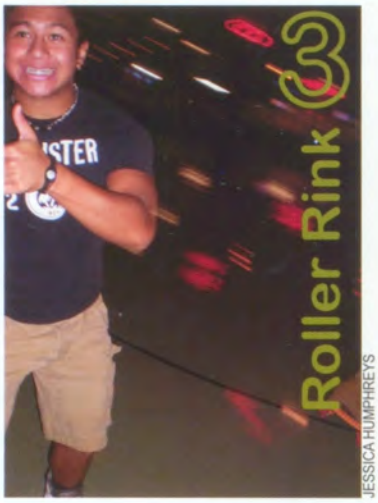
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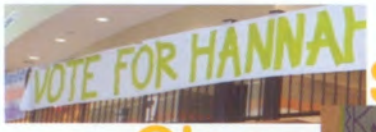
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3 Roller Rink

Up in Flames

Nearly half of Bastrop went up in flames due to wildfires. Ms. Decker's parents were forced to evacuate their home in Tahitian Village to her home in Austin. "We could have had extra time [to evacuate], but we had no information about the location of the fire at all. We took the pets, just in case, some computers, but we didn't take any clothes or anything like that," said Ms. Decker.





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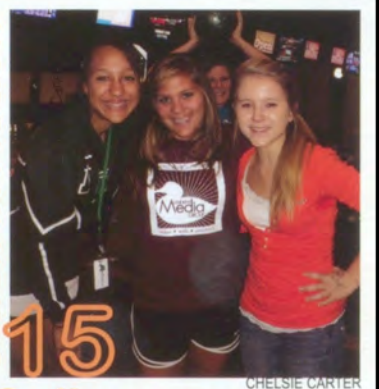


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Ready to chow down on his appetizer Aaron McQuary (12) poses for a picture. "We go to pluckers every Monday for their unlimited wings," Aaron said.

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CHELSIE CARTER

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Brotherhood

The Varsity Football players gather at First Baptist Church for team dinner. "As a team we come together and eat on Thursday nights before games to bond. It's hard knowing it's your last season with them," Dillon Pekar (12) said. The boys have developed a close brotherhood this year.

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2 Little Duck Camp

One on one with a camper at Little Duck Camp, Alexis Burnett (10) helps with one of the many cheers the cheerleaders taught at the camp. "I wanted to give them an opportunity to learn different things," Burnett said. The Taylor High School Cheerleaders hold Little Duck Camp annually as a fundraiser for activites throughout the rest of the year.

3 Roller Rink

A group of seniors including, Jordan Trevino (12), Michael McIntire (12), and Jessica Humphreys (12) went roller-skating for Jordan's 18th birthday. "It was actually pretty fun, and surprisingly Jessica was the one that kept falling," McIntire said.

5 Locked&Loaded

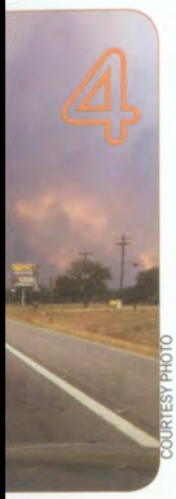
Mauricio Camarillo (11), James Alcoser (11), and Rollan Espinoza (10) locked and loaded aim for a group of doves flying by. "We actually got pretty lucky that day, we would all shoot once and many would fall," Camarillo said. The boys would go hunting often after football practice every night.

11 9/11 Ceremony

Libby Fischer (9) attends a local service held by the community for the 10 year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centers. "Everybody always talks about it, but I never knew or understood what it meant," said Fischer. She was only three when the attacks took place.

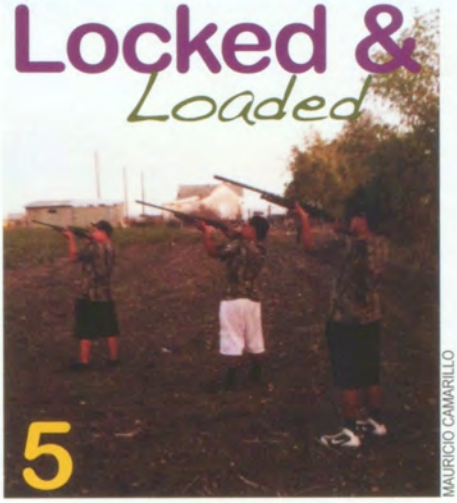
12 SR. Elections

Seniors campaign for class elections by hanging up signs throughout the school. "I ran for office because I wanted to be apart of making our senior year the best it can be," Lilly Engler (12) said. The senior class elections were close by many candidates only winnning by a few votes.



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MAURICIO CAMARILLO

9/11 Ceremony



AUSTIN CITY LIMITS®

Chance Watson (10) went to Austin City Limits but under different circumstances than many. Chance had snuck in. "It wasn't the first time I had to sneak into a perfromance, so it was easy to me," Watson said.

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Game On



MALLORY MARCON

See you at the Pole

28

Students gathered in front of the school for national See You at the Pole day at the crack of dawn for a short worhship service. "It was a nice morning to come together to pray for our country and school," Holden Hudson (12) said.



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31 Bon appetite

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15 Stuck in Action

The Varsity Volleyball team stops from their rigorous season to take some time out for team bonding and go bowling. "My fingers were too fat for the ball, and they actually got stuck. It was quite embrassing," Chasity Hatch (9) said.

21 Game On

Students from Duck University focus in on their Wii game. "I enjoy being in gaming club. We get to play the Wii and Xbox 360 a lot. It's fun to play the new games," Israel Ochoa (9) said. Duck University is held after school everyday for students to have something to do.

24 March-a-thon

As the sun beats down members of the marching band perform at their first marching competition of the year. "It was a good starting point. It was good that the younger members got some competition experience," Stephen Svatek (12) said. At the end of the day the band took 3rd at the competition.

25 College Fair

Filling out an information card at the College Fair, Kywana Winn (11) learns more about the future colleges she wants to attend. "The fair was really helpful to look at colleges I didn't know about and get information about ones I would like to attend in the future," Kywana said. The college fair is held every fall for local Juniors and Seniors.

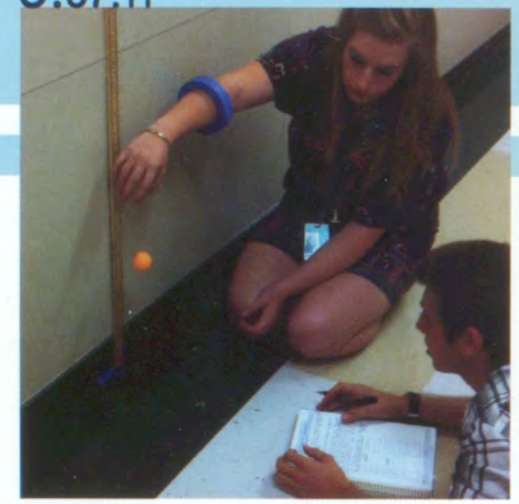
31 Bon appetite

The Junior class serves plates at their Captain Red's Chicken Fried Steak Dinner they held to raise funds for prom. "It was a lot of work, but it will pay off when we have an awesome prom," Reagan Fischer (11) said. It's the Junior class's job to put on the prom for every year.

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Cell phones ~~Not~~ Are Allowed!



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To the great surprise of students, principal Danny Ward announced that from now on, students will be able to use their cell phones and iPods during lunch, as long as they do not call or text students who are in class.

Assistant principal Cassandra Ricks was surprised, too. "I have no idea where it came from!" Ricks said, "Sure you will have teachers that will not necessarily agree, but we want to teach students to be responsible instead of using phones behind our backs, because we all know it happens. I also think it's supposed to kind of ease you guys into using your laptops."

Students used their new privilege with pride, and Heather Eiben (9) was excited to have this unexpected change in the rules. "I like being able to listen to music and get on Facebook while eating lunch," Eiben said. *Reporting by Audrey Harris.*

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The Group Continuing the Taylor tradition of seinor boys painting their bodies to support the football players, the group captures the moment. "I feel like we've made a big difference at games because the players know we're there for them," Seth Srnensky (12) said. **A Part of Something Beastly** Josh Richter (12) watches as he gets his arm painted. " The best part of the Beast Squad is getting everyone pumped up, myself included. The paint is cold and it gets hard to move, but it's worth it for all the fun we have," Richter says. **Tickle, tickle** Jace Fontenot (12) laughs at the feeling of the paint. "It's awesome to get on the field to support the football team, but it's even better doing it shirtless," Fontenot said. **Painting a Masterpiece** Helping the boys paint themselves, Selena Lopez (11) gets the job done by painting Seth Srnensky's (12) arm. " I like to paint the Beast Squad because they are fun to be around and they enjoy supporting the team," Lopez said.





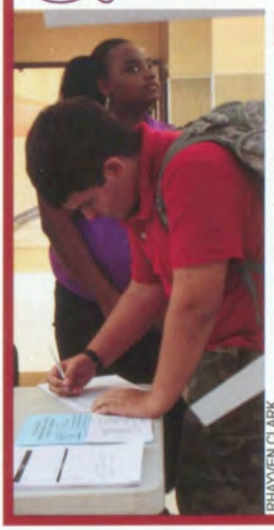
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Working Together Cameron Dupy (12) keeps track of the height of the ball while Jessica Humphreys (12) bounces it from a specific height. "Besides lying down in the hall and having classes walk over me, we also had to stack chairs to the ceiling to drop the ping-pong balls," Dupy said. **Whoa Nelly** Focusing on the ball's rebound, Noah Kopit (12) retrieves the ball after his partner Stephen Svatek (12) gets the calculations. "It took perfect vision, unparallelled precision, and unorthodox body poses, but we got the job finished, " Kopit said. **Calculating the Results** While following procedures, Antonio Elizondo (12), Coty Gola (12), and Taylor Bryant (12) finds their final results. "The lab was very easy, so it didn't take very long. We got to play with balls, and we played pong," Elizondo said.

Reporting by Kaelyn Wentrcek.

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"I think that they are offering a lot of great programs, and they have a use."

Liam Plybon (9)

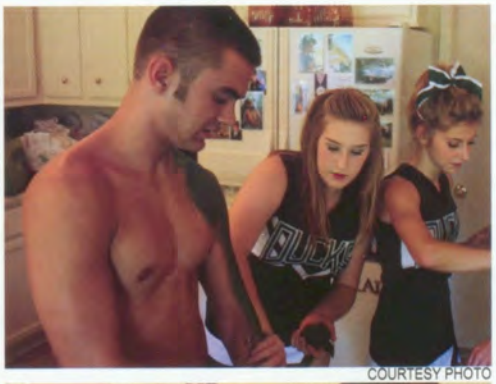
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Beastly Things

SENIOR BOYS SHOW SCHOOL SPIRIT BY PAINTING THEIR BODIES



CHELSIE CARTER



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"BEAST SQUAD" decked out in layers of paint for the first home football game. Seniors Bradley Ging, Josh Richter, Keith Hair, Jace Fontenot, and Seth Srnensky took to the sidelines to pump up the crowd, and maintain their own tradition. Also in the squad is Aaron McQuary (12) and Aaron Collier (12).

Created last year, the Taylor High School Beast Squad is an independent group of students who can be found on the sidelines of special home games. This year, the five seniors have appeared at the first home game as well as homecoming.

Preparations began early, beginning with the purchase of paint by one or more of the boys. Then, they gather at the home of Bradley Ging to "jam and eat Golden Chick." After dinner, they begin the painting process. Often, the Beast Squad has assistance from other students. Two of the members are painted first, then those two help to paint the remaining three. This process usually begins around 6:00 on a Friday night before the game.

As all members of the Beast Squad are currently seniors, this could be the last year of the tradition. No younger students have stepped up to the plate, and the current beast squad has mixed feelings about their successors. Most of the boys say, "Let 'em do it! It'll be awesome!" while the few would just as soon let the tradition die with their graduation.

One of the biggest questions for the members of the Beast Squad is 'Why do you take devote the time on the sidelines?' "We tough it out for school spirit," says Ging. Richter said, "It's for the fans! It gets the crowd pumped up and ready for the game."

Loud and rowdy, these five certainly brought an element of character to the sidelines. Hopefully, in the coming year, underclassmen will step up to the plate to carry on this continuing Taylor tradition.

Reporting by Zoe Whitworth.

Design by Courtney McConnell

Taking One for the Team 09/15

SUB-VARSITY INJURIES HIT TEAMS HARD

Injuries have always been a realistic outcome of playing sports. It seems as if the Junior Varsity and Freshmen Football teams have faced more injuries than ever before. "Injuries just seem to be what comes along with football," Trainer Nicki Ray said.

There were a total of 3 injuries on the Freshman team. Those being Daehan Jackson (9) with a fractured ankle, Xavier Reyna (9) with a torn ACL, and Lane Stewart (9) with a strained MCL. "It just feels like something's missing, when I'm watching from the sidelines," Reyna said.

A total of 4 injuries have affected the Junior Varsity. Sidelined players include Justin Kolinek (10) due to foot surgery and TJ Stiewart (10) with a torn ACL. "Standing on the sidelines is not fun, but I do get to see how the team performs," Kolinek said.

Though injured players go down; they are not out. Most injured teammates will still stand on the sidelines and support their team. *Reporting by Jessica Humphreys.*





Fixin' Things

AUTO TECH GETS HANDS-ON

On September 20th, the Advanced Auto Mechanic class worked hands on with their own personal cars and an old Ford truck Mr. Stettler purchased for the class to learn with. Although, the class did experience a minor setback at the beginning of the year in the delay of transferring their tools from the old school building, it did not stop them from jumping right back in to where they were last year.

Spending time in the shop is just a regular part of this class, but is the ultimate experience for aspiring mechanics. "When I get out of high school, someday I want to be a professional auto mechanic, and this class has really prepared me for my future," said Jarvis Caldwell (12).

Caldwell and other classmates has diligently worked on Mr. Stettler's truck for weeks. "We have been pulling the trimming off, taking dirty grime off the motor, cleaning spark cables, and replacing them. It's almost running," said Caldwell. *Reporting by Ally Powell.*









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Sidelined Gathered during their athletic period, Justin Kolinek (10), TJ Stiewart (10), Daehan Jackson (9), Lane Stewart (9), and Xavier Reyna (9) engage in conversation. "It hit me hard that I couldn't play football anymore," Jackson said. **Standing with their team** TJ Stiewart (10) and Justin Kolinek (10) wait with the rest of the Junior Varsity team to begin their game against the Manor Mustangs. "I like being there to support my team, but I feel like I'm letting them down because I can't play," Stiewart said. The JV team beat Manor 32 to 26. **Take a knee** Jaylen Brown (9) gets checked out for streched by Nicki Ray and Coach Rick Cobia during a game. "It was a cramp in both of my legs and it was painful," Brown said. **Reaching out** Before his MCL injury, Lane Stewart (9) pushes to get the ball into the end zone. "I miss being out there with my team," Stewart (10) said. The Freshman football team beat the Manor Mustangs 32 to 36.



Hernan Hernandez & Matt Herklotz (12)



Jorge Chaires (12)



Timothy Lockland (12)

one last thing



MAGDALENA ZAVALA

Taco DINNER 9.15.11

"It was for contest dues, to enter and compete. There were a lot of people there. The food came from El Corral Lozano, but we put them together."

Shadow Rolan (11)
HI-STEPPER

Design by Lorellye Graham


Carrigan Wooldridge (10)


Chelsie Carter (12)


Michaela Birchard (11)


Varsity VB


Savannah Kaspar (9)

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Flying Monkeys?





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JUAN WALLE

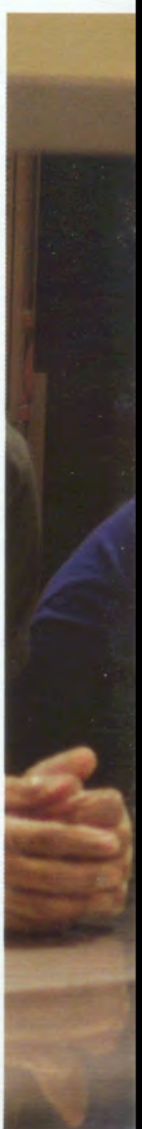
9/30/11 Mrs. Gifford's Pre-AP Physics classes participated in a "Flying Monkey" lab. The purpose of this lab was to get a qualitative analysis of range from a projectile. "The lab let me see how exactly the word problems we get in class work in person," Griselda Morales (11) said.

Modeling slingshots, students flung stuffed pigs, cows, frogs, ducks, and monkeys to review the concept of vertical motion, under the influence of gravity. "The best part about the flying monkey lab was when we tried to shoot the animals through people's arms," Brendan Russey (11) said.

Trying it out Mrs. Jamie Doege tries out the Top-Flight Cafe on opening day. "The food was very well prepared and tasty," Mrs. Doege said. **Burger Prepping** Putting vegetables on a burger bun, Emmett Wiggins (12) preps to put a hamburger patty on an already fixed bun. "We switch jobs when we prepare the food so that we can learn different jobs. Serving is the best because you get to see the expressions on people's faces," Wiggins said.







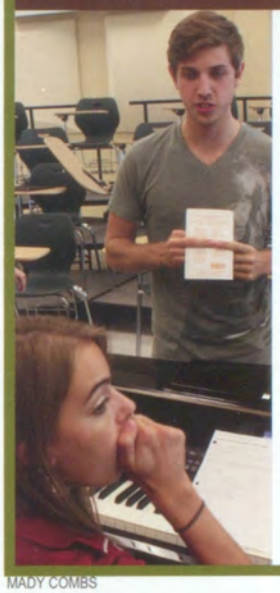
Pie Person Jalen Kerley (12) places the cherry pies into a fridge to cool them down based on the instruction of Mrs. Martin. "My favorite part about the Top-Flight Cafe is that I don't have to eat the actual cafeteria food on some days," Kerley said. **Serving it up** Checking with Horeb Tinoco (12) to see how many plates to get ready based on the amount of people that walked in, Jose Lopez (12) preps the plates. "It was actually pretty chill in the kitchen while we were serving lunch, because we had everything prepared to cook already. I was also like the head chef that day so the pressure was kind of on me," Lopez said.



Rockin' 9-20 the tigers

After winning an aggressive game 3-1 against the Thrall Tigers, the Lady Ducks came out fired up and ready to play the Rockdale Tigers. "We had a great week of practice to prepare ourselves for this week," Chelsie Carter (12) said. "It most definitely showed in both matches." Although they were ahead for just about the entire game, the Lady Ducks began to let the Rockdale Tigers lead. In the 2nd game of the match, the score stayed much closer than the Lady Ducks had planned, even being tied once. After this, the girls then made sure they went ahead and kept it that way, winning 25-20. "We saw them starting to pick up their game, and knew we had to finish in three, without giving them any hope of going into four games," Carter said. After winning two, the third game went smoothly for the Lady Ducks. They knew exactly where they needed to be against Rockdale's offense so there weren't any dropped balls and also where to hit against Rockdale's defense in order to score. The Lady Ducks finished the match, winning 3 games to 0, without any hesitation. *Reporting by Chelsie Carter.*

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MADY COMBS

CHORAL COLLAGE

"We forgot the very last words of the first song to start out the entire concert, but it ended up being an amazing and fun show!"

CAMERON DUPY (12)

September 26



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OPEN for Business

TOP FLIGHT CAFE OPENS SHOP

Preparation began the day before. Students of Mrs. Martin's Culinary Arts 2 class got the tables ready by putting on linens. They learned about proper costumer service techniques and how to treat the costumers. All students had to be certified to handle the food and keep the resturant clean. "We were taught how to handle rude customers. The first day, my job was in the assembly line and I was glad to not have to be a server," Brendan Hicks (12) said.

The first meal served in the Top Flight Cafe was flame-grilled cheeseburgers with a side of potato chips and cherry pie for dessert. All the desserts were made the day before to speed up service for customers. "I made the cherry pies, so they were good!" Jalen Kerley (12) said.

The students had different jobs on opening day. Some cleaned, cooked, served, or some did all three. " I had two jobs. I had to grill the cheeseburgers and make the plates for the teachers. I wasn't nervous it kind of felt like my out of school job," Jose Lopez (12) said.

Teachers and administrators were invited to be served by the students involved in the Culinary Class. " I had a hamburger and cherry pie. I also gave a big tip to one of the students for a good job," Mr. Ward said. *Reporting by Joel Arredondo.*

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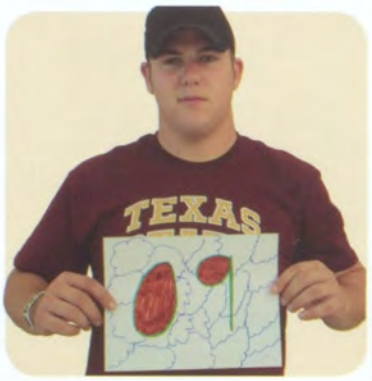
October

























1 Gabe Montemayor (12) participated in the Capital City Marching Band Contest. "We won without a full percussion section, it was awesome," Montemayor said. **2** Delia Trujillo (11) went to church. "I was there all day. I had to play both services," Trujullo said. **3** Jose Martinez (10) played soccer. "It relieves my stress," Martinez said. **4** Courtney Maddox (9) and the Freshman Volleyball team played against the Burnet Bulldogs. "We came out ready, but didn't play as a team," Maddox said. **5** Roy Rangel (10) went on a FCCLA fieldtrip. "We went to Austin Park and Pizza to bond," Rangel said. **6** Tim Martinez (10) played football. "I finished my homework, so I decided to reward myself," Martinez said. **7** Ivan Martinez (10)spent time with his family. "You're family's always there for you. I love hanging out with mine," Martinez said. **8** Cara Carnes (10) went to the Peanut Festival. "I went with my family. There were peanuts everywhere," Carnes said. **9** Corey Casey (11) went bow hunting. "I shot a doe and bonded with my dad," Casey said. **10** Lee Martinez (12) attended a family reunion. "I met family members I didn't know," Martinez said. **11** Mariahlyne Briones (9) learned a dance for a competition. "My dance moves were superior. I won the competition," Briones said. **12** Caterina Villatoro (12) watched the Big Bang Theory. "I was supposed to be working on my college applications," Villatoro said. **13** Lorinda Ortiz (10) went to watch Michael David's Weigh-In. "I couldn't be at his actual tournament," Ortiz said. **14** Michael David (12) competed in a Semi-finals State Amateur MMA tournament. "I got disqualified for excessive blows, but placed second overall in the the 17-year-old bracket," David said. **15** Royal Lucas (12) and Mireya Sandoval (12) went to the House of Torment with Henry Oranday (12), Alex Garcia (11), and Alex Reyes (12). "We went to try to cheer Mireya up," Lucas said. **16** Haley Lamb (11) started Phantom Week for choir. "Mr. McCaffity chose a phantom from the choir group and you had to try not to get killed," Lamb said. **17** Jessica Martinez (9) started soccer practice. "It was a lot of running, but it was worth it," Martinez said. **18** Victoria Gardner (11) went shopping and to Pluckers with Sarah Richter (9). "Spending time with my cousin was the best part," Gardner said. **19** Kevin Beavers (10) went to Hutto High School. "I was only at Hutto for about two weeks," Beavers said. **20** Jesus Aguilar (12) went to the midnight premiere of Paranormal Activity 3. "There were weird parts I didn't see coming," Aguilar said. **21** Shayla Harvey (11) and Sadey Komandosky (11) gave a calf a bath in Animal Science class. "It was really cute," Harvey said. **22** David Salazar (12) went to the Cross Country team Lock-In. "It's something we do every year," Salazar said. **23** Elijah Gault (11) went to Dallas. "I met the Dallas Mavericks NBA players," Gault said. **24** Marissa Guzman (12) started selling Halloween Cookie Grams for HOSA. "It took about five hours to make all the cookies," Guzman said. **25** Jessenia Carranza (9) made pop-up books for World Geography. "We did it over world religions, types of economic systems, and types of government," Carranza said. **26** Autumn Stabeno (10) worked on her Caesar project for English class. "My group did a puppet show to let everyone know what happened," Stabeno said. **27** Andrew Hawes (10) went paint-balling with his cousin. "There was a lot of running and adrenaline," Hawes said. **28** Katlyn Hitt (10) participated in Day of the Deaf. "I never knew how it felt, until I stepped into their shoes," Hitt said. **29** Anna Ramirez (10) had basketball practice. "We just worked on basic drills," Ramirez said. **30** Roxie Davila (9) made cupcakes. "I was bored and I love baking," Davila said. **31** Marcus Cummings (10) went to the House of Torment. "Somebody grabbed me and freaked me out," Marcus said. *Reporting and photos by Courtney McConnell and Jessica Humphreys.*







































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Spirit Week Trends

Bright Duct Tape



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Thiago Tanka (11) waits to take a picture with friends in his duct tape t-shirt. "It took me about an hour to make my shirt. It was supposed to be Brazillian colors, but I don't think people noticed," Tanka said.

Superhero Boxers



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Rhegan Stroup (12) points out her superhero attire. "A whole group of senior girls dressed up as superheroes in boxers that we bought in the little boy's section," Stroup said.

Suspenders & Glasses



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Lauren Camacho (11) shows off her nerd outfit. "The suspenders were my favorite part of my nerd day outfit because it was fun wearing them and you don't wear them every day," Camacho said.

Wigs



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Sierra Gonzales (11) models her bright blue wig as a part of her Katy Perry outfit for Celebrity Day. "I was Katy Perry because I wanted to be someone that everyone could recognize," Gonzales said.

Body Paint



CHELSIE CARTER

Bradley Ging (12) yells on the sideline of the Homecoming football game with the Beast Squad. "It took about an hour and a half for five of us to get painted and fifteen tubes of green, black, and white paint," Ging said.

Senior Pride



Seniors hold up one, two to represent their graduation year at the community pep rally. "The video at the community pep rally related to me because it's my last year," Kale McQuillen (12) said.

Kick Line

The Hi Steppers perform their kick routine at the community pep rally. "It was bitter sweet because it was fun, but the last homecoming I'll have as a high schooler," Austyn Savage (12) said

Percussion



MaryRose Fagan (10) plays percussion at the Community Pep Rally. "It was awkward playing at the pep rally because it was not just the students," Fagan said.





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Community Pep Rally



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Making it Rain

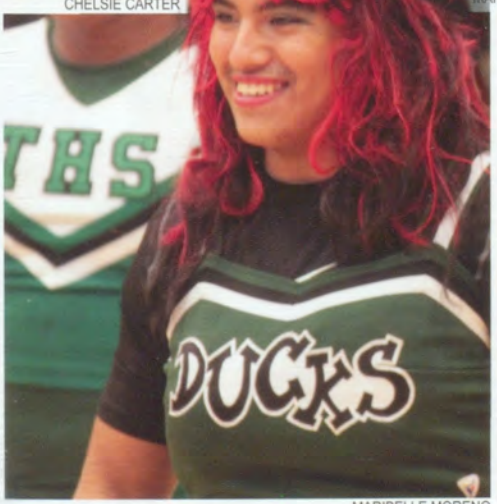


CHELSIE CARTER

HOMECOMING WISHES COME TRUE AT LAST

Before every game, the football team could be heard chanting, "Make it rain! Make it rain!" and on Homecoming, it finally happened. They won against the Llano Yellow Jackets 31-20. And it actually rained, ending a long drought and bringing cooler weather at last. **Making an Appearance** The football team runs through the helmet and through the homecoming banner onto the field. "Winning our first game was exciting because it made us 1-0 in district," Jarvis Caldwell (12) said. **Llano Cheerleaders** JV football players dressed as Llano cheerleaders and performed at the pep rally. "It felt so awkward having a skirt on and wearing a wig," Dylan Townsend (10) said. **Taking Off** Ronald Scott (12) runs with the ball towards the end zone. "This year I was on the starting team, so it felt good to lead the team to victory, but it's a lot of pressure,"Scott said. **Your Highness** Queen Samantha Pachicano (12) and King Johnny Rios (12) are crowned before the game in the annual Crowning Ceremony. "When my name was called, my mind went blank and I was shocked," Pachicano said. **Pretty Woman** Moises Tellez (12) flashes a smile as he performs as a cheerleader with his fellow senior football players. "It kinda felt weird being a girl for the day, but doing the dance was actually fun," Tellez said.**Senior Pride** Senior boys ,Seth Srnensky (12), Aaron McQuary (12), Joshua Richter (12), and TJ Flores (12) with bodies painted and prepare to compete with the spirit stick. "We went all out for the pep rally by painting our bodies and yelling extra loud," TJ Flores (12) said.

Reporting by Lynsie Patschke.



MARIBELLE MORENO



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ALEXIS BURNETT



SAVANAH WRIGHT-EVANS



SAVANAH WRIGHT-EVANS

Backhand Shot Lance Morales (11) hits a backhand during the first tennis match on the new courts. "The new courts gave me more of an incentive to win. The courts are very smooth," Morales said. **Bringing Spirit** The cheerleaders support the tennis team by decorating the fence around the courts with Styrofoam cups. "It was hard decorating the fence because I had to lift the other girl up with my muscles," Chantell Dominguez (11) said. **Forehand Slam** Hayden Wilkins (12) hits a hard fore hand shot to his opponent. "Playing on the new courts is so much better, they don't have tar so you can actually see the balls," Wilkins said. **Ace** James Ging (12) prepares to slam a serve during a match. "The wind at the new courts is a factor, it will definitely take some getting used to, but with the coaching and friendly atmosphere it should be no problem," Ging said.

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UIL Band *Sweepstakes*

MONTHS OF HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR BAND

After many months of preparation by the members of the band, fifty members boarded buses bound for Giddings High School. The Regional Marching contest awaited the musicians, who were armed with instruments, hats, uniforms, flags, and anticipation.

Under- and upperclassmen alike spent time preparing the show, *Joy, An Expression Beyond Words* for the judges. It was a non-advancing year for the band, meaning the contest at Giddings was the last marching contest for the band. "I was thinking, 'Oh crap, oh crap, oh crap, I better not screw up,' the entire time," Abby Howard (10) said.

Regardless of jitters, the band walked away from contest with all Division 1 ratings. Which gave them an overall rating of 1, and meant they were eligible for the Sweepstakes Award. This is given when a high school band receives first division ratings in marching, concert and sight-reading. "That was our best show of the year and I'm proud of how far we've come," Drum Major Lorellye Graham (11) said. *Reporting by Zoe Whitworth*







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In with the New

NEW TENNIS COURTS BRING BIG CHANGES

The color blue symbolizes stability, trust, loyalty, and confidence, while the color green is most closely associated with ambition. Green and blue are the colors of the new Taylor High School tennis courts. "The reason we chose green and blue, is because it is the same color as the U.S. Open tennis courts, but the most important reason is because the color contrast helps with calling the lines of whether the ball is in or out," Coach Kevin Ramm said.

These practical reasons decided the new color of the courts, but now the new colors have decided the drive of the players. "I feel more motivated to increase my game now," Haden Hudson (10) said.

Before the construction of the courts the team had to travel to the public Taylor courts to practice. The new home of the tennis team has given them a house to call their own, resulting in a powerful, unbreakable bond between team members and coaches. "We are an extremely close team, more like a big family, because of the trust we have in each other," Aaron McQuary (12) said.

This year the transformation of the tennis courts is monumental, and left a promising future for the legacy of the group. "Before we didn't have a place to practice at the old school, now our location is on campus allowing more students to see us, and want to become a part of our award winning organization. I think this will really contribute the amount of students we see join tennis in the next few years," said Coach Ramm.

From old to new, the construction of the tennis courts have brought another positive change to THS. The Tennis team played a portion of their fall season on the new courts and came out with a winning record. *Reporting by Allyson Powell*



BABY BUMP



"I wore the Sympathy Belly for Child Development class and at the beginning I was excited, but after experiencing it, I just wanted to get that thing off!"
Lauren Ochoa (11)

10/18 iSWAG iBASH







PHOTOS BY MAGDALENA ZAVALA

iSWAG, the International Society for Wealth After Graduation, is a group whose goal is to reach students throughout the community. The Taylor iSWAG is the first generation of students in this organization that was founded by Sabine Foster this year.

On October 18th, students filled the gym at the old THS for the very first iBASH, held by the iSWAG organization. Hoping to raise funds for a trip to New York City, the Taylor iSWAG group asked a $5 entry fee for a night of dancing, freestyle rap contests, raffles, food, and a photo shoot.

iSWAG members and volunteers Jessica (11) and Jeremy Carr (9), Julia Trejo (12), Savannah Wright-Evans (12) and Chasity Douglas, were a few of the volunteers at the iSWAG iBASH. "It was crazy! We had a lot of fun," Jessica Carr said.


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Katie Bryant (11)


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Robert Martinez (9)



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Sparks fly at Taylor Swift Show 10/29

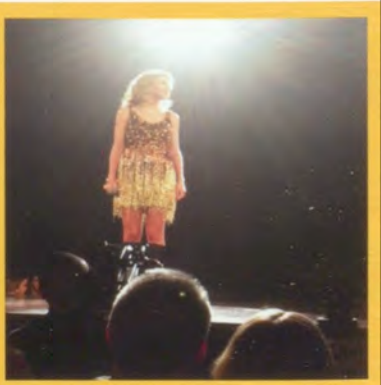
CONCERT CREATES EXCITEMENT AT THS

The Taylor Swift concert came to the Frank Erwin Center in Austin, Texas on October 26th. Many Taylor high school students attended. "It was amazing!" Juleyda Lopez (9) said, after returning from the concert.

The concert wasn't just singing, though. There were also dancers, props, and many outfit changes throughout the show. "She told us a story before every song, so we knew what she was talking about," Lauren Ochoa (11) said. "She's an inspiration to every girl, no matter what age."

Swift ended her concert by singing her famous song "Love Story", while standing on a lifted balcony, that moved across the stadium. During the song, a man proposed to his girlfriend when the lyrics said, 'He knelt to the ground and pulled out a ring'. This left a lasting impression on the students that attended. The concert was still being talked about for weeks to come.







PHOTOS BY AUDREY HARRIS

Breakfast Club proves Unstoppable

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOSTERS FAMILY BONDS

Finally, after consecutive 5:30 AM morning practices, and running miles every day, the cross country team was able to take a day of fun and bond as a team on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Annually, the team visits the House of Torment and holds a lock-in at the Pasemann Elementary gym. The athletes stay up playing games, watching movies, and eating junk food, after a long season without it, until about 7am in the morning. "As a team, being able to spend time together outside of practice helps us bond, and in the end, you are more willing to push yourself for people that you have come to know and care about," David Salazar (11) said.

The heart of the family, Coach Shelli Cobb, strives to encourage the team to bring them together. She makes sure the team is in their best shape, physically and mentally. "Whenever we have a bad run, she will go up to us individually and make sure to help us personally, and she'll do her best to fix whatever is wrong, even if it is emotional," Joshua Villarreal (11) said.

Although the team went to the House of Torment, none were actually tormented due to the security Cross Country and Coach Cobb has created for them. Also made, was an unexpected bond that can never be broken. "We're sort of like the Breakfast Club of running," Rhegan Stroup (12) said.

This "Breakfast Club" appears to be unstoppable, with their emotional bond and talent that has carried them far. On Wednesday October 26th, the Cross Country district meet was held. The varsity boys placed third overall, and for the 4th time in a row advanced to the Regional level. The success of the team is finished for this year, but will not cease for years to come. "My goal for next year is to make sure I advance to State," Villarreal said.



Modeling her Idol
Lauren Ochoa (11) mimicks Taylor Swift's poster before the concert. "She would change her outfits to match every song and story she told, she was very down to earth," Ochoa said.



Patiently waiting
Lauren Camacho (11) and Sierra Gonzalez (11) wait for the concert to start. "This was my second time going to her concert and she lived up to every expectation I had," Gonzales said.



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Picture Perfect
Heather Eiben (9) captures every moment she can while at the concert. "I can't just pick one thing that I liked best, it was all just so good. I loved it all," Eiben said.

Baking in Bio







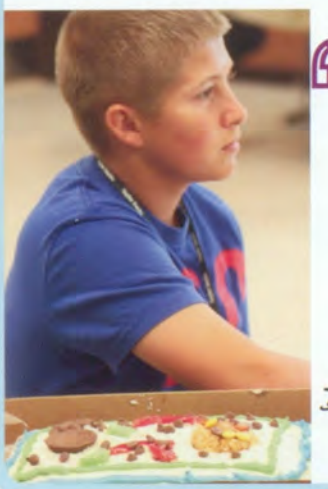


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10/25 Coach Kuhl's Pre-AP Biology classes learned about cells in a whole new way. Each class was split up into groups and had to bake a cake representing the different parts of a plant cell. "They did a great job. The cakes looked super. They really looked like the parts of a cell," Kuhl said.

The groups were given a list of plant cell parts that had to be included in the cake. All of these items had to be edible and had to resemble the cell parts. Parts of the cell were represented by candy, cookies, etc. "We bought a cake, baked it and then put candy on it," Tanner Parker (9) said.

Once the cakes were baked, the students presented them to their class while Coach Kuhl checked off the parts of the cell. After, the students and Coach Kuhl got to relax and enjoy each other's projects. "Coach Kuhl rubbed cake in my face," Parker said.

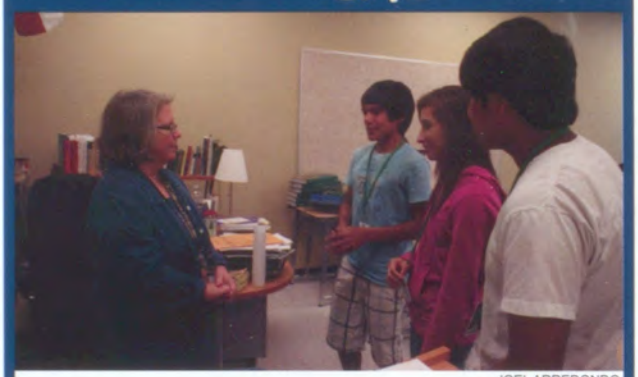


"I didn't really enjoy the baking part. I'm not a very good baker so it wasn't that easy, but I did like eating the cake and candy after it was all said and done."

Damian David (9)

Design by Mallory Marcon

Innovating the Past



JOEL ARREDONDO

Pre-AP English 2 teacher Vicki Rowe wanted her students to learn for a lifetime when it came to studying Shakespeare's play *Julius Caesar*. This Culture Project, was an interactive activity that became an in-depth experience of Julius Caesar, in place of a usual lecture.

Puppet shows, stop-motion animations, play-acting, rapping and singing were just some of the options available to her scholars, who were divided into groups. Mrs. Rowe even prepared a rap about the famous drama. "My group made a culture where music was part of the religion, it was fun and creative," Vanessa Castaneda (10) said.

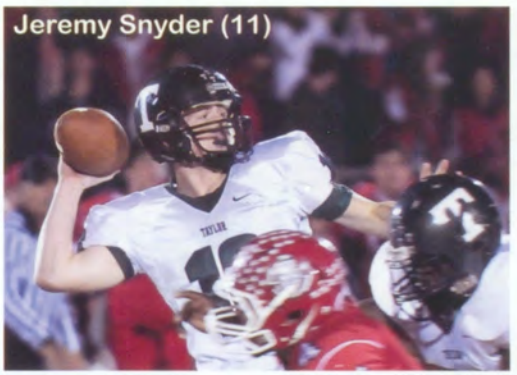
The assignment was created so each student would be able to use the technology that was made available to them. "I hoped they would use their laptops and make this special," Mrs.Rowe said.

And indeed, with everything from songs to Barbie-doll puppetry being created, the class turned Caesar into something new and creative. "It becomes their own; they'll come back and remember it," Mrs. Rowe said.

Reporting by Zoe Whitworth.



Emmett Wiggins (12)



Jeremy Snyder (11)



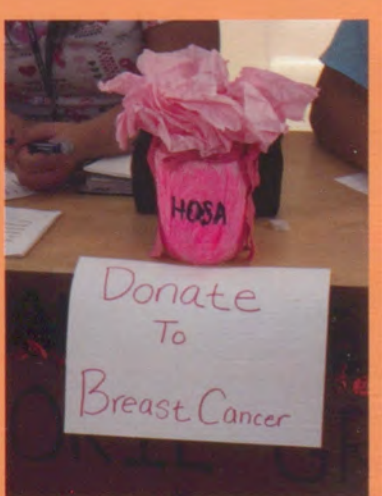
Jaylen Kerley (12)



Johnny Rios (12)











Cookie Sales Marissa Guzman (12), Marissa Naverrete (12), Marissa Rodriguez (12), and Morgan Sprenger (12) sell cookie grams during fifth period lunch. "Knowing that breast cancer is such a big issue in the world, I was excited to raise money to battle it," Sprenger said.

PHOTOS BY JINA TORRES

Playoff Bound

FOOTBALL HEADS TO PLAYOFFS AFTER SALADO VICTORY

The Ducks pulled off a 34-31 win against the Salado Eagles to clinch a spot in the playoffs for the first time since 2005. "We deserved it; we worked too hard not to. It's also pretty exciting. I get pumped knowing that we're going out to win," Johnny Rios (12) said.

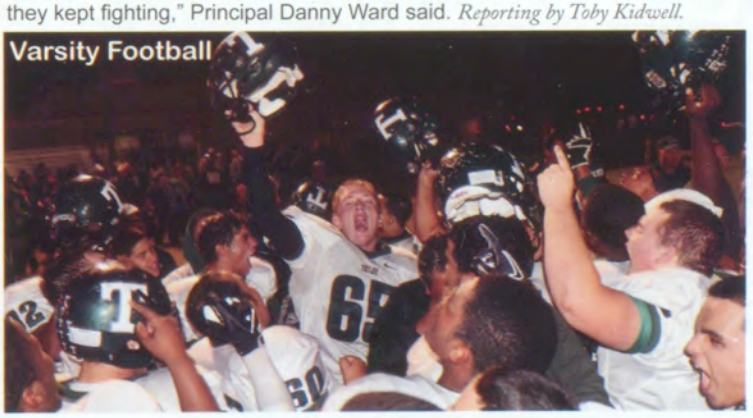
The team beat the Salado Eagles in the very last quarter with the final points coming from the last few minutes. "It was a lot of weight off of our shoulders when we won. Coming out of the 'drought' is a big relief, and I've never been this close to my football family," Eric Alderete (11) said.

The team arrived at Salado with a lack of confidence and wins in their pre-season. "I was very happy for the kids and coaches," Coach Rick Cobia said, "especially since one of our sayings is hard work pays. Each one of those players proved it that night."

All members of the school rallied around the team. "This was the first time as a principal that my school's football team made it to playoffs. I was very proud of the team and coaches because even though the season started out rough, they kept fighting," Principal Danny Ward said. *Reporting by Toby Kidwell.*



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Varsity Football

Halloween COOKIE GRAMS

HOSA SUPPORTS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Members of HOSA, Health Occupations Students of America, raised money for Breast Cancer Awareness by selling Halloween Cookie Grams on the week of October 24th to the 28th. "We knew that the money definitely had to go to the foundation for breast cancer research and it was a great feeling," Marissa Rodriguez (12) said.

The HOSA students made about 1000 cookies from scratch, sold them during the three lunch periods, and delivered the cookie grams during 8th period on Friday. The profits from the cookie sale were around $200. "It was a fun opportunity selling cookies. It felt great knowing that we were supporting breast cancer research," Marissa Guzman (12) said. *Reporting by Joel Arredondo.*

DeathMask



CHRIS FRANK

On November 1st, students made masks for 'Dia De Los Muertos' (Day of the Dead). "The mask helped me realize what the day meant. It means that the souls of the dead get another chance to live again with their family and friends," Chris Frank (10) said.

NOVEMBER

1 Food Drive

"My mom made me bring food because she wanted to help the less fortunate, but it made me feel like a good person helping out," AJ Devlin (11) said.

4 Varsity Soccer practice Begins



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"Three 'Fun Fun Funs' aren't enough to describe it. I liked the variety of activities there," Diana Ramirez (12) said.

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Varsity Tennis Tournament

The tennis team attended the Georgetown Tournament to compete against 5-A schools. Morgan Cmerek (11) and Jacob Cmerek (9) both played singles; Coty Gola (12) and Bradley Ging (12) , as well as Holden Hudson (12) and Kaylee Nemec (12) played mixed doubles: and Aaron McQuary (12) and TJ Florez (12) played doubles. "I was happy with the outcome of the tournament. Holden and I didn't practice as much as I wanted before the tournament, but we were as good as the rest of the teams that were there," Kaylee Nemec (12) said.

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24 Last Thanksgiving Divide

Aggies and Longhorns faced off for the last Thanksgiving game ever due to A&M leaving the Big 12 Conference. "On Thanksgiving, my whole family just sits on the couch and watches the game. Everyone in my family is an Aggie, except my sister-in-law. I was mainly just upset that we lost the game," Sean Bullock (10) said.

First Day Back

The end of Thanksgiving Break brought mixed emotions. "I was happy to come back and see friends, not work, but see friends," James Yanez (11) said. "I didn't want to come back to school. I was full, hungry, and sleepy," Milan Grayson (9) said.

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StockShow

"To prepare for show, I bought my pigs a lot of high quality feed, washed them, and walked them every day. I showed three pigs at show and did better than last year because I worked a lot harder this year with them," Tyler Jaecks (11) said.

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5 Blood Drive

The "Blood Mobile" came to hold the annual blood drive. Codie Hall (12) was one of the many who donated. "I wasn't really scared, I gave blood last year, so it's not so bad," Hall said. Students gave blood for different reasons. "Giving blood seemed like it was the right thing to do and I wanted to save lives. I was nervous at first because I'm scared of needles, but it wasn't that bad," Laravis Blunson (10) said. The students that donated gave a total of 70 units of blood.

8 Choir Christmas Concert

"The Chorale sang the traditional songs and Minstrels sang more like celebration songs. The Spanish song that we sang was the hardest to learn! Oh God, the concert was awesome though," Cameron Dupy (12) said.

20 Hannukkah Begins

"For eight days beginning on the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev, we lit the Menorah. It's one candle each night, to celebrate the victory and the miracle of Hanukah," Jacob Kopit (10) said.

Christmas 24 Eve

26 Ski trip

Lauren Vrana (11) left for Pagosa Springs, Colorado. "It was really pretty, but I didn't really like the skiing there as much as other places I've been because the slopes were steeper," Vrana said.



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CALL OF DUTY MW3

The renowned game, Call of Duty Modern Warfare III was released and many students waited in line to buy it. "It was my first time going to the midnight release. I couldn't wait to see what was in that game. I ended up not really liking it though because I thought it would be better than everyone said," Justin Vaden (11) said.

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11 Playoffs

The football team played a grueling playoff game against the Wimberly Texans, losing in double overtime. "It was very sad because it was the best team I have ever played with and I will never get to play with them again," Jeremy Snyder (11) said.



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Race for the Cure



DIANA GONZALEZ

The Race for the Cure is an annual race that supports breast cancer awareness and finding a cure. FCCLA volunteered at this years race in downtown Austin. "We passed out water bottles to the people as they were passing and encouraged them. It felt good knowing that I was supporting breast cancer research," Kaitlyn Hitt (10) said.

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29 Basketball

Taylor VS Rockdale



CHELSIE CARTER

The varsity basketball team played their rival, the Rockdale Tigers, for the second time during the season. They pulled out a win of 55-4. "Every year the Rockdale game is one of the most challenging. It was pretty intense, they are our rival so we had to step up and come ready to play," Christian Lawson (12) said.

DECEMBER

The week of finals was hectic for students because of the crazy and new schedule. "The schedule affected my week of finals a lot because I have a lot of off periods, so I don't know when I need to be here. It's more complicated than helpful," Mariah Ramirez (11) said. Along with the schedule came a lot of studying. "During finals week, I pretty much studied about an hour for each final, mainly notes and reviews," Abril Villalobos (11) said.

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Finals

The Boys basketball team played La Grange at home and the Sixth Man went to cheer on the team. "We go to the games to support the basketball team. They need support and we get them pumped up. We cheered and taunted the other team," Keith Hair (12) said. The Sixth Man attended all of the home basketball games during the season.

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6th Man



CHELSIE CARTER

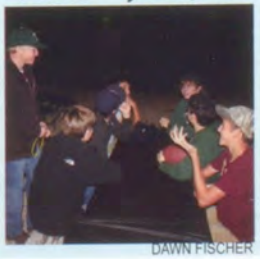
Soccer Practice

"Practice was great if you love finding mud in places that it shouldn't be. Ruining three pairs of cleats was amazing," Jace Fontenot (12) said.

28 Practices typically lasted two and a half hours, three days a week.

Rowe Valley 31

New Years Party



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At the Rowe Valley New Years party there was a DJ, dancing, card games, and football. "I just sat around and talked. All my friends were there though, so that made it fun," Jacob Cmerek (9) said.

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11/11 Playoff RUN ends *Short*

FIRST PLAYOFF GAME AGAINST WIMBERLY STOPS FOOTBALL TEAM

Last Minute Stop Eric Alderete (11) uses all his force to stop a Wimberly reciever from gaining yards. "Their recievers were tall, and I'm not the tallest guy in the world, but I took on the challenge," Alderete said. **Quite the Catch** Michael McIntire (12) secures the ball, while in air, for the touchdown in overtime. "It was exciting to keep the team alive and going, and when I scored all I heard was cheering from the stands. It was a great feeling," McIntire said. **Up in Arms** Jeremy Synder (11) celebrates the completed pass for a touchdown to keep the game alive. "It was amazing. I put a lot of trust into Dustin and I think it was a bit of luck, but it was awesome," Snyder said. **Smile to Remember** Issac Franco (10) completes a pass to gain yards in the last few minutes of the game. "It was a great feeling being only a sophomore playing. I felt like I had to step up to the expectations," Franco said. **Sack that Quarterback** Cory Casey (11) sneaks through the line to the quarterback for a sack. "He had it coming for him the whole game," Casey said. **Weighed Down** Emmett Wiggins (12) pushes forward with Wimberly defenders on the try for the stop. "We didn't change our offense at all for the game. We got better at what we do best," Wiggins said. **We Believe** The Varsity Cheerleaders patiently wait for the football team to crash through the run-through sign at the end of half time. "It was an amazing game to cheer at," Lorena Torres (11) said.















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Wurstfest 11/9

GERMAN CLUB TRAVELS TO NEW BRAUNFELS FOR WURSTFEST

Wurstfest, in the town of New Braunfels, is a celebration of German heritage and delicious food like sausage, 'Wurst', and sauerkraut. The German club went to Wurstfest Wednesday. They ate German food, rode carnival rides, and danced to German polka music. Instead of traveling all the way to Germany, which is about five thousand miles away, the club was able to immerse themselves into the German culture with a drive not too far away. This festival was a glimpse into what happens at the real Wurstfest in Germany.

To Nick Patschke (9) and Colton Mannella (9), the German festival has a different meaning than just a day to learn about German culture. Patschke has a grandfather that speaks German. Mannella not only is learning German but was born in Germany on a military base. "The trip for me was learning about where I came from, because I don't really remember a lot of it," Mannella said.

Wurstfest had food like fried Oreos, sausage on a stick, and dark beer the students couldn't purchase. There were many different kinds of food to try. The fairgrounds were set up where people could walk around the massive food tent with booths lining the walls from end to end. "The sausage was the best thing I had ever eaten," Abby Howard (10) said.

Along with food, there were carnival rides at the festival. There was spinning ones and big slides, as well as a ferris wheel. "A couple of people made me ride a spinning ride, and it gave me a headache. I felt sick afterwards," Katelyn Kuhl (12) said.

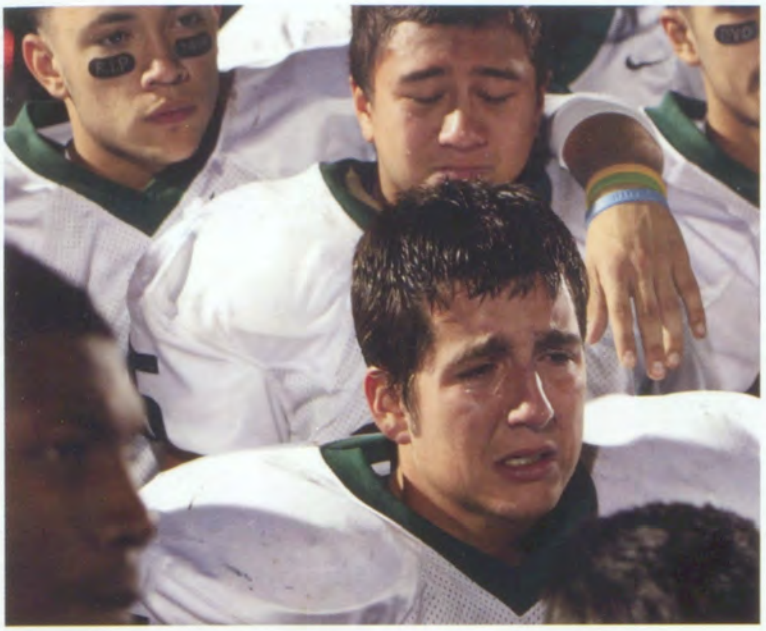
In the middle of the big tent, there was a German band that played German music. Students could dance in the center. Even the chicken dance was played, and a guy in a chicken costume came out wearing Lederhosen. "You can't go to Wurstfest and not dance, because dancing to German music is so much fun," Ally Powell (11) said.

Traveling to Wurstfest is about experiencing the German culture, and trying new things. For the students, it was a good way to expose them to the life of people who live halfway around the world. Learning to speak a language is also about immersing oneself into a new culture and the ways of the native speakers.





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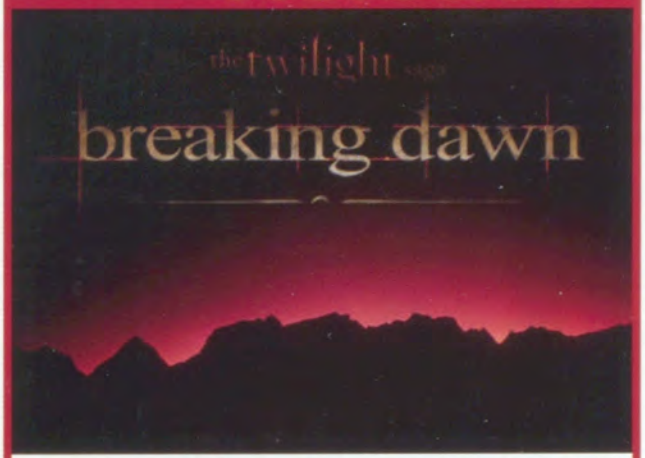




Face of Defeat Dustin Johnson's (11) emotions became to much to hold in after the playoff loss. "It was the worst feeling in the world, but now I can't wait until next year; to come back and go further," Johnson said. **A Few Choice Words** Coach Rick Cobia argues a call made by the refs. "Early in the game we thought they had a pass interference. I told the refs to get their heads in the game. It was a call that should of been made, and it was very frustrating," Coach Cobia said.

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Midnight 11/17 Release



All over the USA, crowds attended the midnight showing of the new movie *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn* on Thursday, November 17. Sarah Richter (9), Victoria Gardner (11), and Tanner Parker (9) attended the showing at the Howard Theatre in Taylor, Texas. All four *Twilight* movies were shown one after the other in order to build up to the premiere of *Breaking Dawn*. "It started at 4:30 so I went right after school," Richter said, "I didn't get home and to bed until 3 A.M., but it was worth it." There were breaks between movies so the viewers could get snacks and get ready for the next movie. The Twilight Saga premiere was crowded and the lines were long. "It was worth the wait for all those movies," Gardner said.

Top 5 Things to do at Wurstfest

1. "Eat a sausage on a stick and fried oreos."
2. "Get out on the dance floor, and jam to Polka music."
3. "Buy a silly hat."
4. "Ride all the carnival rides."
5. "Talk to other students from other schools, and German people."

-Lynsie Patschke (11)

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LORENA TORRES

November 11, 2011, was more than just a date on the calendar for several students. They counted down to 11:11 and 11 seconds so they could make a wish. These students included freshmen Libby Fischer, Sarah Richter, Katelyn Roznovak, Savannah Kaspar, Lauren Hortestine, and Tallie Thompson. "When it was 11:11 we all stood up and got extremely excited," Kasper said. The girls got out a laptop to count down to the exact time 11:11 and they all made their wishes.







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John Lennon and me

Noisy Nurse Mady Comb (9) acts as a preppy, outgoing nurse. "The best part about the play was introducing my character, I had to come out singing loud and obnoxious," Combs said. **Take a Bow** The Cast of *John Lennon and Me* takes a bow after the performance. "The best part of the play was being Sally and being all over the stage eating a Twinkie," Maddie Ward (10) said.



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The theatre club performed *John Lennon and Me* on the nights of December 2nd and 3rd. The play tells the story of a Hollywood wannabe named Star (played by Liberty Jones (12)), who is an ultimate Beatles fan and has her path stymied by cystic fibrosis, an inherited disease that assures a young death. Star spends most of her time in the hospital, where she confronts fate with imagination by surrounding herself with MTV-inspired bodyguard flunkies and 'morphing' her dreaded therapy nurse into a pro-wrestler. Then, Star gets a new roommate, Courtney (played by Diana Ramirez (12)),a pretty cheerleader who is apparently not very sick. Neither girl knows much about the other's world, but eventually they come to understand each other, and ultimately, themselves.

"Not only was this play about how healthy or sick you are, but it was about life, friendships, and relationships with different people, which is why a lot of different people can relate to it and learn something from it," Jones said.

Stiff Competition

STUDENTS COME OUT ON TOP AT COUNTY SHOW IN GEORGETOWN



Posin' Pretty Amber Vrabel (11) shows her lamb at the county stock show. "It's a lot of work showing, but it pays off in the end," Vrabel said. Vrabel put about ten hours a week into preparing for county show. **Midnight Madness** Mallory Marcon (11) shows her steer, Midnight, at county show. "I don't really think when I'm showing, but I'm really nervous because winning means a lot to me," Marcon said. Marcon has been participating in stock shows for six years. **Bunny Handlin'** Lance Morales (11) shows his rabbit at the stock show. "I've been showing rabbits for a few years now; it's fun and interesting," Morales said. **Hog Wild** Reagan Fischer (11) washes his hog to prepare him for show. "It's hard work to work with my hog when it's raining and cold. They are really messy," Fischer said. **Goat Love** coddles her goat as she gets ready. "I have really formed an emotional bond with my goat after spending so much time with him, I named him Cleveland," Fischer said. As a freshman, this was Fischer's first year being in the high school 4-H.

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Dominating the Court

DUCKS BATTLE HARD AGAINST AUSTIN TRAVIS

It's Free Shawntell Caldwell (10) prepares to shoot a penalty free throw. "Penalty shots are critical because if there is a few seconds left and we lose them, it is really disappointing," Caldwell said. **Patiently Waiting** Amanda Martinez (12), Shelby Seaquist (9), and Marissa Guzman (12) wait on defense with their teammates to begin playing again. "I didn't play basketball last year, but I love it so much now. We're practically like a family," Guzman said. **Leading the Team** Captain, Amanda Martinez (12) talks to the referee before the game. "When you're team captain, you have to make sure you are a leader and not a follower," Martinez said. It is the captain of the team's job to represent the team as a whole. **Jump Ball** Shawntell Caldwell (10) jumps for the ball at the start of the game. "Jumping for the ball is a lot of pressure because if we get it, our offense is better. But if we lose it, we have to get the ball back," Caldwell said. Caldwell is also a team captain and the point guard for the team.

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What are YOU Thankful for?

1 "I am thankful for my house and a decent meal everyday," Jacob Bishop (10) said.

2 "I'm thankful for my family, air, and food. I would die without those things," Brittany Foley (10) said.

3 I am thankful for my faith and waking up every morning," Kaylah Torres (11) said.



County Show Placings

Lance Morales (11) - 5th place Rabbits, Reserve Champion Showmanship, 2nd place Goat
Mallory Marcon (11) - 5th place Broilers, 2nd place Lamb, 2nd place Steer, 3rd place Goat
Libby Fischer (9) - 6th place Duroc Hog, 4th place Goat, 6th place Lamb
Bryce Zimmerhanzel (9) - 5th place Duroc Hog
Tyler Jaecks (11) - 4th place Hampshire Hog
Reagan Fischer (11) - 8th place Yorkshire Hog, 4th place Goat, 3rd place Lamb
Shayla Harvey (11) - 6th & 10th place Goat
Blayne Hegar (11) - 8th & 10th place Goat
Ashley Burrow (12) - 2nd place Goat
Amber Vrabel (11) - 4th place Goat, 3rd place Lamb
Ashley Burow (12) - 3rd place Lamb





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Parade of Lights

PARADE THREATENED BY CHANCE OF RAIN





CAROL VESAQUEZ

The Christmas joy did not stop the Annual Christmas Parade of Lights even with the possibility of rain. The rain stopped just in time for the parade. The Parade of Lights brought Christmas cheer and joy to downtown and to all students that participated in or attended.

Mary Rose Fagan (10) has participated in the parade almost every year for about 11 years. Fagan had the option of marching with two groups. She could have marched with the THS band, but decided to march with the Girl Scouts. However, due to complications, Fagan was unable to March with either. Instead, she decided to just watch the christmas parade. "Other people were cheering, and I joined in. The parade put me in the holiday spirit," Fagan said.

About 40 groups marched the route, waving to the spectators with smiles on their faces. Floats ranged from Santa being pulled by a tractor to churches displaying themed floats with music. The First United Methodist Church had a Charlie Brown theme with a dog house, and the *Peanuts* music playing. "I liked the floats with the people on them. They waved at me and I waved back," Joshua Richter (12) said.

Every year since 1984, the city of Taylor has held a Christmas parade. This year was no different, even with the threat of rain. The Parade of Lights has spread Holiday cheer throughout Taylor. *Reporting by Lynsie Patschke.*

Christmas Concert





JINA TORRES

"The Christmas concerts are actually really bad because we're just barely starting. It ended up being alright, but preparing for it was stressful because we only had two to three weeks to work on our music."

– MARIAHLYNNE BRIONES (9)

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Ally & Bryan PRODUCTION

DUO CRAFTS POPULAR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

For this couple of students, YouTube is more than just watching music videos and funny people doing stupid stuff. Ally Powell (11) and Bryan Martinez (11) make their own videos and post them to their own channel on Youtube to entertain the world. The pair films video updates that are made mostly at their houses or at interesting places.

Martinez first began filming when he was required to make a project in Mrs. Fischer's Video Technology class. This one project sparked his interest in directing and has chosen to continue filming and directing his own short videos. Powell and Martinez both act in the videos on their channel. At one point in time, the pair filmed every day for a week straight. "I wanted the world to see what we could do together," Martinez said. "We've had so much fun filming it together and thus the *Ally and Bryan Show* was born."

The show includes various fight scenes, interviewing family members, and discussing topics that are important to them. There are ideas of holiday segments and their own Paranormal activity segment that are floating around. "I feel that teenagers in our day like to watch this type of entertainment," Martinez said.

The duo has also filmed a Public Service Announcement about bullying and put it on their channel. The PSA shows the effects of bullying and includes the students: Jessica Humphreys (12) and Liberty Jones (12). The video picures Powell being bullied by Humphreys and Jones and chooses suicide as her only option to deal with her problems and attackers. Powell and Martinez took the video to a Video Production Team Competition and won second place. "The video was really powerful. I almost cried after I first saw it. Bullying is a major problem among middle and high school students, and it needs to be confronted and put to a end. I was really proud to be in this video," Humphreys said.

The pair's channel can be found on YouTube. The videos are rising in popularity as Powell and Martinez continue to create more and more videos for entertainment. To view the *Ally and Bryan Show*, visit Bryan's YouTube Channel, BryanProductions1.

Reporting by Lynsie Patschke.

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One pint, One life

STUDENT AND STAFF DONATE BLOOD TO SAVE LIVES

The annual blood drive came to Taylor High School for another year on Monday, December 5th. According to Principal Danny Ward, about 70 units of blood were donated. Both students and staff participated. Among the many students that donated blood that day, were Codie Hall (12) and Aaron McQuary (12). "I wasn't really scared," Hall said, "I gave blood last year. So I know it's not so bad."

The process of giving blood is simple, but has to be done right every time. First, all of your information is taken while you read an informational pamphlet. The student then gets their finger pricked to check their blood pressure and patiently waits until it's their turn to lay down on a bed that is curved for optimal blood flow from the arm. The phlebotomist then inserts the needle and tapes it down, and the blood flows into a 'unit'. A unit is about a pint, and the average person has 9 to 12 pints of blood. After this process, the student gets a choice of either Oreos, Nutter Butters, Cheeze-its, Fig Newtons, Gatorade or water to consume while waiting for their body to readjust and then was given a T-shirt. "You get to skip part of school, so it's a win-win situation," McQuary said.

After getting your blood drawn, it takes about 3 days for your body to gain the same amount of blood back, but for every donation of blood, two lives are saved. The slogan this year was 'Save a tree. Save a whale. Save a life. Donate blood.' *Reporting by Toby Kidwell.*

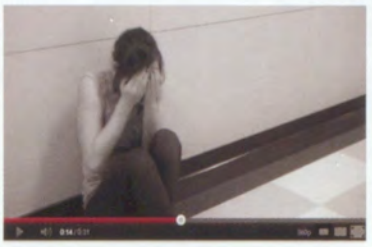
PSA: Bullying

Screenshots



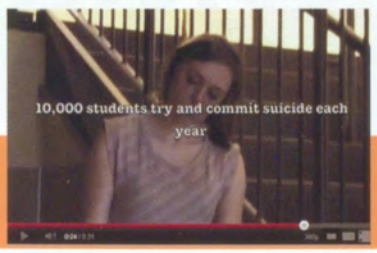












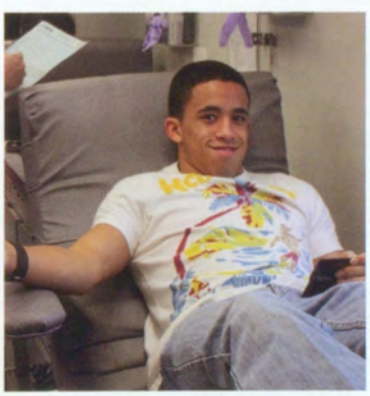




"The PSA Bullying video really did mean something to me because so many people commit sucide due to bullying. We wanted to get the message across that words really do hurt and you need to be careful how you use them."

– Ally Powell (11)







PHOTOS BY JINA TORRES

Thumbs Up Aaron McQuary (12) anxiously prepares to give blood. "Even though that stuff kinda bugs me, it felt good to help out. It didn't really hurt though, it was just sore after but that's all," McQuary said.

Seated and Ready Codie Hall (12) answers questions before starting the procedure of giving blood. "I've given blood in the past so I wasn't really nervous. The little sting you feel is worth it, knowing you helped save a life," Hall said.

Bright Colors The blood bus arrives and parks in the visitor parking lot. "When I saw the bus I was pretty scared. I thought it was pretty ironic that the bus had such bright colors, but you're losing blood on the inside," Royal Lucas (12) said.

Design by Mallory Marcon

Sticky Business

FINAL WARNINGS BRING OUT EMOTIONS

The THS student parking lot was plastered with orange stickers on Friday, December 16th. Student vehicles that did not have school-issued parking passes were given a notice of 'final warning'. Bright orange stickers were stuck to windows explaining that students needed to purchase a parking permit or they would be towed. "Yeah, I got my permit after they put the stickers out, but I don't think it's fair. They are just trying to get money," Dylan Weise (12) said.

Each student's license plate number was recorded and if they didn't received a parking pass by the next inspection, they were threatened once again. Some students had parking passes from the previous year, but they did not count for this year. "Mine was just out of date. I felt that they should have at least warned me that I needed to renew it," Austyn Savage (12) said.

The stickers were more than just annoying. Students felt as if the placement of the stickers were hazards to them as they were drivng. "The sticker was eye-level with me so it made it difficult for me to make sure the road was clear," Lynsie Patschke (11) said.

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ATHLETES CELEBRATE END OF SEMESTER

The girls Athletics program has always been filled with tradition, from the Turkey Bowl to simply clapping out after each workout. One of the most well known traditions is the annual holiday Christmas party that takes place during the eighth period final exam time. "The Christmas party is a holiday tradition where the girls get together and bring lots of goodies and celebrate a semester of hard work," Coach Vicki Hall said.

At the party, girls lined up for food in a certain order; seniors first, freshmen last. Being able to be at the front of the line is a privilege that all girls in athletics wait for. "It was good because we ate all of the food before the freshmen came," Marissa Guzman (12) said.

Once the last girl has had her chance at the goodies, the girls all found a seat with their friends and ate their snacks. The girls also had the option to watch film from the Turkey Bowl. "I enjoyed the party very much, it was a good experience for me as a freshman athlete," Francheska Cantrell (9) said.

Final Call

12/13 - 12/17

STUDENTS SPEND THE WEEK TACKLING FINALS

December 13th through the 17th was the mid-term exam week for all students. Students took their exams for all classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and those absent made up missed exams on Friday. Exam week was hectic and busy for most students, with most having to juggle homework, sports, studying, jobs, and preparing for the holidays. "Balancing my job at Sonic, homework, choir practice, and studying for exams was very hard and time consuming, especially while getting ready for Christmas," Elizabeth Sengler (11) said.

A special schedule was constructed for the week of finals, seeming to cause more stress on students. Each day, the schedule changed along with exams to be taken on that day. The new exam schedule upset many students. "Finals week was hectic, every day was different. If the schedule didn't skip around so much it would have been much better," Erin Bengston (9) said.

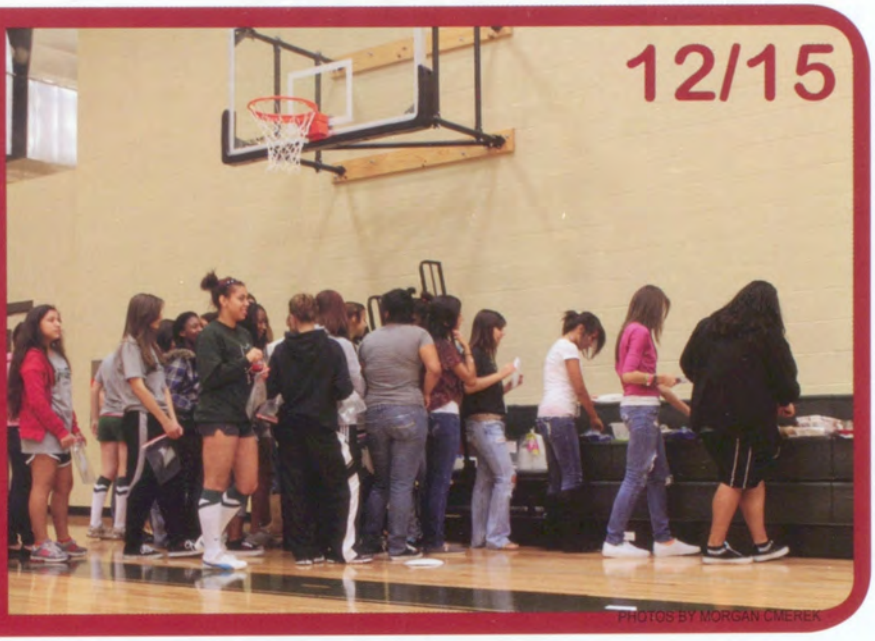
With so much going on, it didn't help that regular classes were mixed in with the exams. If students weren't taking their finals or at lunch, they were in class doing everyday work, the whole time worrying about how they're going to do on their upcoming exam. "I thought it was really unnecessary and distracting to have to go to class in between exams. We could have used that time to study and get ready for our upcoming exams," Dana Harris (11) said.

When all was said and done, and every student had the chance to complete and turn in their work and finish their exams, students were dismissed for a well deserved two week break. "The break, after all the stress and hard work of studying, felt amazing," Gabriel Reyna (10) said.

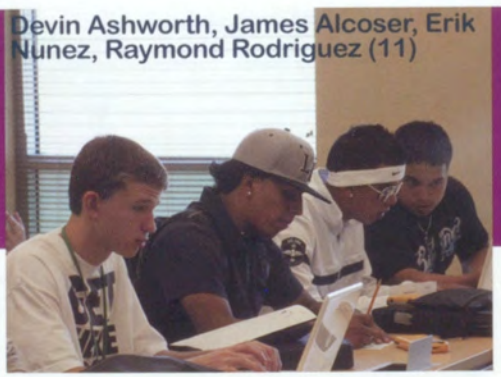
Athletic Christmas Tradition

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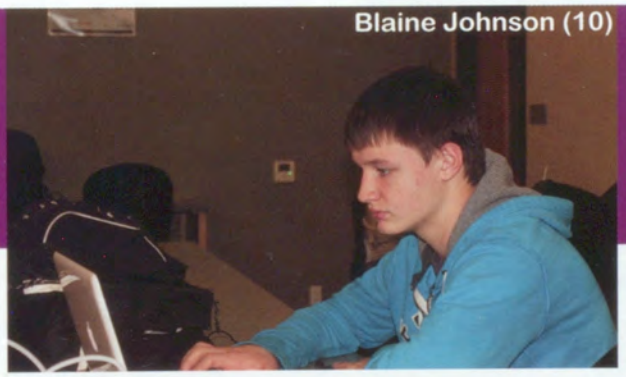




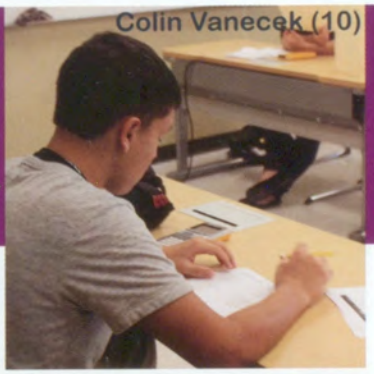
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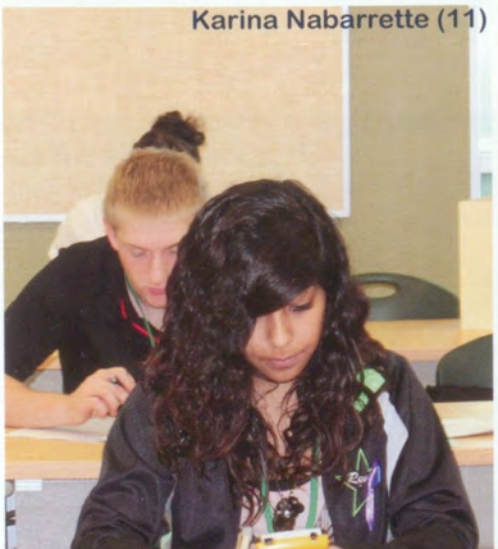
Devin Ashworth, James Alcoser, Erik Nunez, Raymond Rodriguez (11)



Blaine Johnson (10)



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Karina Nabarrette (11)



Diego Escalante, Chris Frank (10)

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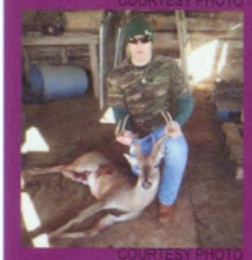
Holiday Happenings

THINGS THE BREAK BROUGHT TO STUDENTS



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Jessica Martinez (9) went to San Luis Potosi, Mexico over the Holiday Break. She went shopping, to a carnival, and rode horses. "I learned a lot there. I learned how to milk a cow and how to use a washing board. I even got to teach little mexican kids english," Martinez said.



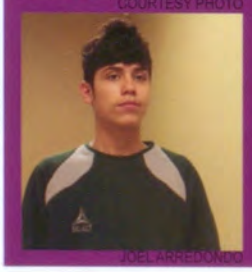
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Justin Kolinek (10) went hunting in Bandera, Texas. "It was my first time hunting, and I shot my first buck," Kolinek said.



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Senior Girls Every break a few of the senior girls get together to have a white elephant christmas part. It has been done since their fourth grade year and the host and house alternates each year. "It's sad knowing it's the last year we're going to do it," Kelsie Kaatz (12) said.



JOEL ARREDONDO

Martin Hernandez (11) broke his collar bone over the winter break. "It happened when both Nick Ochoa and I were going for the ball in the air, and somehow he got under me and I flipped and landed on my collar bone," Hernandez said.

Change of scenery

STUDENT TRAVELS TO COSTA RICA FOR HOLIDAYS

Austyn Savage (12) traveled to Costa Rica for a week during the holiday break. She went with her mother, father, sister, brother, and sister-in-law. They left on December 15th and returned on December 22nd. "This was actually a big trip for us. I'm graduating this year, and my sister, brother, and sister-in-law are also graduating from college," Savage said.

The group went on different tours every day throughout Costa Rica. They traveled to "Coco's Beach", a souvenir and restaurant location spot. They also went zip-lining, scuba diving, and took a catamaran trip. "My favorite part about the entire trip was how free Costa Rica was and that you would just be walking down the street and monkeys would jump on you," Savage said.

The Savage family stayed at the Pura Vida Resort. The family spent a lot of their time hanging around the various pools, going to the resort spa, and watching the plays that went on every night at the resort outdoor stage. "It was literally the best trip I've been on. It was a learning experience being in a new environment. It was so awesome, far beyond what I had expected," Savage said.





One more thing!

Hannukah

12/20-12/28



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"The best gift I got was a TV on the second night. My favorite part about Hannukah is spending time with family and friends."

NOAH KOPIT (12)



JOSE VILLARREAL

Richard Yanez (10) recieved the Iphone 4S for Christmas. "I was surprised when I got it. I opened the box and put the case on right away," Yanez said.



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Mary Cat Nardecchia (11) and her brother got a Wii for Christmas. "It was priceless to see my brother's reaction to the Wii and all the games we got with it," Nardecchia said.











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What'd you get?



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Dillon Kriedel (10) recieved a hunting bow and shotgun for Christmas. "I had been asking for them for about three years," Kriedel said.



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Angelica Trevino (11) got a puppy for Christmas. "I was so excited. I named him Sensei, like the master," Trevino said.



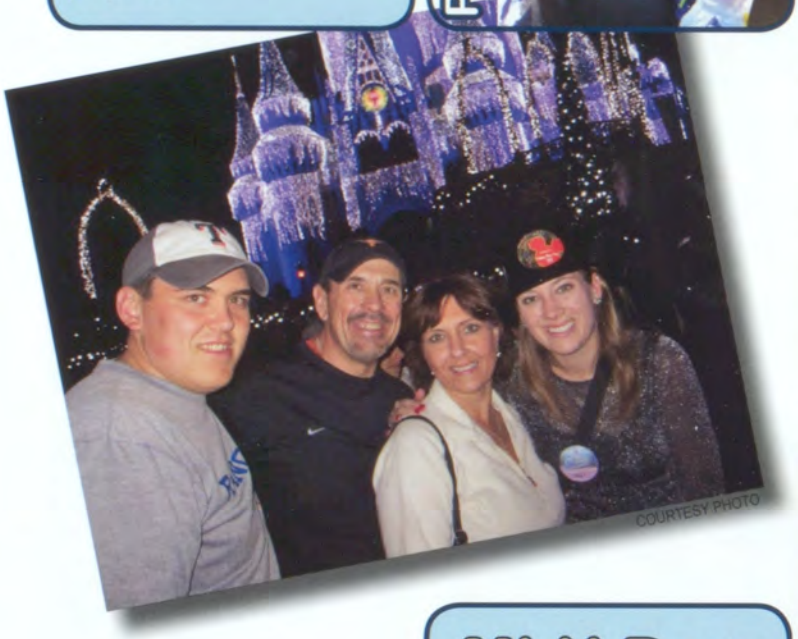
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Cody Hall (12) recieved a college acceptance letter from West Point Military Academy. "I was speechless, really, when I got the letter," Hall said.

Design by Jessica Humphreys

1 A Disney World New Year's

"The atmosphere was so much different from your regular New Year's day. There was so much excitement, people and just fun," Kale McQuillen (12) said.



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Prom Shopping 2



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3. Soccer Scrimmage

"The team is really strong this year; we're like a big family. It was a good first start for the team, we got a lot of practice in," Jocelyn Vega (11) said. The girls fought back in the second half to tie it up 2-2 against Lanier.



Allie Erwin (10) & Lilly Engler (12)

MAGDALENA ZAVALA

PINK Wednesday

"We planned a week before that we were going to wear pink on that Wednesday," Joie Aparicio (12) said.



11.

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Mouse Scare

Kacey Christiansen (10) witnessed a mouse running down the hall and into Mrs. Catuogno's room, where it hid behind the bookcase until Mrs. C. and Mrs. Fischer lured him out with Doritos crumbs to take his photo. I kind of shrieked but it was also cool to see something totally different in the school day," Christiansen said.



17.

DAWN FISCHER

Electives Fair 18.



CAROL VASQUEZ

MLK Day 16.

Rainy Day

"The Rain was stupid, and it kept me up all night. It was good that we got rain though because we've been in a drought," Roxie Davilla (10)

25.



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DCYC

"It was fun being with friends, and it felt great because we were with our church," Amber Vrabel (11) said.

29. Baseball Practice Starts

Book Fair Begins



30.

CAROL VASQUEZ

CHILI'S FUNDRAISER FOR After-Prom & Softball Team Dinner!

Elevator Crisis 5.

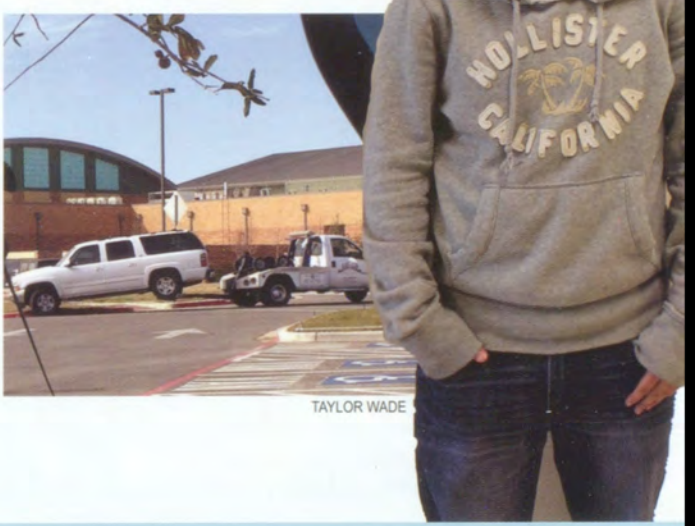
Mrs. Thomas dropped her key set under the elevator. "There was no trying to get my keys out on my own. Luckily, Mr.Bishop had a magnet on a stick and went fishing for my keys, but we had to wait for Mr. Ward to come back with the key to open the door to the elevator so we could get underneath where my keys had fallen," Mrs. Thomas said.

6th period lunch loses **10** minutes from their **45** minute lunch period because of not cleaning up after themselves.

6.

ONEmore thing!

Mauricio Camarillo (11) was the first student to get his vehicle towed from the new THS, because he didn't have his parking permit. "I was mad, because I didn't know how my Dad was gonna act," Camarillo said.



TAYLOR WADE



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First District Basketball Game 13.

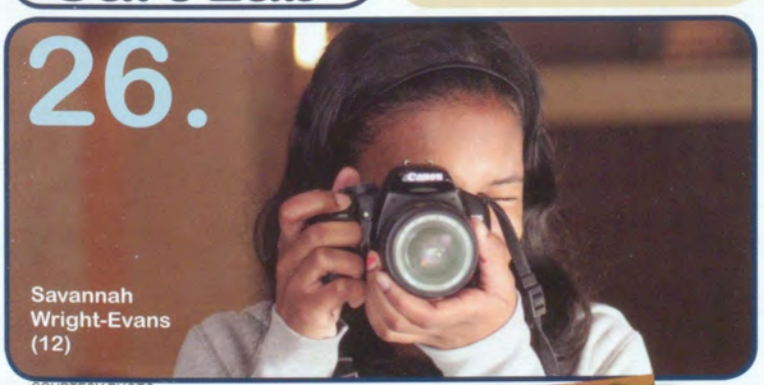


DUSTIN JOHNSON (11)

MAGDALENA ZAVALA



Business Professionals of America Regionals 21.



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Hutto Tennis Tournament

Girls' Singles:
Morgan Cmerek (11)
1st Place
Boys' Singles:
Hayden Wilkins (12)
2nd Place
Mixed Doubles:
Coty Gola (12) &
Bradley Ging (12)
2nd Place

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Love is Crazy Kelsie Kaatz (12), Seth Srnensky (12), Joshua Richter (12) and Jessica Humphreys (12) act out a scene as if in medieval times. "It wasn't that hard talking like they did, we just had to change up our vocabulary. Memorizing the lines was pretty hard. We would write them down on paper and tape them in places that the frame wouldn't show," Kelsie Kaatz (12) said.



Fighting it Out Joshua Richter (12) knocks down Seth Srnensky (12) in a fighting scene. "It was awesome making this part. We had to exaggerate the whole scene out so we could capture the moment," Richter said. The group had to make time and schedule around each other through out the christmas holidays.



Near Death Experience Joshua Richter (12) pretends to kill Seth Srnensky (12) during a scene in their medieval video. "It was tough to video because we kept messing up, but we basically just made up lines as we went along. It was an interesting experience," Srnensky said. The groups' video took a total of two weeks to film.

Reporting by Ashlynn Volek

1/4/12 The Cause



AUDREY HARRIS

NEW SPIRITUAL CLUB FORMED

The Cause set foot on the Taylor High School campus on January 4th. The new club was created to bring teens together to connect."The Cause connects people to Christ, to their destiny, to the school and the people in it," Founder of the club, Nick Mendoza (10) said.

Mendoza created this group to help teens find themselves. THS and Legacy students attend meetings every Wednesday. Some students also share the same youth group with Mendoza at the Celebration Church. Interns from this church would come a few times to the group, and continue to provide Mendoza with advice on how to spread the word. "God put it in my heart to start this club. It had actually been on my heart for a while before I ended up starting it. I created this club to help people realize that God sees them differently than they see theirselves, and to show them that they are way more beautiful than they could ever imagine," Mendoza said.

Mendoza had high hopes for the group. He hoped it to grow immensely throughout the year. Courtney McConnell (11) has been a group member from the very start. "I have come to every meeting except for a time when I was sick," McConnell said. "The Cause gets my spirits up...it's like a dose of God every Wednesday."

Reporting by Audrey Harris

1/11 to 1/16





10:30 AM *Zip Lining*

"I feel asleep at 2:30 in the morning and woke up at 6:00 in the morning. I was only running on coffee and excitement."

6:00 AM

Medieval English

ENGLISH 4 AP CLASSES TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

Students in Mrs. Rowe's English 4 AP classes took a step back in time to the Medieval period. The groups devoted time to reading Medieval literature, understanding the history, learning the social structure, as well as other cultural aspects. After several weeks of covering the topic, Rowe closed the chapter with a Medieval video productions project, which were created and produced by the students. "Coming up with the different way to speak was the hardest part. My group ended up just making different words fit together. For instance, 'cool-eth' was used instead of the word 'cool', which made the project even more fun," Codie Hall (12) said.

The students worked on their projects before Christmas break, developing their plots and scripts. Throughout the Christmas break, the groups acted in, directed, and produced their videos. They also edited the video clips together to develop a movie that spanned an average of 20 minutes. On January 9th, videos were shown to fellow classmates and graded by Mrs. Rowe. "Getting everyone together was probably the hardest thing we had to do. With everyone in and out of town during the Christmas break, we would just film the parts of the people who were in town during that time," Seth Thomas (12) said.

New Year's Resolutions

"To gain a lot more muscle mass."

- Aaron Collier (12)

"To be happier."

- Rebekah Pircher (10)

"To get in better shape."

- Cody Verraneault (10)

1/1/12

Trip of a Lifetime

JACE FONTENOT (12) OUTLINES A DAY OF HIS JAMAICAN VACATION

12:00 PM

"We ate the best oranges. There was a orange grove next to our resort and we were lucky enough to be able to just walk over and pick any orange we wanted off the tree and eat it."

2:00 PM

"Daniel and I left to go deep sea fishing. Dolphins came up an swam next to our boat on the way out towards our fishing spot. The whole deep sea fishing was a complete failure though, we didn't catch a single thing. But we met some pretty cool people a long the way."

Cliff Jumping

1:00 PM

"120 feet up is a very long way to fall into the open ocean, but it was one of the best feelings in the world."



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"We met some pretty intense people playing beach volleyball and I have the scratches to prove it. After dominating yet another game, Hyzak and I went to go stuff our faces."

5:00 PM

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Powerlifting... What does it take?

"FOCUS"

- Courtney Gamez (10)



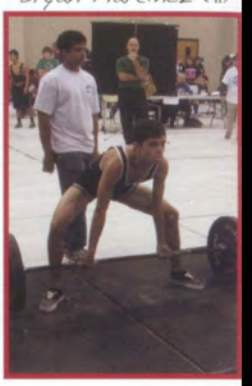
"COMMITMENT"

- Gilbert Velasquez (11)

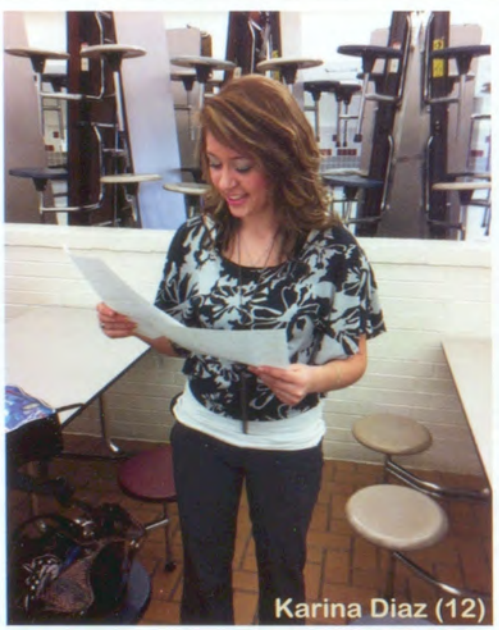


"MINDSET"

-Bryan Martinez (11)



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Karina Diaz (12)

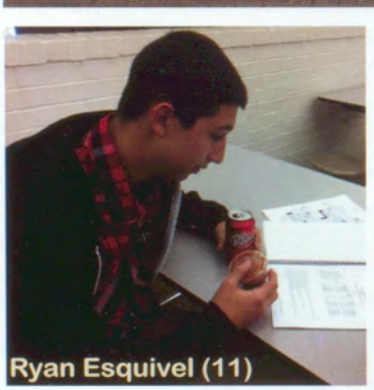


Ally Powell (11), Savannah Evans-Wright (12), Ashleigh Falcon (12), Bryan Martinez (11), Ryan Esquivel (11), Karina Diaz (12), Morgan Cmerek (11), Capreshia Blakely (12), Jessica Humphreys (12)

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Courtney McConnell (11)



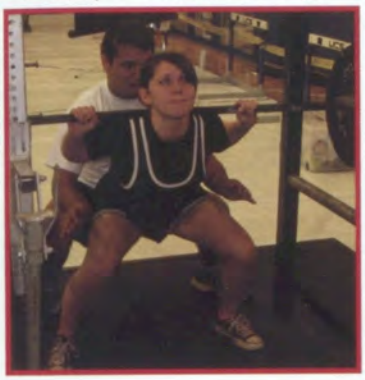
Ryan Esquivel (11)



Bryan Martinez (11)

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"COURAGE"
-Frankie Cantrell (10)



"HARD WORK"
-Rosalyn Young (10)



PHOTOS BY ROYAL LUCAS

Chamber Banquet 1/19

"We brought out drinks and food, and cleaned tables. I enjoyed helping at the banquet. It was also nice seeing people there that I had not seen in a while."

-Elizabeth Sengler (11)

BPA Regionals

STUDENTS AT BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS COMPETITION

On Saturday, January 21st, thirteen students traveled to A&M Consolidated High School in Bryan to compete in the regional Business Professionals of America competition. The students competed in several different events including video production, interview skills, desktop publishing, keyboarding, and prepared speech. Nine of the students qualified for state, which took place in Dallas. "We definitely cleaned up at the competition," President, Jessica Humphreys (12) said.

Weeks of preparation lead the team to the event with solid footing for best results. Many students worked hard up until the date of the event making sure everything was ready to be as prepared as possible. "I was pleased with the way they placed, and very appreciative of the students for giving up their weekend to represent THS and BPA," Mrs. Leschber said.

Results:

Keyboarding – Adam Janecka, State Qualifier
Fundamental Word Processing – Amy Janecka, State Alternate
Advanced Word Processing Skills – Ryan Esquivel, State Qualifier
Desktop Publishing – Morgan Cmerek, State Qualifier
Basic Office Systems & Procedures – Johanna McNulty, State Qualifier
Advanced Office Systems & Procedures – Ashleigh Falcon, State Qualifier
Administrative Support Team – Capreshia Blakely and Savannah Wright-Evans, State Alternates
Video Production Team – Ally Powell and Bryan Martinez, State Qualifiers
Graphic Design Promotion – Courtney McConnell, State Alternate
Interviews Skills I – Ally Powell, State Qualifier
Advanced Interview Skills – Jessica Humphreys, State Qualifier
Prepared Speech – Karina Diaz, State Qualifier

ACDEC Academic Decathlon 1/19

STUDENTS EXCEL AT REGIONAL COMPETITION

"I got a medal in Music and Art. To win, I practiced! You must read to succeed!" Autumn Stabeno (10) said.



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"When we found out we were going to State, I was really excited. It felt good knowing we completely dominated," Cameron Dupy (12) said

"I expected to go to State, we go every year. We knew what we were doing," Steven Svatek (12) said.

Academic Decathlon (ACDEC) is a team competition in which students compete against other students and schools in ten catagories. The Taylor ACDEC team traveled to Corpus Christi on January 19 to compete at the regional competition. The team won several team medals including: the silver medal in the Super Quiz Oral Relay, the gold medal in Super Quiz Overall, and the team gold medal which earned them a spot in the State Academic Decathlon competition. In addition to the team medals, 38 individual medals were won.

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Prayer Time Chris Vrana (11) prays with others from his youth group at DCYC. "We prayed thirty minutes to an hour. I prayed the whole time about all the good God has given me," Vrana said.

Group Picture Members from the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church youth group gather on the first day in front of the Convention Center to snap a picture. "The whole DCYC experience was fabulous. I learned so many things," Kaylah Torres (11) said.

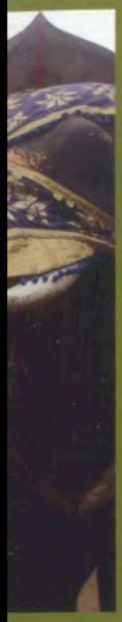
Girls Only Esmeralda Rios (9) and Juleyda Lopez (9) meet with the DCYC All Girls Workshop Session speaker and pose for a picture. "Listening to the session was a great, great experience! I loved the speaker," Rios (9) said.











THAILAND trip

EMMETT WIGGINS TAKES MISSION TRIP

Emmett Wiggins' (12) faith led him to travel to Thailand to give a testimony (in Chinese) of the impact Christ has had on his life to people who have been burdened by the hardships of their country. "My church's goal was to reach out to as many people as we could, and help those whose lives had came to mean nothing," Emmett said.

One may wonder why any high school student would just pick up in the middle of their senior year and leave to go visit the orphanages and slums of Thailand. However, Emmett Wiggins wanted to make a difference by speaking testimonies and bringing toys and clothes to children in need. Emmett also spent his time there offering food to homeless people and desperate women. "Everything in Thailand was filthy and there was absolutely no order. In some areas they didn't even have toilets. It made me feel grateful for what I have here at home," Emmett said.

Reporting by Ally Powell

LATIN CLUB

"We were selling the candy for our trip in the spring to Six Flags. It was really successful and we made a lot of money!"

KayleeNemec (12)



CAROL VASQUEZ

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Life changing weekend 1/20-1/22

DCYC TRANSFORMS PERSPECTIVES

Getting lost in this world is easy to do. Two Taylor Catholic youth groups went to the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference from January 20th to the 22nd to reconnect with God. At this conference, teens learned that battling the troubles in the world is hard to do alone, but with friends and God on your side, anything is possible.

For several years now, the St. Mary's and Our Lady of Guadalupe youth groups have been attending this inspirational event. This convention is meant for teenage Catholics to better understand their religion and develop their faith. About 2,000 teenagers from central Texas took part in DCYC. This year the theme was 'Unafraid'. "You never truly know about something, until you experience it," Jessica Martinez (9) said.

The students attended two workshops daily, prayed, and got the chance to have their lives impacted by God. "Some of the topics the speakers talked about changed my perspective on things," Kaylah Torres (11) said.

Reporting by Lynsie Patschke







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Pretty in Pink Members from the St. Mary's Catholic Church youth group pose for a group photo before heading to Waco. "My first trip to DCYC was fun. We sang a lot and met new people," Jake Boles (9) said.

Sleep Deprived Lauren Vrana (11) attempts to gain a few minutes of sleep in the hotel hallway on the second night. "I was so tired, I slept through worship," Vrana said.

Circle Up Paige Rodriguez (9) links together with others from her youth group at DCYC. "I loved the experience," Rodriguez said.

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I went to a Sleeping With Sirens concert and got to meet the love of my life!

Marisa Downey (11)



JESSICA HUMPHREYS

I moved to Taylor from New Hampshire. We drove the entire way.

Reno Patrick (12)

I had an emergency surgery and didn't know what to expect. I came out of it with my mouth wired shut!

Mady Combs (9)



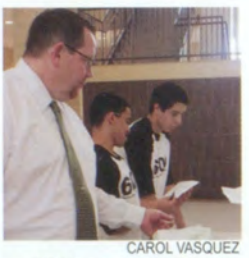
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2/1 Texting & Driving







CAROL VASQUEZ

Codie Hall (12) and Esteban Arce (10) spent all three lunch periods conducting surveys of the student body and running a Powerpoint slideshow regarding texting and driving.

This particular presentation was part of an FCCLA National Projects in Action initiative. The students exchanged pens, stickers and pencils emblazoned with statistics in return for answered surveys regarding the frequency of texting while operating motor vehicles. The presentation is part of a FACTS (Family and Community Traffic Safety) program by the FCCLA partners.

This cause was an important one for those involved in the presentation. "We find it's really important. We hear all these stories, and we don't want people in the community to have to bury a loved one who hasn't even reached 18 yet," Hall said. *Reporting By Zoe Whitworth*

Oh, Baby!

STUDENTS TAKE CARE OF FLOUR BABIES

February 6-10



In the Way Alanah Johnson (10) holds her baby as she goes to her next class. "It's hard to do things that I want to do because I have to keep it everywhere I go," Johnson said. Students were graded on the way that they treated their baby in and out of school.

No Distractions Garret Stork (9) does his work in class next to someone else's flour baby. "It's interesting seeing all the flour babies because they have to make sure the baby stays unharmed. The only time it's a distraction is when they're messing with it," Stork said.

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Bonding Time Dylan Townsend (10), Joseph Lopez (9), and Kaitlin Balduff (9) hold their flour babies while they talk in the cafeteria. "I enjoyed having the flour baby, it gave me the full baby experience and was really fun," Balduff said.

Taking Care in Class Nellie Diaz (9) sits in class while holding her bundled up flour baby. "It was okay having a flour baby, but you get tired of holding it and having to take it everywhere," Diaz said. The students were required to get a paper signed by each teacher, saying that the baby was not a distraction.

Trying to Work Alanah Johnson (10) tries to do her work while caring for two flour babies. "The babies make things more difficult because you have to worry about the other thing and the baby as well," Johnson said.





RHAYVEN CLARK AND JOEL ARREDONDO

Houstonfest

WEEKS OF WORK PAY OFF FOR GERMAN STUDENTS

Learning a second language can be difficult at times. Applying it, and competing with the newly learned language takes skills and hard work. The German classes did just that at Houstonfest on February 4 in Sugarland.

Different events German students competed in included making a gingerbread house, memorizing duets, collaborating as a class to write and act in an original German video, and taking multiple tests. Ray Crain (9) participated in the freshmen Rötkappchen skit. Crain was the bunny rabbit who wore bunny ears and ate an actual carrot. The skit group placed 3rd. "Every group we saw had full out costumes, and backgrounds. We performed with animal ears and minimal costumes and still were competitive," Crain said.

The German class had an overall 3rd sweepstakes placing. The top 5 students and groups in each event moved onto the state competition. This year, state was held in Austin, Texas on Saturday, February 25.

Reporting By Lynsie Patschke.



LORENA TORRES

Cheer 2/7 Practice

"Cheer takes work if you want to be good at it and you have to practice to get good at it, just like any other sport."

-Lauren Camacho (11)

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Chance Tatrow (9)



Colton Mannella (9)







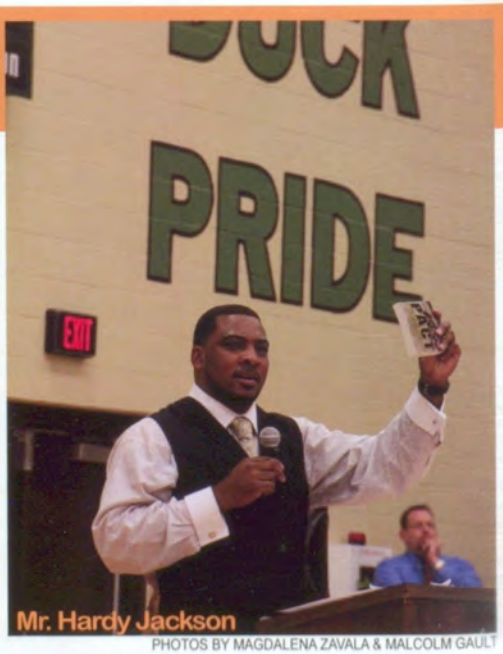
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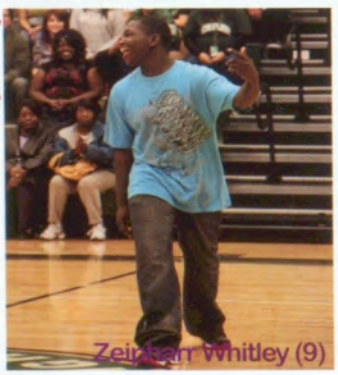
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THS Choir





Mr. Hardy Jackson


Zeirbarr Whitley (9)


Hi-Steppers


Dantrel Hargers (11)

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Faded Glory

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL SWEEPS DISTRICT UNDEFEATED

Taylor High School's freshman boys basketball team went undefeated this year. The Ducks finished their season with their final win against the Salado Eagles. "It feels great because we're the first team for Coach Jones that was undefeated," Chance Tatrow (9) said, "All of our hard work paid off."

This freshman team was the first team that Coach Gerald Jones had coached that has ever gone undefeated. "I thought we were good...but not that good!" Josh Schneider (9) said.

The Ducks final record was 20-0 this season. The team had to work hard to get to that spot. The more they played together, the better they became, strengthening the team as whole and increasing their talent. "In the beginning, we didn't really work as a team. But by the end of the season we had a lot of team chemistry, and I think this season made us better as a team," Schneider said.


Craig Anders (9)


Josh Schneider (9)


Robert Martinez (9)

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Feb. 18 AggieLand Saturday



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"I really loved A&M and going made me love it even more. I cant wait to be there. I learned a lot about admissions, housing, and life there. It was really helpful." *Morgan Cmerek* (11)

"I liked the campus and they're suppose to have a really good nursing department. I got a lot of Howdy's from people. I even got a Howdy from an elevator."

Lauren Camacho (11)

"I have fallen in love with A&M ever since my brother moved to College Station. A&M is known for being the Agriculture College and that's what I wanna major in; I see it as a perfect fit for me." *Mallory Marcon* (11)

Learning Heritage

STUDENTS AND FACULTY CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Continuing with the celebration of Black History Month, THS held an assembly on the 17th. This program celebrated the achievements that African Americans have contributed to history. Students participated in skits, dances, and singing. There was also a guest speaker. This year, the program was centered around a liberty theme, called "For the Love of Liberty".

After the opening, students in the ISWAG group performed a skit, which was followed by the American Sign Language Team singing the song "I'm Free" by the Soup Dragons. This song was chosen because it aligned itself with the liberty theme of the Black History celebration. The team had never done something like this in front of such a large audience, but the crowd was responsive. "I was proud and thought it was inspiring to see all the races working together," Ms. Stevens, the ASL Team sponsor, said.

Dances performed by students were also included in the program. A group of students presented a step dance. The students stepped and clapped together to the music. Mia Bowens (10) performed a praise dance which is movements of worship that praise the Lord. "At first, I was nervous, but I thought it through and the nerves went away. I was happy with my performance," Bowens said.

A member of the community introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Hardy Jackson. His speech talked about life and working hard. Dantrel Hargers (11) was inspired by Mr. Jackson's speech. Hargers took from the speech "Don't always expect everything to be handed to you, go out and get it yourself," Hargers said.

This assembly was a great way to celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans, in our history and our community. Love and liberty were present at this assembly. Even though this celebration goes on for only the month of February, the achievements aren't forgotten. *Reporting by Lynsie Patschke*

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Tyler Hall (9)

"I played doubles with Trevor Sherrill (9). We were partners because coach thought that we work very well together. We ended up winning consolation, so about 4th place over all."





Aaron McQuary (12)

"I played doubles with TJ Flores (12) and I think we did very well for only playing two times together before. We ended up placing third in the Taylor tournament, but playing at home is no different than playing away, I am just focused on the game."

Famous Face

STUDENTS WATCH TEACHER COMPETE ON JEOPARDY



On Tuesday, February 21st, German teacher Leslie Decker made her debut on the Jeopardy's Teacher Tournament game show. Decker won second place, and was able to move on to the semi-finals tournament, which was aired on Thursday the 23rd. "It was really interesting to watch because I felt like the teachers were famous, and I couldn't help but think that I know that famous person," Taylor Talavera (10) said.

Students not only watched the episodes at home, but after they aired, they watched them at school. Levi Johnson (10) sat at his lunch table, and watched the popular episode. "I thought that it was kind of cool to see one of our teachers on Jeopardy, and I found it cool that she advanced," Jones said, "I thought she did a really good job." *Reporting by Audrey Harris.*

Up, Up and Away! 2/24-26

FCCLA COMPETES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

FCCLA had one of their best showings this year at the Area Leadership Conference. The club traveled to Corpus Christi on Friday, February 24, and came home on Sunday with a few more awards than they left with. Three out of the 12 teams took home first place awards, while a total of eight teams advanced to the state competition.

This was senior Diana Ramirez's last FCCLA competition of her high school career, and she certainly made the most of it. Diana took home with her the first place award in the 'Serving Up Success' category of the competition. "I showed off my waitressing skills to two judges. I think my good resumé and good all around performance got me first place," Ramirez said. "It feels amazing to have gotten first, and it's a great confidence booster. It really makes you feel like you have a step up."

Another team that took home a prize was the TXT (Teens X-ting Texting) team. They competed in the Family Acting for Community Traffic Safety, or FACTS, competition and their goal was to spread awareness about the dangers of texting while driving. Codie Hall (12) is part of the TXT team that got fourth place in the competition. "It feels great to have gotten fourth. We plan on spending the time before state improving our presentation to try and do even better. We're going to see if we can go to the middle school and present to them so we can stop texting while driving before it gets the chance to start," Hall said.

Both Diana and the TXT team along with six other teams advanced to the state competition in Dallas on April 12 - April 14. *Reporting by Weston Selleck.*



Kaylee Nemec (12)

"I played mixed doubles with Holden Hudson. We didn't place at the tournament, but made it to the semifinals. I like playing the baseline better in doubles because at net, you are the target. Having the tournament at home was great because we play better and we are used to the wind on the courts."

Taylor-Granger Tournament



Coty Gola (12)



Coach Kevin Ramirez



Bradley Ging (12)

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Group snapshot
The FCCLA group gathers with their awards after the competition. "We placed third as a team which was much better than we thought. We hope to do better when we go back next year," Marisa Rangel (11) said.

Top Chef Jalen Kerley (12), JT Peterson (12), and Emmett Wiggins (12) show off their culinary uniforms before their competition. "I'm happy with how we did at competition because we did the best we could," Kerley said.



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Serving Success Diana Ramirez (12) competes in Serving Up Sucess. "I got first place in this competition because I already had experience as a waitress and my resume showed that," Ramirez said.

Movie Makers
Kelsie Kaatz (12), Seth Srnensky (12), and Katelyn Kuhl (12) pose with their replica of the house from the Disney movie 'Up'. "There was still work to do on our house, but I was proud of the final outcome," Kaatz said.

Spring

MARCH

1. Lady Duck Invitational

"The tournament was pretty good. We tried our hardest and had fun. We made a good team effort," Bailey Talley (10) said. At the tournament, the JV team placed last and Varsity placed second.

10. Regional Powerlifting

14. Band goes to Disney World

18.



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"I attended the Pealander Family Jamboree, where I listened to live music and interviewed the band members," Toby Ollis (11) said.

24. UIL District Meet

2. District Tennis

"I was excited about district and a little nervous because it was my first district tournament and a new experience," Jacob Cmerek (9) said.

6. Bad Weather Day

8. Easter

11. District Track Meet

"I was ready for district because I prepared for months by practicing, running hard and pushing my teammates over their limits," Fred Kerley (11) said.

28. Regional Track Meet

30. Band Banquet

"The band council and the band director usually gives out awards and the drum majors and squad leaders get announced for the next year at the banquet. We also recognize the seniors and eat good, catered food," Lorellye Graham (11).

MAY

1. Band Concert

24. Last Day of School

25. Graduation

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46% of Students went to a spring sporting event

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NICK DOMINGUEZ (10)

Rockdale Track Meet

MAGDALENA ZAVALA

6. Lockdown

"I thought it was pretty crazy. I don't think it was really worth my time either. The day was disturbing because the cops and students weren't acting as crazy," Andrew Hawes (10) said.

7. English TAKS Test

9. Spring Break Begins

"I was very happy to get spring break started, I really needed it," Jacob Bishop (10) said.

30. Duck Baseball VS. Salado

March Baby Boom!

BABIES BORN TO THREE TEACHERS IN MARCH



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APRIL

13. Odessy of the Mind *State*

"I was excited to see all the different teams and get a chance to go to the world competition. We hoped to perform our best and place in the top two," Alyssa Reyes (10) said.

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Lady Duck Softball VS. Lampasas

Duck Baseball VS. Lampasas

Tennis Regional Meet

23.

"I was kind of nervous and scared to take the STARR test because I was not prepared for it," Miguel Morales (9) said.

STAAR

27. Duck Baseball VS. Llano

5. Prom

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11. *State* Track Meet

14. AP Physics Test

"I took the AP test partly to see if I would be ready for college and partly for the credit. I'm pretty sure I'll pass and get credit, but I want to get a 4 to go for U.T.," Antonio Elizondo (12) said.

22. Finals

"I exempted all of them so it was easy because I didn't have to take any finals. I wasn't worried one bit," Hailey Kuntschik (12) said.

82% of Students thought that they were going to pass their final exams

57% of Students say that they did some spring cleaning

82% of Students say that they are planning to go out of town over the Summer

53% of Students say that the spring semester was easier than the fall semester

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Softball



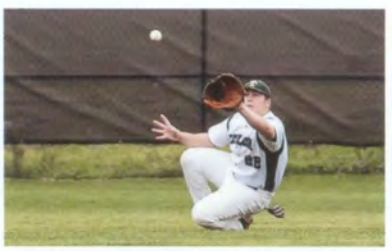



PHOTOS BY MAGDALENA ZAVALA

Bring the Heat Pitcher Selena Lopez (11) winds up for a pitch against Llano. "It's fun to pitch an entire game. You feel in control the whole time. As a whole our team is stronger than we should be," Lopez said. **Sweet and Short** Shortstop Kallye Marek (10) throws the ball to third base to get a Llano runner out. "Our team bond really helps to bring us together. We always have a team rally to get us pumped," Marek said. **Defense In-Field** Third baseman Marissa Guzman (12) works to tag a Llano runner out. "Playing third base is hard because of the short reaction time, but I like being up close. Tagging an opponent is really fun because you get to hit them hard," Guzman said. **Dirty Work** Kateyln Kuhl (12) slides back into first base before the opponent can tag her out. "Running bases isn't very hard for me because I'm a fast runner. Stealing isn't that hard either, and you get use to sliding so much it starts to not hurt anymore," Kuhl said.

Get Low AJ Devlin (11) streches out to get a ground ball. "You always have to remember that the ball is coming super fast down the third base line," Devlin said. **Tough Throw** Gilbert Velasquez (11) makes a throw while being on the ground. "You have to use mostly upper body when throwing from the ground," Velasquez said. **Grass Stains Ready** Cory Casey (11) slides to catch a pop fly ball for an out. "Playing outfield you have to run a lot to get to the ball," Casey said. **Hold Tight** James Alcoser (11) holds on to his helmet while awaiting the signal to score a run. "It's all about knowing what you're going to do before you're going to do it," Alcoser said. **Final Words** Coach Doug Kuhl gives his last words on the way the team performed.















PHOTOS BY CAROL VASQUEZ

Baseball



Dusty Work Second basemen, Steve Larson (11) gets dirty to tag an opponent out. "Whenever I tag a person out, which happens quite often, I get a rush that I did something good," Larson said. **Swift Swing** Kale McQuillen (12) keeps his eye on the ball and takes a swing at a pitch. "It's not that hard to hit off other schools' pitchers you just have to have confidence," McQuillen said.









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Pop Fly Brandon Martinez (11) goes after a ball hit into the outfield. "The sun can be challenging at times when we're playing during the day," Martinez said. **Home Sweet Home** Catcher Joshua Richter (12) stops the ball from passing him on a wild pitch. "It makes you feel good knowing you did your job when you stop the ball from getting past you," Richter said. **What a Catch** Shortstop Eric Alderete (11) jumps to catch a ball being thrown in from the outfield. "After an error I just tell myself that the best play is the next play," Alderete said.

Run Fast, Turn Left

DUCK TRACK TAKES OFF WITH A STRONG START

Starting Off Strong My'lik Kerley (10) starts his race off strong staying in front of the pack. "The hardest part of track for me would have to be dealing with Coach Tennil, but he's cool," Kerley said. **Moving On** Clearing one of the hurdles, Albert Vasquez (10) keeps the finish line in sight. "I always have to remember only three steps in between hurdles," Vasquez said. **Long Term** Mariah Ramirez (11) paces herself while running the mile. "You have to have a lot of endurance and mental strength," Ramirez said. **Perfect Hands** Isaac Franco (10) receives the baton from Tim Bailey (10). "We have markers that mark when we take off for hand off; they help a lot," Franco said. **Glimpse of Endurance** Pushing through the pain to cross the finish line, Alexys Barbee (9) finishes her open quarter race. "I push myself through the run by just trying to qualify for the next meet," Barbee said. **Heart of a Champion** Katie Faught (11) strides her way before other runners in the hundred meter dash. "Track is pretty much my life. I've been running since I was six. It's not just a sport, it's a passion," Faught said. **Last Sprint** Ending his last sprint of the mile relay, Jalen Kerley (12) picks up his pace for the last hundred meters of the lap. "The last hundred meters has to be the hardest because your tired from sprinting the first 300 meters," Kerley said.

Stepping down





PHOTOS BY SCOTT CASEY

Athletic Director Rick Cobia is leaving Taylor. Coach Cobia resigned over Spring Break and will be going to Cypress Springs HS, a 5A school near Houston where he will be the head football coach. "As a coach I set goals as well. I have goals to eventually coach at a 4A and 5A school. When that opportunity came, I took it," Cobia said.

Coach Cobia stressed in his announcement to the athletes that he is proud to have been the Athletic Director in Taylor for so long and that he is proud of the strong, hardworking athletes of THS.

"Kids are resilient. I think they took it fine," Cobia said of the students' reaction to his announcement. "I've always told them that you grow up and you move on in life. But...I will always be a Duck," Cobia said. *Reporting by Audrey Harris.*

Design by Mallory Marcon

Beach Break The group stops after eating lunch to pose for a picture on the coast of the Barcelona beach. "The trip was fantastic. I had the time of my life," Sadey Komandosky (11) said. **1-2-3 Jump** Liberty Jones (12), Jessica Humphreys (12), and Diana Ramirez (12) leap into the air in front of the Eiffel Tower. "The Eiffel Tower didn't look real, even when I was standing right below it," Humphreys said. **Relaxation** Sponsor, Mrs. Tracy O'Quinn gets a quick massage while on the Barcelona Beach. "The massage was the perfect ending to a perfect vacation," O'Quinn said. **Girls Night Out** On the way to their Flamenco night outing, the group stops to take a picture. "The way the people danced and sang really grabbed you," Alondra Trujillo (10) said.













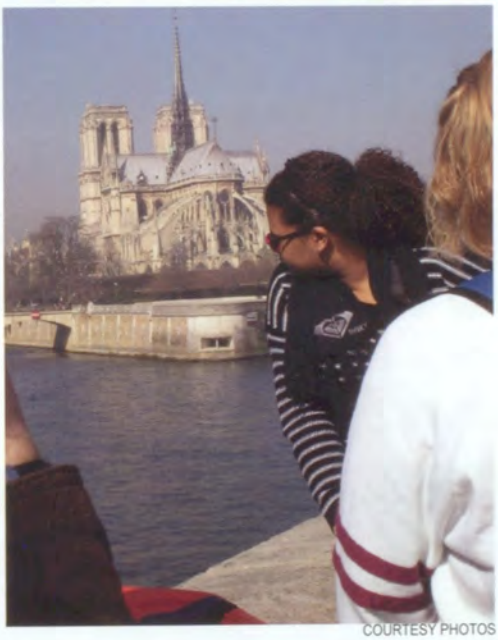












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Paris in the Spring

STUDENTS TRAVEL TO EUROPE DURING SPRING BREAK

A small group of THS students took a spring break trip to Paris, France and Barcelona, Spain. They left Monday March 12 and returned Tuesday March 20. The trip had been planned since the Spring of 2011. A total of nine girls and two sponsors, including Diana Ramirez (12), Liberty Jones (12), Jessica Humphreys (12), Alondra Trujillo (10), Katie Bryant (11), Sadey Komandosky (11), Lorena Sanchez (9), Yareidie Rodriguez (9), Alyssa Garcia (11), Mrs. Garcia, and Mrs. Tracy O'Quinn.

The Parisian guided tours included seeing the Louvre museum, visiting the palace of Versailles and Notre Dame Cathedral, and seeing the Eiffel Tower. "The Eiffel Tower was my favorite part because it's really big and it's unbelievable to see when you're standing in front of it," Alondra Trujillo (10) said.

The students also travelled to Barcelona, by an overnight train ride after their Parisian adventure. They visited the Mediterranean Coast and sat on the beach as well as exploring other common tourist hot spots. "I would love to go back to Barcelona because it's a lot calmer than it is in Paris. Paris is so fast-paced that you have to move fast all the time and Barcelona is much calmer," Trujillo said.

This trip was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and will be a unique high school memory for these students. "It made me realize that the world is bigger than just Taylor and it made me want to go out and explore as many places as I possibly can," Komandosky said.

Reporting by Kacey Christiansen.

Raining Bird Poop Diana Ramirez (12) gets pooped on by a bird while eating her lunch at a cafe in Barcelona. "It was funny because the odds of it happening and landing on my hand," Ramirez said. **Sight-seeing** Taking a walking break, Yareidie Rodriguez (9) checks out the view of the back of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. "Everything was pretty strange, but exciting. I tried not to get homesick," Rodriguez said. **Dinner time** Alondra Trujillo (10), Katie Bryant (11), and Liberty Jones (12) stop to take a picture while at dinner on the first night in Paris. "All in all, the food was good, but I prefer American food," Bryant said.



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Once upon a time...

BAND TREKS TO DISNEY WORLD

Over spring break, the band went to Disney World and Universal Studios in Florida for a workshop. They left on March 9, and returned on March 15.

The first Disney park that the organization attended was the Magic Kingdom. The Disney workshop that the band attended was hosted behind the Italy pavilion in EPCOT. The clinician that conducted the band not only hosts the Disney workshops, but also works as a musician at the Disney World parks. "The workshop was very cool because we got to play Aladdin music," Phillip Gray (9) said, "We also played one of my favorite Tarzan songs called Trashin' the Camp." *Reporting by Audrey Harris.*

spring things

"I went to Missouri for a family reunion and a wedding. It was pretty fun, but the driving wasn't!"



THEO RODRIGUEZ

BARRON HUNT (10)

Design by Jessica Humphreys

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CAROL VASQUEZ



MAGDALENA ZAVALA

An everlasting musician Michael Carlson (12) walks across the football field representing the band, for being a senior. It was sad and awesome at the same time, knowing that this was the last time I would be on the field," Michael said. Senior night was an emotional time for the seniors. **Going for the glory** Alex Garcia (11) dribbles the ball down the field in hopes of making a rare goal for the Lady Ducks soccer team. I was frustrated with the cooperation of my team, we didn't have a good record at all. I wish the team would devote their time more. Garcia Said. **Cheering on as a underclassmen** Lorena Torres (11) holds pinkies as is tradition for the school song with Sierra Gonzales (11) after the last district game of football season "it felt great knowing it wasn't over, that we might get to do it again next year," Torres said. **Basketballin'** Chance Tatrow (9) looks for an open team mate to pass the ball to. The Freshman boys basketball team enjoyed a perfect season. "We are teammates on and off the court, we support each other, and that was what helped us to win. **HOSA's Cookie Grams** HOSA was raising money for their club by selling cookes for Halloween. "The cookies were shaped like Halloween type things for people to get into the spirit. You could send them to your friends or yourself." Marisa Rodriguez (12) said. **Acting German** The German team was filming for the German competition that they were competing at. "It was hard getting everyone together for filming, but we had a lot of laughs," Griselda Morales (11) said.

Design by Lorellye Graham

Seniors





CAMERON DUPY &
JESSICA HUMPHREYS

Most Likely to Succeed



LIBERTY JONES &
HOREB TINOCO

Best Dressed



JOSHUA RICHTER &
SAMANTHA PACHICANO

Friendliest



KELSIE KAATZ &
STEPHEN SVATEK

Most Intelligent



DIANA RAMIREZ &
ANTONIO ELIZONDO

Most Original



Funniest

MARYL WILLIAMS &
CAMRON RICHARDSON

cksClass of 2012





MICHAEL MCINTIRE &
CHELSIE CARTER

Most Athletic



HANNAH WEISON &
MAX BECKWITH

Most Beautiful & Most Handsome



RHEGAN STROUP &
HOLDEN HUDSON

Mr. & Miss THS

Joslin Acosta
Jesus Aguilar Reyes
Jose Aguilar
Desmond Aldridge
Joie Aparicio



Ana Araujo
Francisco Araujo
John Arista
Ruth Arriaga
Jonathan Ballard



Jasmine Barber
Samuel Barcenas
Max Beckwith
Ashley Bengtson
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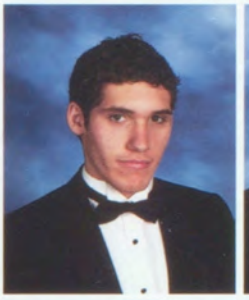






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Cameron Dupy







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Kacey Estrada
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Henry Oranday



Marissa Guzman



Katelyn Kuhl, Coty Gola, & Amanda Martinez



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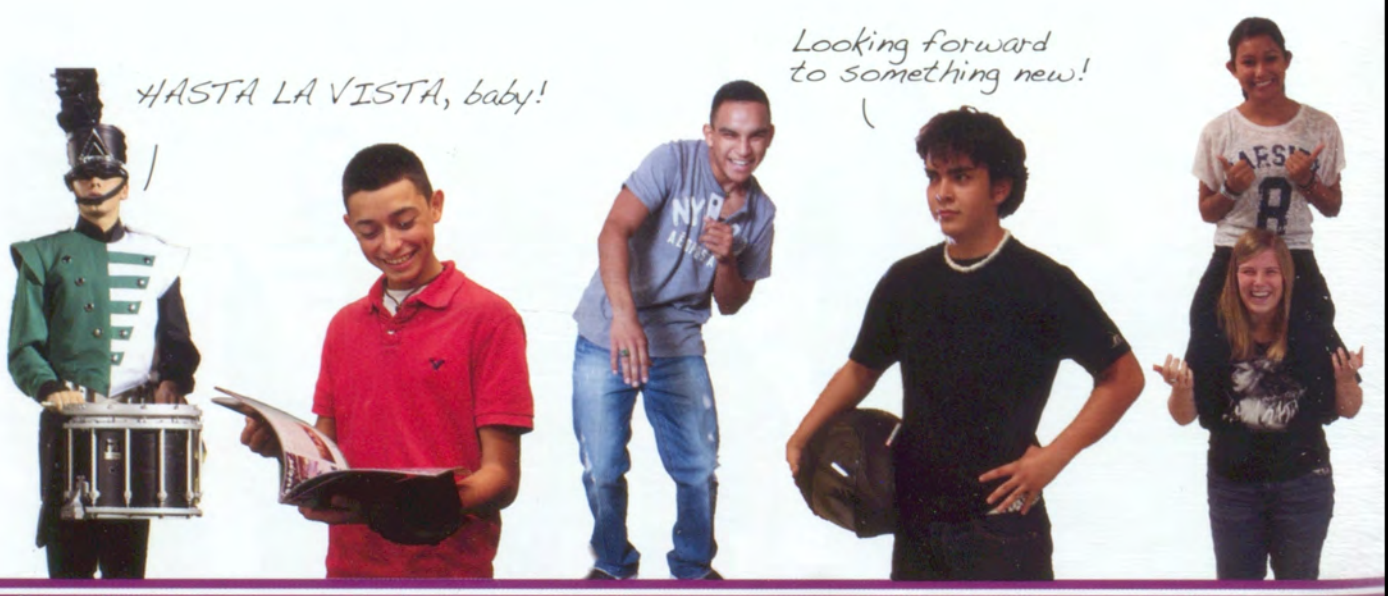


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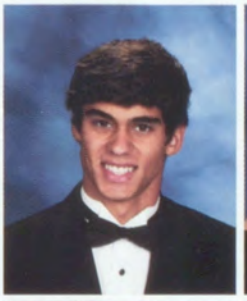






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Kaylee Nemec







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Anibal Ortiz
Clinton Ortiz







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Josephine Pachicano
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Jacob Patterson



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Steven Reyes
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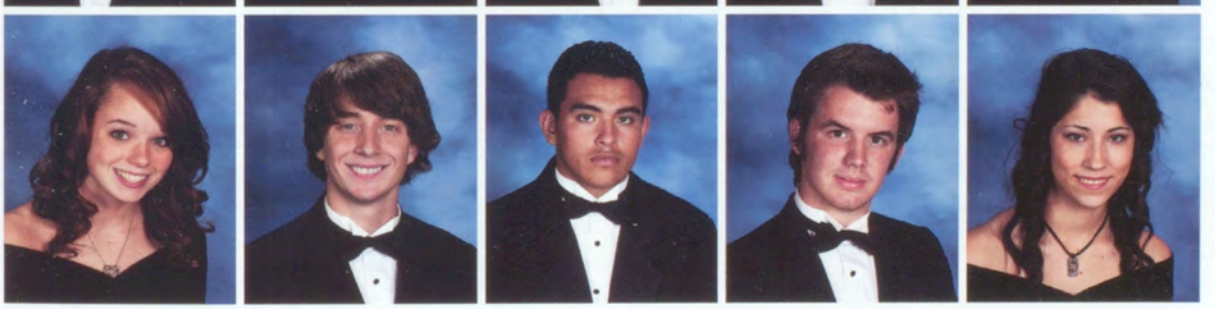
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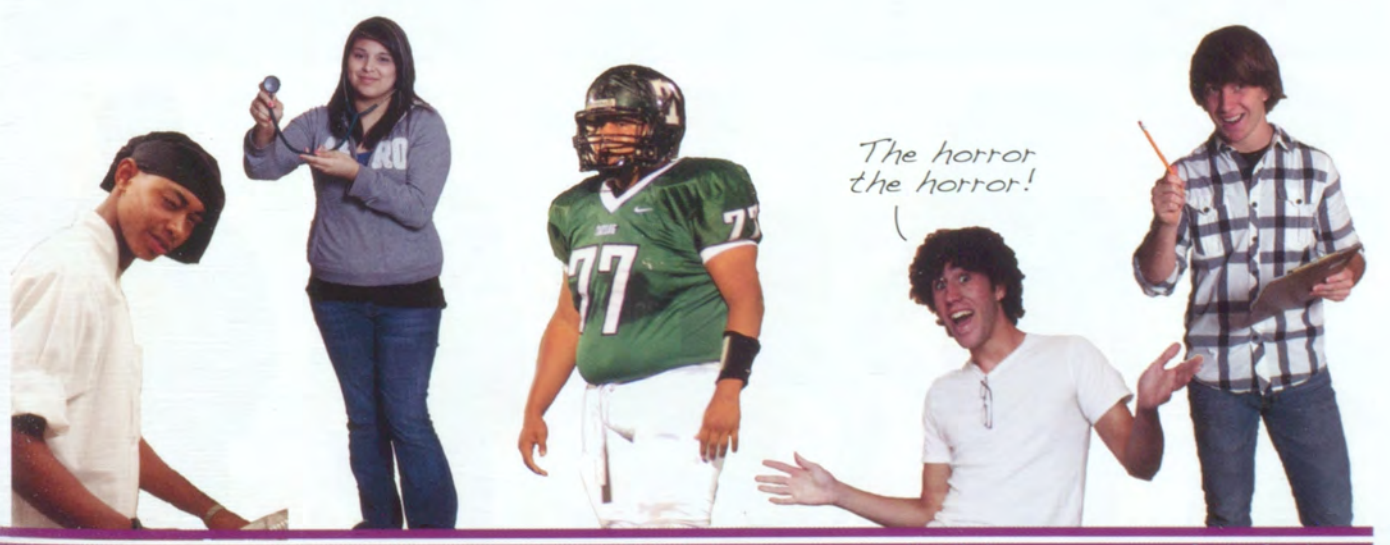
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Jordan Trevino
Caterina Villatoro
Dylan Weise
Hannah Weison






Motto

Remember yesterday
Dream for tomorrow
Live for today

Color

forest Green

Flower










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James Emmett Wiggins
Hayden Wilkins
Maryl Williams
Aaron Wilson







Savannah Wright-Evans
Nolan Wynn
Kathleen Young
Elias Zambrano
Ashley Zavala

Song

Tattoos on this town

by Jason Aldean

Take a ride, look around
There ain't no doubt.
It sure left its mark on us,
we sure left our mark on it.
We let the world know we were here,
with everything we did.
We laid a lot of memories down,
like tattoos on this town.











Lacie Black | Johanna McNulty | Chris Garza | Kaylee Nemec | Hunter Matysek

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EMILY AGUILAR 11
GABRIEL AGULLAR 9
BENITO AGULLERA 10
JUAN ALCARAZ 9
JAMES ALCOSER 11
ERIC ALDERETE 11



MINERVA ALDERETE 10
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RENE ALVAREZ 11
SAMANTHA AMASON 11
KEILA AMIEVA 11



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"They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself." ANDY WARHOL

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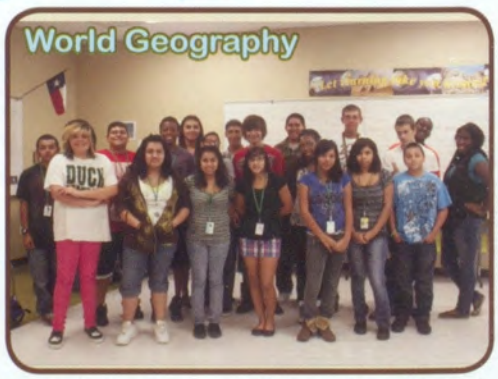
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"I was built for show business!" JUDAH BYRD (11), THEATER ARTS



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"For everything you have missed, you have gained something else, and for everything you gain, you lose something else." RALPH WALDO EMERSON



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"If you're not older and wiser, then you're just older." MRS. MADELINE HATCHER

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"Be smart, the only way to get rich without being smart is probably illegal." MRS. COX

Accelerated Science



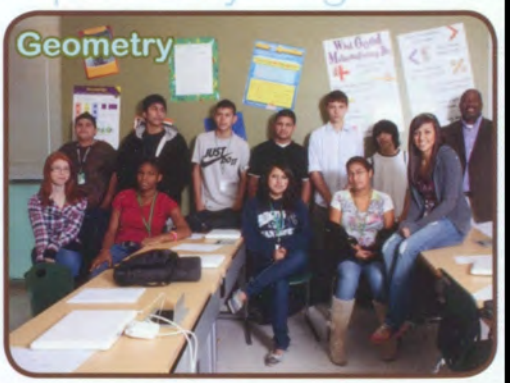
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"There is nothing wrong with change, if it is in the right direction." WINSTON CHURCHILL



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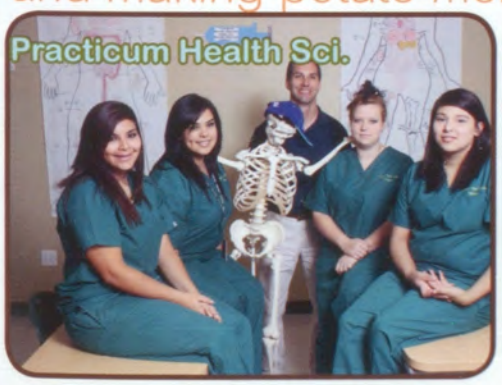
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"So far we've been working on body systems... and making potato men." MARISSA GUZMAN (12)

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"Change yourself. You are in control." MRS. DAWN FISCHER

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"Change is inevitable - except from a vending machine." ROBERT C. GALLAGHER

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"We all have big changes in our lives that are more or less a second chance." HARRISON FORD



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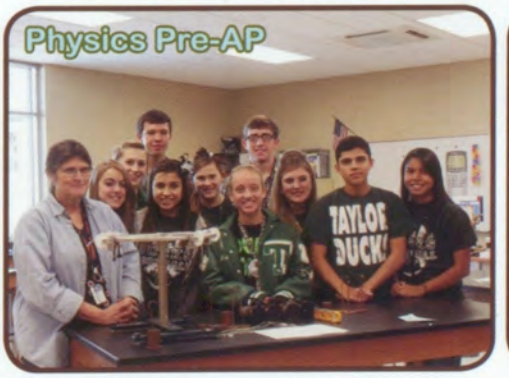
"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." PERICLES

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"It's not as boring as other classes because it has Mrs. Turpin." ANDREW HAWES (10) ACC MATH



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"Life can either be accepted or changed. If it is not accepted, it must be changed. If it cannot be changed, then it must be accepted." ANONYMOUS



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"I think you over-did it..."
CODY VERRANEAULT (10) CHEMISTRY



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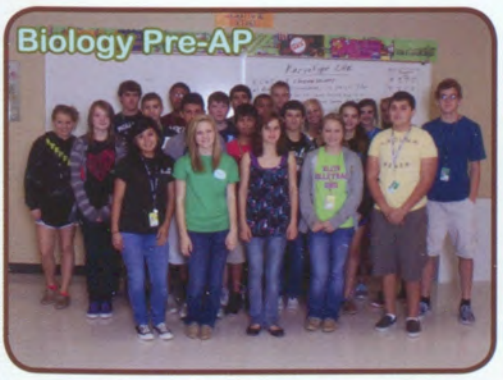
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TREVOR KNIGHT 11
JUSTIN KOLINEK 10

SADEY KOMANDOSKY 11
JACOB KOPIT 10
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DILLON KREIDEL 10
ALYSHA KRUSE 11
TARAH KRUSE 10
JADEN KUBIAK 11

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HALEY LAMB 11
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ALANTINO LEAL 10
MICHELLE LEFNER 11
DIANA LEPE 11
EZEKEAL LESLIE 11

KAIDEN LEYENDECKER 9
ABRAHAM LOPEZ 9
ALEXANDRIA LOPEZ 11
DESIREE LOPEZ 10
GUSTAVO LOPEZ 9
JOSEPH LOPEZ 9
JULEYDA LOPEZ 9

"This project is due...I dunno...when is a good day?" COACH DOUG KUHL



Mr. Doug Kuhl, Erin Bengtson, Reginald Caldwell, Megan Camacho, Laurice Crain, Kathleen Crump, Johnathan Dupy, Heather Eiben, Elizabeth Fischer, Albert Glenn, Philip Gray, Savannah Kaspar, Seth Lopez, Robert Martinez, Nicholas Miget, Julie Nemec, Justin Paris, Tanner Parker, Nicholas Patschke, Sarah Richter, Thessy Rossainz, Katelyn Roznovak, Preston Rychetsky, Bailey Talley, Tallie Thompson, Juan Villalobos, Daniel Zavala, Bryce Zimmerhanzel



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"Be the change you want to see in the world." MAHATMA GHANDI

MARIA LOPEZ 11
MARIAH LOPEZ 9
MATTHEW LOPEZ 10
MISSAEL LOPEZ 10
NANCY LOPEZ 10
PABLO LOPEZ 11
ROBERT LOPEZ 10



SELENA LOPEZ 11
SETH LOPEZ 9
VALENTIN LOPEZ 11
DIANA LOPEZ-ROMO 9
GYSEL LOZANO 11
MATTHEW LUCIO 9
ANDREW LUNA 9



LAKEYDRA MACK 9
CORDEZ MADDOX 9
KYRAH MADKINS 10
GUADALUPE MAGANA 9
COLTON MANNELLA 9
JOSHUA MARAVILLA 10
MALLORY MARCON 11



KALLGE MAREK 10
DOMINIC MARMOLEJO 10
JOSEPH MARMOLEJO 9
RUBY MARMOLEJO 11
JESSICA MARTIN 11
JULIE MARTIN 9
MURIEL MARTIN 10



JOSEFINA MARTINEZ CHAIRES 9
ALYXANDRA MARTINEZ 10
BRANDON MARTINEZ 11
BRANDON MARTINEZ 10
BRYAN MARTINEZ 11
DOMINIC MARTINEZ 9
IVAN MARTINEZ 10



"Change itself is good, and wihout change you might be left behind." COACH RYAN VRABLE



Mr. Robert Marak, Ethan Alvarado, Donathan Bishop, Francheska Cantrell, Darion Diaz, Alisha Gonzales, Jacquelyn Good, Kalishia Jenkins, Anastasiya Kyyanenko, Juleyda Lopez, Keanna Lopez, Joseph Marmolejo, Julie Martin, Miguel Morales, Valerie Ramirez, Karina Ramirez, Summer Salaiz, Josue Torres, Cody Vanek, Christopher Vega, Daniel Verdin, Alexander Zachary



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Mrs. Candice Martin, Jasmine Barber, Ashley Bengtson, Brendan Hix, Jalen Kerley, Brandon Kruse, Jose Lopez, Dillon Pekar, Jay Peterson, Horeb Tinoco, James Wiggins

"Why'd you have to go sneeze all over it?" BRENDAN KRUSE (11) PRAC. CULINARY ARTS



JACQUELENE MARTINEZ 9
JESSICA MARTINEZ 9
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JOSE MARTINEZ 10
JOSEPH MARTINEZ 9
KASANDRA MARTINEZ 9
MELISSA MARTINEZ 10

NICHOLAS MARTINEZ 9
ROBERT MARTINEZ 9
TIMOTHY MARTINEZ 10
EDGAR MARTINEZ-GONZALES 9
JOSE MARTINEZ-GONZALES 9
FERMIN MATA 9
KIMBERLY MATA 10

MARK MATA 10
BETHANY MATTHYS 11
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TREY MEAKER 11
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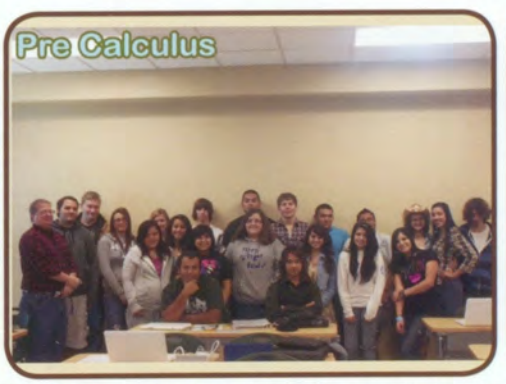
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JACOB MOKRY 9
NATALIE MOKRY 9
BEATRIZ MOLINA 9
JOSE MOLINA 9
BRANDON MORALES 10
GRISELDA MORALES 11

"It is not the strongest, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change." CHARLES DARWIN



Mrs. Jane Medema, Treland Fitzgerald, Angel Lavalle, Valentina Lopez, Maria Resendiz Flores



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"Change is good because it forces you to be creative." MR. NATHAN GREY

JOSE MORALES 9
LANCE MORALES 11
MIGUEL MORALES 9
BRENDA MORAN GUTIERREZ 11
KRISTEN MOREAU 11
DANIEL MORENO 11
EMILIO MORENO 9



GABRIELLE MORENO 9
LYDIA MORENO 10
MARISSA MORENO 11
REYNALDO MORENO 11
ROY MORENO 11
KARINA NABARRETTE 11
TRISHA NAIK 9



MARY NARDECCHIA 11
JULIE NEMEC 9
BLAKE NORTHERN 9
ERIK NUNEZ 11
CODY OBERWEGNER 10
JACOB OCHOA 10
LAUREN OCHOA 11



ALYSSA OLGUIN 9
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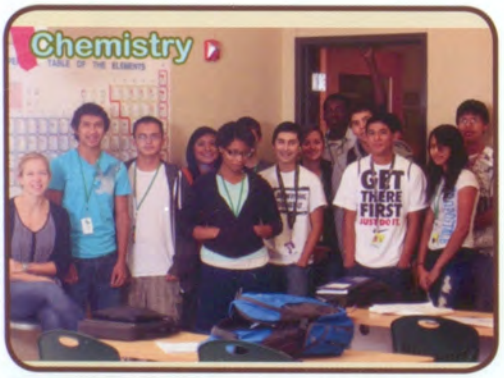


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LORINDA ORTIZ 10
MICHAEL ORTIZ 10
BRIANA OVIEDO 10
LARYSSA PACHICANO 10
WILLIAM PACHICANO 10
ALICIA PALOMO 11



"Learn now and you'll succeed later." LACEY BLACK (12)

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"A wise man changes his mind, a fool never." SPANISH PROVEB



ALYSSA PALOMO 9
JUSTIN PARIS 9
TANNER PARKER 9
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RODNEY PATTERSON 10
ELIZABETH PEDROZA 11
JOSE PEREZ 9

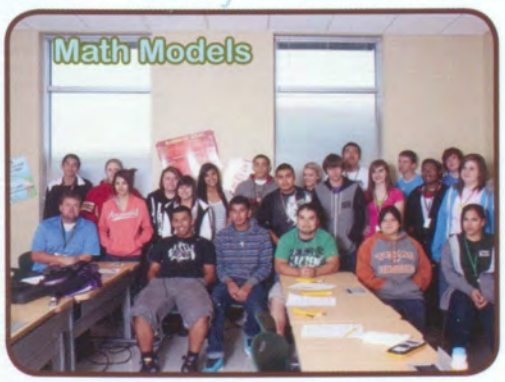
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VALERIE RAMIREZ 9
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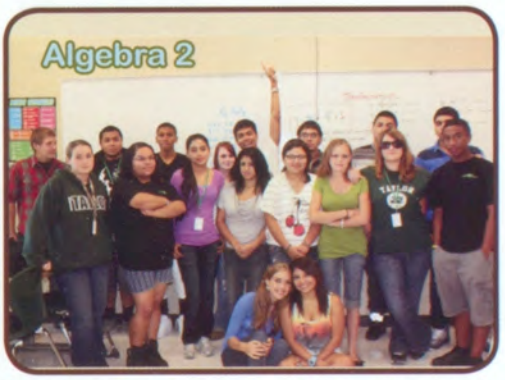
"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anybody can start today and make a new ending." MARIA ROBINSON



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"When you're finished changing, you're finished." BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

DINORAH REYES 9
JAIME REYES 10
JUESSE REYES 10
VALERIE REYES 10
GABRIEL REYNA 10
XAVIER REYNA 9
LETICIA REYNOZA 9



DARRION RICHMAN 11
SARAH RICHTER 9
ABIMAEL RINCON 11
ABNER RINCON 11
ESMERALDA RIOS 9
KARISSA RIOS 9
FRANCISCO RIVERA 10



PATRICK RIVERA 10
STEVEN RIVERA 9
CRISTIAN ROBLES 9
SAVANNA ROBLES 10
SHELBY ROBY 10
YAREIDIE RODRIGUEZ LIBRAN 9
DESTINY RODRIGUEZ 11



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FABION RODRIGUEZ 11
IVAN RODRIGUEZ 9
JACOB RODRIGUEZ 10
RAYMOND RODRIGUEZ 11
THEODORE RODRIGUEZ 10



OLIVIA ROJAS 9
SHADOW ROLAN 11
MARIA ROMERO 9
THESSY ROSSAINZ 9
KATELYN ROZNOVAK 9
JAVON RUBIN 9
JENNIFER RUEDA 11



ZACHARY RUEMPEL 9
BRIANDA RUIZ 9
GERONIMO RUIZ 10
ROSA RUIZ 10
VICTORIA RUIZ 9
PRESTON RYCHETSKY 9
CULLEN SAKEWITZ 10





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"No change of circumstances can repair a defect of character." RALPH WALDO EMERSON



SUMMER SALAIZ 9
DAVID SALAZAR 11
CYNTHIA SALDANA 11
JOSE SANCHEZ 11
LORENA SANCHEZ 9
NICOLE SANCHEZ 11
JOSHUA SANDOVAL 11



ALAN SCHMIDT 10
JOSHUA SCHNEIDER 9
GERALD SCHOEFFLER 10
ALIJAH SCOTT 10
SHELBY SEAQUIST 9
STAYCI SEAQUIST 9
THAYER SELLECK 10



WESTON SELLECK 11
ELIZABETH SENGLER 11
CHELSEA SHAMARD 10
TREVOR SHERRILL 9
THALIA SIGALA 9
T'DARION SIMIEN 11
CYPHER SMALL 9



ASHLEY SMITH 11
PAUL SMITH 9
REBECCA SMITH 11
JENNA SNYDER 9
JEREMY SNYDER 11
LUKE SNYDER 9
VICTORIA SNYDER 9



TAFFANY SPIVEY 11
AUTUMN STABENO 10
LANE STEWART 9
GARRETT STORK 9
TAYLOR SUSAN 10
TAYLOR TALAVERA 10
BAILEY TALLEY 9



JOSE TAPIA HERNANDEZ 9
ORLANDO TAPIA 10
CHANCE TATROW 9
DEVINIE TAYLOR 9
ROBERT TAYLOR 11
MIKHAYLA TELES 10
TRAVIS THOMAS 9



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"Impossible is not a word, it's an excuse." OLIVIA ROJAS (9)

KIRMESHA THOMPSON 9
TALLIE THOMPSON 9
TERRENCE THOMPSON 10
BRIAH TILLIS 9
VALERIYA TIMOFEEVA 11
ABBIGAYLE TORRES 10
JINA TORRES 11



JOSUE TORRES 9
KAYLAH TORRES 11
MARCUS TORRES 10
MYRANDA TORRES 9
TRISTAN TORRES 9
RENAE TORREZ 10
KRISTIAN TOVAR 10



DYLAN TOWNSEND 10
WYATT TOWNSEND 9
KEVIN TREJO 11
ANGELICA TREVINO 11
ALONDRA TRUJILLO 10
DELIA TRUJILLO 11
SALVADOR TRUJILLO 9



VICTORIA TUSING 10
ADRIAN URIEGAS 11
SUNSHINE V.LLANUEVA 9
JUSTIN VADEN 11
MARIA VALDIVIA 11
JOSE VALLADARES 11
JOEL VALVERDE 11



COLLIN VANECEK 10
TYLER VANECEK 10
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TONIMARIE VELA 10
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CODY VERRANEAULT 10
ABRIL VILLALOBOS 11
JUAN VILLALOBOS 9





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"If nothing ever changed, there would be no butterflies." UNKNOWN









ISAAC VILLANUEVA 9
GABRIELLE VILLARREAL 10
JOSE VILLARREAL 10
JOSHUA VILLARREAL 11
EDWIN VILLASENOR 11
ASHLYNN VOLEK 10
AMBER VRABEL 11









CHRISTOPHER VRANA 10
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TAYLOR WADE 11
JUAN WALLE 10
MARY WALLS 11
MADELINE WARD 10









CHANCE WATSON 10
TREVOR WELLS 9
KAELYN WENTRCEK 11
ZEIPHARR WHITLEY 9
RAELEIGH WHITLOW 9
ZOE WHITWORTH 11
BRIANNA WILKERSON 11









HALEIGH WILKINSON 10
ACCIACIA WILLIAMS 10
DEANNA WILLIAMS 9
DEVANTE WILLIAMS 11
MARIA WILLIAMS 9
ROOSEVELT WILLIAMS 10
ANGELA WILSON 10









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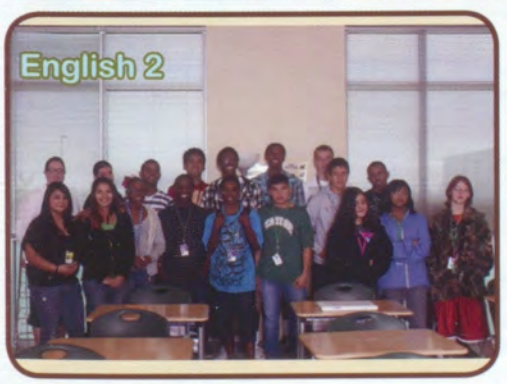




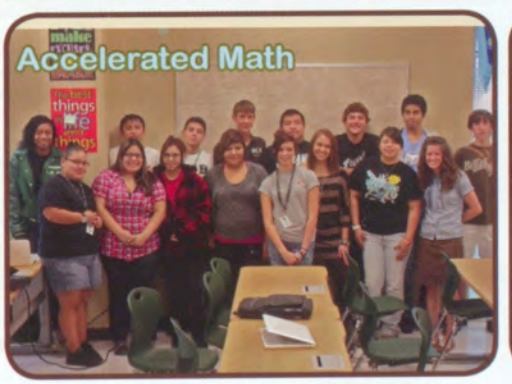




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"Things do not change; we change." HENRY DAVID THOREUAU

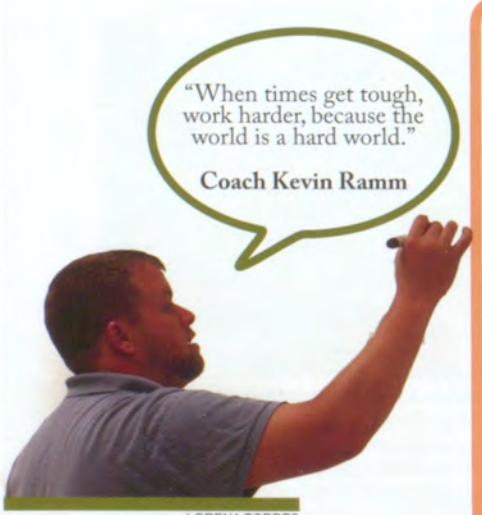
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Leah Ancell Principles of Technology, Aquatic Science
Laura Balderrama World Geography, Fr. VB, Head Soccer Coach, Class of 2014
Jean Barnett Art 1,2, Art 2 Sculpture

Scott Bishop AgMech/Metal, Ag Design, Animal Sci, Prin of Ag, Vet Med, Livestock Pro, FFA
Justin Boswell Boys' PE, Pyschology
Eliza Boyd Content Mastery, Instructional Aide
Jacques Brown Head Band Director
Randy Brown Assistant Principal
Katie Burkhart Opportunity Center

Rachel Burklow Opportunity Center
Michael Campos Instructional Aide
Kirsten Carpenter Instructional Aide
James Casselman Sr. Study Island, Aquatic Sci Acc Science, Anatomy, A+
Melanie Catuogno Graphic Design, Media Staff
Wayne Christmas Pre-AP Geometry, Geometry

Rick Cobia Atheltic Director, Head Football Coach
Martin Codino Health Science, A+
Sherri Cook Instructional Aide, Life Skills
Deona Cox IPC, Accelerated Science
Melissa Cuebas TIP Assistant
Leslie Decker German 1, 2, 3, 4, ESOL 1, 2, 3, 4, German Club

Jamie Doege Basic English 1, 2, A+
Billy Duke Opportunity Center
Dawn Fischer Journalism, Video Tech, Media Staff, Class of 2013
Diann Fox Librarian
Yvonne Garcia Attendance Clerk
Carla Geeslin Health Ed, NS PE, Softball, JV Volleyball



LORENA TORRES

The thing about...


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CLASS OF '81

Former THS Student
MRS. MICHELE SAMUELSON

Favorite subject: Math. "I liked working with numbers."

Clubs/Sports: Hi-Steppers (Officer) "We did the first Spring Show."

Music then: The Eagles, Def Leppard, George Strait

Favorite hangouts then: "We use to drive around town, which is called the Drag. Mr. Gatti's was a big place to hang out."

Her job now: Receptionist, CATE "I love the new building, it's beautiful. It's wonderful working with Mrs. Johle. I also like visiting with the kids, and seeing where they are going."


NOW



Jean Gifford Physics Pre-AP, AP Physics, Department Head, UIL Science
Maureen Gray US History, World Geography, AP MacroEco, Class of 2015
Nathan Gray Art 1, 2, 3, AP Art, Art Club, Skate Club, D&D Club, Propane Gang
Anita Gutierrez Custodian
Vicki Hall Co TeachB PE, Girls PE, Tennis Coach
Ellen Hannington Instructional Aide

Heather Henson Social Skills, On Track
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Debbie Jackson Life Skills
Connie Janak PEIMS Clerk
Barbarba Johle Assistant Principals' Secretary

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Laura Krienke ESL Aide
Doug Kuhl Biology Pre AP, Baseball, Freshman Football, Class of 2012
Jorge La Valle Custodian
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Shannon Lindholm English 3
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Teacher
MRS. VICKI ROWE

How long she's been teaching: "30 years total; in Minnesota for 17 years and Taylor for 13."

How teaching in general has changed: "Technology has been the biggest change; I can remember the days we didn't have the World Wide Web."

How students have changed: "Students expect things to happen much faster than scholars in the past."

Something she'd like to go back to: "I wish that as a group we'd have more time to think. Society is so rushed and people need to take some time to do some soul searching."

What drives her as a teacher and how it has changed: "What drives me most is my love for my subject matter and that I love learning; these days I want to help my students find that love for learning as well."



"I am from Taylor, and I grew up here. I wanted to come and give back."

Coach Marcus Bunton
On-Track, Football, JV Boys' Basketball



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Jane Medema Life Skills
Minerva Montoya Custodian
Suzanne Morris Instructional Aide
David Motl Assistant Band Director
Charles Norris PreCal, Algebra 2, Acc Math, Independent Study Math
Tracy O'Quinn Spanish 1, French 2,3, Spanish Club, French Club

Rose Palmer Chemistry, Pre-AP Chemistry
Pam Pekar Registrar
Danny Potts Opportunity Center
Debbie Powell Nurse
James Proctor World History, AP World History, Pre-AP WH, Football, Track
Paul Quarles US History, AP History, Department Head, Junior Historians

Kevin Ramm AP Calculus, Math Models, Tennis
Rita Reyes Custodian
Jana Richardson English 1, Track
Cassandra Ricks Assistant Principal
Francisco Rivera Custodian
Julie Rohan Study Island, Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Pre-AP, Pre-Calculus Pre-AP

Vicki Rowe English 2 Pre-AP, ACDEC, AP English 4, SAT Prep, UIL Academics, NHS
Patti Ruemke ISS Supervisor
Maria Ruiz Custodian
Michele Samuelson CATE Clerk/ Receptionist
Joseph Schulze A+, Fr. Girls' Basketball, Assistant Softball
Jina Self Athletic Secretary

Ashley Sengsouvanh Dance, Dance 1, 2, 3, Hi-Steppers, Assistant Cheer
Carin Shaughnessy UIL
Jose Silva Spanish 2, 3, 4, Spanish Club
Bryan Stettler Principles of Transportation, Advanced Auto Tech, Auto Tech
Nisa Stevens Proffessional Communications , Debate, Sign Language, Happy Hands
Susan Sumpter Child Development, FCCLA, Principles of Hospitality



"Don't just stop at high school. Look at the higher-education schools that are out there."

Mrs. Jane Medema



MARISSA DOWNEY

The Thing About

Mrs. Sandy Vaughn
Technology

How long she's been working with technology: "I've been working with technology for 28 years; 8 years with the Apple computers."

How technology in schools has changed: "Originally schools offered 'keyboarding' as a class and students used a typewriter, then schools started using word proccessors and for the past 20 years schools have been using computers."



Her favorite change: "Once you go Mac you never go back; the joy really is walking into the building and seeing all the students using their laptops."



Dee Sutton Instructional Aide
Krystina Tellez World Geography, Latin 1, 2, 3, 4, Latin Club
Marilyn Tennill Counselor
Mike Tennill Economics, Track
Melissa Thomas English 1 Pre-AP, English 2
Maria Trejo Custodian



Morgan Turpin Geometry, Acc Math, Algebra 1, Cheer
Johna Underwood English 3 AP, English 2, Dept. Head, UIL Prose
Connie Urbis Instructional Aide
Donna Vanecek Instructional Aid
Jerry Vaughn Superintendent
Sandy Vaughn TIP Coordinator



Antonio Villalon English 4, Football, Baseball
Ryan Vrabel World History, Football, Track
Danny Ward Principal
Kindra Wimberley Instructional Aide
Magdalena Zavala Commercial Photography, Adv Comm Photo, Content Mastery, Light Club
Mary Ann Zucknick Content Mastery Instructional Aide

TISD School Board



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

"My advice for the students? It's all cooking related: don't be nasty, keep your hands clean, don't be lazy."

Mrs. Candice Martin



MAGDALENA ZAVALA

The Thing About Mr. Bryan Stettler

Auto-Tech



How Auto-Tech has changed: "The vehicles are more complicated, the curriculum is more demanding."

What is the nicest change: "The computers are faster and we get more for less money. The kids are also more connected because of cellphones and the internet."

What made him want to teach Auto-Tech: "I wanted to teach a useful, lucrative skill that never goes away."

His favorite car: "A '65 Ford Mustang."

Varsity Football

Bryan Rudder	21-28
Leander Vandegrift	06-47
Elgin	12-21
Manor	14-34
Waco Robinson	30-38
Llano	31-20
Liberty Hill	14-41
Burnet	41-27
Salado	35-31
Lampasas	50-58
Wimberley	31-38
Season Record	03-08



Front: Loren Hall, Trainers Chelsea Shamard, Sadey Komandosky, Carol Vasquez, Mariahlyne Briones, Paige Ramirez, Myranda Torres, Alyssa Torres, Ashleigh Falcon, Cassidy Rodriguez, Nikki Ray, Raymond Rodriguez. **Second:** Michael McIntire, Coaches Ryan Vrabel, Doug Kuhl, Robert Marak, James Proctor, Allen Dews, Rick Cobia, Marcus Bunton, Daniel Thomas, Gerald Jones, Antonio Villalon, Justin Boswell, Rusty Rohan, Isaac Franco. **Third:** Daniel Moreno, Eric Alderete, Jeremiah Rodriguez, Emmett Wiggins, David Ancira Jr., Adrian Smith, Moises Tellez, Chris Garza, Brandon Martinez, Aaron Wilson, Mauricio Camarillo, Henry Oranday, James Alcoser. **Fourth:** Kale McQuillen, Adrian Uriegas, Steven Reyes, Cory Casey, Johnny Rios, Jaylen Kerley, Jeremy Snyder, Dillon Pekar, Raymond Herrera, Moses Guerrero, Camron Richardson, Ryan Hill, Holden Hudson. **Back:** Jonathon Martinez, Hayden Stewart, Fred Kerley, Dustin Johnson, Reagan Fischer, Jarvis Caldwell, Ronald Scott, Dantrel Hargers.

JV Football

Bryan Rudder	24-28
Leander Vandegrift	16-17
Elgin	30-24
Manor	32-26
Waco Robinson	28-00
Llano	48-06
Liberty Hill	14-38
Burnet	28-14
Salado	28-20
Lampasas	32-06
Season Record	07-03



Front: Quirino Ramirez, Gilbert Velasquez, David Salazar, Kristian Baldiva, Mark Mata, Laravis Blunson, Peter Carrizales, A.J. Devlin, Terrence Thompson. **Second:** Richard Yanez, Nick Dominguez, Aaron Bealls, Dylan Townsend, Brandon Martinez, Rollan Espinoza, JustinDeary, JuesseReyes. **Third:** GabrielReyna, JustinKolinek, DavidHernandez, BubbaJones, WilliamPachicano, RoyMoreno, Blayne Johnson, Elijah Scott. **Back:** Blayne Hegar, Albert Vasquez, My'lik Kerley, T.J. Stiewart, Joshua Vrana, Chris Vrana, Rodney Patterson.

Freshman Football

Bryan Rudder	22-14
Leander Vandegrift	06-49
Elgin	28-13
Manor	32-36
Waco Robinson	12-24
Llano	36-06
Liberty Hill	18-21
Burnet	00-34
Salado	54-14
Lampasas	39-28
Season Record	05-05



Front: Garet Allen, Daekan Jackson, Aaron Bucek, Saul Ramirez, Isaiah Pittman, Sylvester Ramirez, Jose Martinez-Gonzales. **Second:** Lule Zavala, Alejandro Rangel, Chris Collier, Josh Schneider, Xavier Reyna, Miguel Morales, Tanner Parker. **Third:** Joseph Lopez, Joseph Marmolejo, Jorge Camarillo, Emilio Moreno, Ethen Espinoza, Wyatt Townsend, Saul Villalobos, Jaylen Brown. **Fourth:** Tristan Torres, Federico Camacho, Isaac Villanueva, Devin Taylor, Ethan Alvarado, Joshua Dela Cruz, Nicholas Martinez. **Back:** Steven Cuellar, Preston Rychetsky, Cordez Maddox, Bryce Zimmerhanzel, John Dupy, Lane Stewart, Marcos Campos, Nick Patschke.



Front: Marissa Guzman, Coty Gola, Chelsie Carter. **Second:** Alexis Burnett, Katelyn Kuhl, Selena Lopez, Rhegan Stroup. **Back:** Ashley Burow, Kallye Marek, Chasity Hatch, Katelyn Roznovak, Amanda Martinez.

Varsity Volleyball

Elgin	00-03
Copperas Cove Tourn.	02-03
Killeen Ellison	00-03
Groesbeck Tourn.	02-03
Gatesville/Groesbeck	00-03, 00-03
Del Valle	03-01
Thrall	03-01
Cedar Creek Tourn.	03-02
Rogers	00-03
Caldwell	00-03
Rockdale	03-00
Salado	00-03, 00-03
Liberty Hill	00-03, 00-03
Lampasas	00-03, 00-03
Burnet	00-03, 00-03
Llano	01-03, 01-03
Season Record	10-24



Front: Carrigan Wooldridge, Shawntell Caldwell, Michaela Birchard. **Second:** Griselda Morales, Katlyn Hitt. **Back:** Sabrina Chavez, Madeline Ward, Lauren Vrana, Anna Ramirez, Shania Henderson.

JV Volleyball

Elgin	00-02
Killeen Ellison	00-02
Gatesville/Groesbeck	00-02, 00-02
Del Valle	01-02
Thrall	00-02
Rogers	00-02
Caldwell	00-02
Rockdale	01-02
Salado	01-02, 00-02
Elgin Tourn.	01-02
Liberty Hill	01-02, 00-02
Lampasas	01-02, 00-02
Burnet	00-02 ,00-02
Llano	01-02, 02-01
Season Record	02-15



Front: Brianda Ruiz, Savannah Kasper. **Second:** Courtney Maddox, Nellie Diaz, Bailey Talley, Raeleigh Whitlow. **Back:** Lauren Hortenstine, Libby Fischer, Jenna Snyder, Tallie Thompson, Shelby Seaquest.

Freshman Volleyball

Elgin	00-02
Killeen Ellison	01-02
Gatesville	02-01
Del Valle	02-00
Thrall	02-00
Rogers	00-02
Elgin Tourn.	02-02
Caldwell	02-00
Rockdale	02-00
Salado	02-01, 00-02
Liberty Hill	00-02, 00-02
Lampasas	02-00, 01-02
Burnet	00-02, 00-02
Llano	02-00, 02-01
Season Record	11-11

Boys' Varsity Basketball

Cedar Ridge	48-79
Elgin	48-49
Rockdale	50-37, 45-33
Little River/Academy Tourn.	04-00
Waco Robinson	40-37
Lexington Tourn.	02-01
Giddings	60-50
La Grange	62-57
Cameron Tourn.	02-02
Gatesville	62-67
Smithville	39-38
Waco Conally	63-60
Liberty Hill	58-89, 48-69
Burnet	51-54, 41-64
Lampasas	43-56, 37-44
Llano	60-58, 57-51
Salado	40-58, 29-53
Season Record:	17-14



Front: Jaden Kubiak, Jalen Kerley, Chris Frank, Holden Hudson, Isiah Murray. **Back:** Dantrel Hargers, Logan Jezisek, Fred Kerley, Dustin Johnson, Jeremy Snyder.

Boys' JV Basketball

Cedar Ridge	55-65
Elgin	43-49
Rockdale	70-32, 32-13
Granger Tourn.	01-02
Waco Robinson	31-44
Giddings	46-41
La Grange	52-34
Gatesville	41-20
Smithville	23-26
Waco Conally	53-49
Liberty Hill	34-61, 52-59
Burnet	43-48, 44-54
Lampasas	44-38, 60-73
Llano	67-34, 59-39
Salado	44-37, 65-52
Season Record:	12-11



Front: Justin Deary, Terrence Thompson, Collin Vanecek. **Back:** Taneal Coleman, My'lik Kerley, Chris Vrana, Elijah Gault, Nelson Rincon.

Boys' Freshman Basketball

Cedar Ridge	53-43
Elgin	57-42
Rockdale	75-57, 49-28
Waco Robinson	56-53
Giddings	68-46
La Grange	60-25
Gatesville	56-33
Smithville	45-26
Waco Conally	60-33
Liberty Hill	62-57, 60-43
Burnet	64-34, 53-38
Lampasas	63-38, 70-54
Llano	69-40, 83-47
Salado	59-41, 60-34
Season Record:	20-00



Front: Nicholas Miget, Jalen Brown, Craig Anders. **Second:** Joseph Lopez, Josh Schneider, Seth Lopez, Jorge Camarillo, Robert Martinez. **Back:** Colton Manella, Dez Maddox, John Dupy, Marcos Campos, Chance Tatrow, Devin Taylor.



Front: Marisa Rangel, Shawntell Caldwell, Bianca Davila, Zakiya Arceneaux. **Back:** Kalishia Jenkins, Maddie Ward, Shelby Seaquist, Anna Ramirez, Amanda Martinez.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

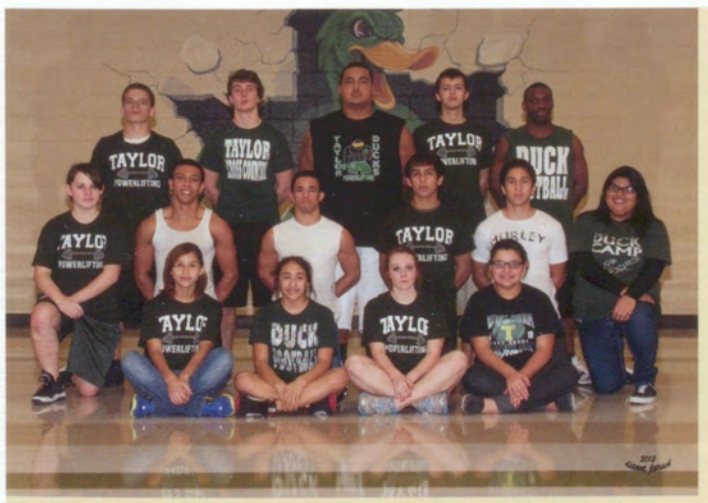
Rockdale	28-48
Groesbeck	29-63
Austin Travis	36-72
Austin Lanier	30-48
Rockdale Tourn.	00-03
Jarrell	37-81
Lexington Tourn.	01-02
Caldwell	22-49
Thrall	16-35
Thorndale Tourn.	00-03
Llano	28-48, 25-54
Salado	22-61, 25-59
Liberty Hill	12-120, 18-82
Burnet	13-81, 22-87
Lampasas	23-49, 17-70
Season Record:	01-25



Front: Kirmesha Thompson, Maribelle Moreno, Keanna Lopez, Brittany Foley, Zandil Wolff. **Back:** Frankie Cantrell, Stayci Seaquist, Jenna Snyder, Megan Irizarry.

Girls' JV Basketball

Rockdale	23-35
Austin Travis	19-15
Austin Lanier	10-14
Jarrell	35-53
Lexington Tourn.	01-03
Caldwell	18-25
Thrall	17-18
Llano	11-44, 14-55
Salado	16-21, 07-18
Liberty Hill	03-90, 10-43
Burnet	13-36
Lampasas	05-32,19-37
Season Record:	02-17



Front: Nellie Diaz, Keanna Lopez, Miki Birchard, Desiree Cortez. **Second:** Frankie Cantrell, Royal Lucas, Codie Hall, Joseph Marmelejo, David Salazar, Cortney Gamez. **Back:** Alejandro Rangel, Stephen Svatek, Johnny Rios, Toby Kidwell, Laravis Blunson.

Powerlifting

Regional Qualifiers

Desiree Cortez
Nellie Diaz
Cortney Gamez
Royal Lucas
Joseph Marmelejo
Bryan Martinez
Michael McIntire
David Salazar
Gilbert Velasquez

Edited by Chelsie Carter

Cross Country

Temple
Lockhart
Lexington
Pflugerville
Cedar Park
McNeil
Georgetown
Rogers
Survivor Run
District



Front: Destiny Rodriguez, Vanessa Castaneda-Valdivia, Mariah, Katie Bryant, Lauren Camacho, Katie Faught, Gabrielle Villareal, Rhegan Stroup, Selena Lopez, Nellie Diaz. **Second:** Joseph Marmalejo, Quirino Ramirez, Anna Ramirez, Alyssa Garcia, Jacob Mokry, Craig Anders, Robert Martinez, Hunter Fall, Justin Paris, Jacob Kopit, Coach Shelli Cobb. **Back:** Alex Garcia, Josh Villareal, Carol Vasquez, Nick Dominguez, David Salazar, Albert Vasquez, Noah Kopit, Tyler Jaecks, Stephen Svatek, Bryan Martinez.

Tennis

Bryan Rudder
Leander Vandegrift
Elgin
Manor
Waco Robinson
Llano
Liberty Hill
Burnet
Salado
Lampasas



Front: Morgan Cmerek, Lynsie Patschke, Lauren Hortenstine, Thessy Rossainz, Julie Nemec, Kaylee Nemec, Coty Gola, Haden Hudson, Griselda Morales. **Second:** Thayer Selleck, Seth Lopez, Garrett Stork, Tyler Hall, Jake Wilson, Paul Smith, Jacob Cmerek, Holden Hudson, Trevor Sherrill, Reagan Brooks. **Back:** Aaron McQuary, Hayden Wilkins, Steven Randig, Seth Thomas, Bradley Ging, Terry Flores, Cody Randig, Lance Morales.

Boys Track

Rockdale Relays
Wildcat Relays
Palacios Shark Relays
Lexington Relays
Texas Relays
Mustang Relays
District Meet



Front: Joseph Cantu, Malcolm Hollins, Laravis Blunson. **Second**: Devin Taylor, Dez Maddox, Justin Paris, Joseph Lopez, Garrett Allen Terrence Hyder. **Third**: John Dupy, Jacob Mokry, Robert Martinez, Alejandro Rangel, Rollan Espinoza, Reagan Fischer. **Fourth**: Nick Dominguez, Raymond Herrera, Adrian Uriegas, Joshua Villareal, Horeb Tinoco, My'lik Kerley. **Five**: Emmett Wiggins, Fredrick Kerley, Jalen Kerley, Dantrel Hargers, Isaac Franco, Albert Vasquez. **Back**: Timothy Bailey, Kris Baldivia, Chris Frank, Joseph Marmalejo, Jorge Camarillo.

Boys' Soccer



Wimberly	01-02
Bryan	00-01
Navasota	03-03
Sealy	00-04
Elgin	02-05, 01-04
Pflugerville Connally	01-03, 01-07
Pflugerville Hendrickson	01-07, 00-06
Manor	00-02, 00-06
Cedar Ridge	01-05, 01-06
Hutto	06-04, 03-03
Season Record:	01-13-02

Front: Edwin Villasenor, Salvador Trujillo, Michael McIntire, Gustavo Lopez, Osvaldo Avalos, Benito Aguilera, Bobby Martinez, Horeb Tinoco, Miguel Morales, Edgar Carrera, Quirino Ramirez, Codie Hall. **Second:** Nicholas Ochoa, Saul Ramirez, Adrian Hernandez, Abraham Lopez, Saul Villalobos, Joseph Marmolejo, Juan Alcaraz, Orlando Tapia, Fray Pacheco, Francisco Martinez, Isaac Franco, Marco Hernandez. **Back:** Steven Cuellar, Hernan Hernandez, Jose Villarreal, Martin Hernandez, Brandon Morales, Justin Paris, Albert Vasquez, Josh Cigales, Jose Perez, Gabriel Reyna, Moises Tellez, Pablo Lopez, Johnathon Flores.

Girls' Soccer



Akins	02-02
La Grange	01-02
Wimberly	02-03
Travis	02-03
Elgin	00-05, 00-06
Pflugerville Connally	00-06, 00-08
Pflugerville Hendrickson	00-09, 00-09
Manor	01-04, 00-04
Cedar Ridge	00-09, 00-09
Hutto	00-05, 01-04
Season Record:	15-00-01

Front: Carli Drake, Alexys Barbee. **Second:** Victoria Tusing, Elisa Lopez, Guadalupe Magana **Third:** Caterina Villatoro, Jocelyn Vega, Cassandra Estrada, Selena Castillo **Back:** Alyssa Garcia, Alex Garcia, Jacqueline Polanco, Ismenia DeLaCerda, Mary Rose Fagan, Anastasiya Kyyanenko, Amanda Foster, Lilly Engler, Roslyn Young, Maria Lopez

Girls Track



Rockdale Relays
Wildcat Relays
Palacios Shark Relays
Lexington Relays
Texas Relays
Mustang Relays
District Meet

Front: Katie Bryant, Kirmesha Thompson, Brittany Foley, Zakiya Arceneaux. **Second**: Alisha Gallardo, Carrigan Wooldridge, Megan Camacho, Keanna Lopez, Zandil Wolff. **Third**: Destiny Rodriguez, Shawntell Caldwell, Mariah Ramirez, Katie Faught, Rhegan Stroup, Alexys Barbee. **Fourth**: Amber Vrabel, Lakeydra Mack, Lydia Moreno, Brittany Randle, Erika Bracamontez, Vanessa Castaneda. **Back**: Jenna Snyder, Stayci Seaquist, Chasity Hatch, Courtney Maddox, Kalisha Jenkins, Justicee Gault, Carra Johnson.

Varsity Baseball

Leander Rouse
Rockdale Tourn.
Caldwell
Elgin Tourn.
Giddings
Llano Tourn.
Giddings
Liberty Hill
Burnet
Salado
Lampasas
Llano

Scores unavailable at press time.



Front: Aj Devlin, Eric Alderete, Gilbert Velasquez. **Second**: David Lee Ancira, Cory Casey, Justin Kolinek, Kale McQuillen. **Third**: Josh Richter, Noah Kopit, Tyler Jaecks, Brandon Martinez. **Back**: Cullen Sakewitz, Tanner Stewart, Dillon Pekar, Steve Larson, James Alcoser.

JV Green Baseball

Leander Rouse
Granger
Caldwell
Austin Lanier
Giddings
Elgin Tourn.
District Tourn.
Liberty Hill
Burnet
Salado
Lampasas
Llano

Scores unavailable at press time.



Front: Hunter Kennedy, Juesse Reyes, Barron Hunt, Tyler Vanacek. **Second**: Chris Vrana, Daniel Moreno, Roy Rangel, Dylan Townsend. **Back**: Leoneo Arce, Joshua Vrana, Blaine Johnson, Dylan Kriedel. **Not Pictured:** Brandon Williams, Malcolm Hollins, Rollen Espinoza.

JV White Baseball

Leander Rouse
Rockdale
Thorndale
Liberty Hill
Georgetown Eastview
Madisonville Tourn.
Liberty Hill
Hendrickson
Burnet
Georgetown East View
Belton
Burnet
Rockdale
Hnedrickson

Scores unavailable at press time.



Front: Wyatt Townsend, Blake Northern, Damian David, **Second**: Colton Mannella, Tanner Parker, Luke Zavala, Craig Anders. **Third**: Jake Boles, Jeremey Kovar, Ray Crain. **Back**: Chance Tatrow, Nick Patschke, Bryce Zimmerhanzel, Ethan Alvarado. **Not Pictured:** Daniel Zavala, Jorge Camarillo, Emilo Moreno, Joseph Lopez.

ONCE A DUCK, ALWAYS A DUCK



Front: Samantha Pachicano, Marissa Guzman, Katelyn Kuhl, Chelsie Carter, Savannah Kasper. **Back**: Marisa Rangel, Kallye Marek, Ashley Burow, Amanda Martinez, Katelyn Roznovak, Selena Lopez.

Varsity Softball

Bastrop Tourn.
Cedar Creek
Round Rock Tourn.
Thrall
Taylor Tourn.
Robinson
Giddings
Georgetown East View
Llano
Liberty Hill
Burnet
Salado
Lampasas

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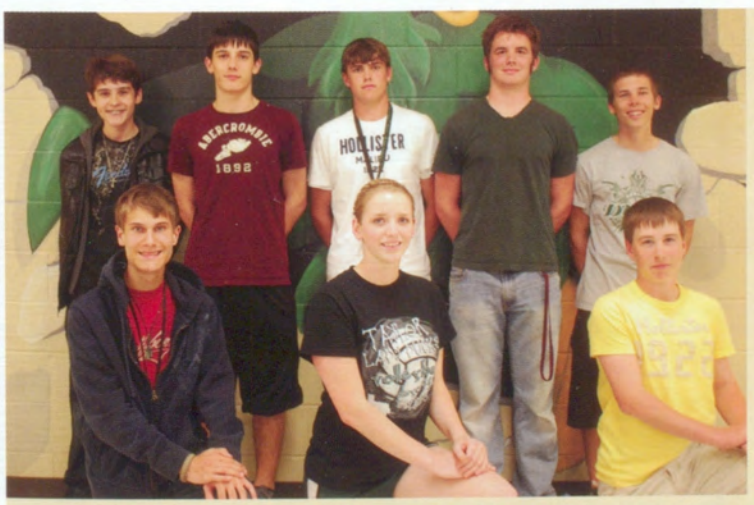


Maribelle Moreno, Alyssa Reyes, Ashley Smith, Anna Ramirez, Lauren Vrana, Libby Fischer, Lauren Hortenstine, Bailey Talley, Raeleigh Whitlow.

JV Softball

Cedar Creek
Thrall
Taylor Tourn.
Robinson
Giddings
Georgetown East View
Llano
Liberty Hill
Burnet
Salado
Lampasas

Scores unavailable at press time.



Front: Garret Stork, Madeline Ward, Craig Anders. **Back**: Tristan Torres, Kyle Bohac, Nick Patschke, Seth Thomas, Aaron McQuary. **Not pictured**: Terry Florez, Ezekeal Leslie, Ernest Rodriguez, Kathleen Crump, Autumn Stabeno, Roslyn Young, Lorena Sanchez.

Golf

Girls

Lampasas
Caldwell
Llano
District
Lampasas

Boys

Lampasas
Llano
Brenham
Burnet
District
Lampasas

Junior Historians



Front: President Codie Hall, Ally Powell, Morgan Cmerek, Nathan Dunn, Brenda Moran. **Back**: Zeke Leslie, Vice President Seth Thomas, Noah Kopit, Stephen Svatek, Sponsor Paul Quarles.

OM Odyssey of the Mind



Front: Savannah Wright-Evans, Jessica Humphreys, AJ Devlin, Capreshia Blakely. **Back**: Noah Kopit, Blayne Hegar, Stephen Svatek, Liberty Jones. **Not pictured:** Sponsor Marcie Svatek.

Interact



Front: President Alyssa Torres, Jessica Singleton, Vice President Savannah Wright-Evans, Secretary Cameron Dupy. **Back**: Antonio Elizondo, Jace Fontenot, Seth Thomas, Noah Kopit, Sponsor Marilyn Tennill.

Culinary Arts



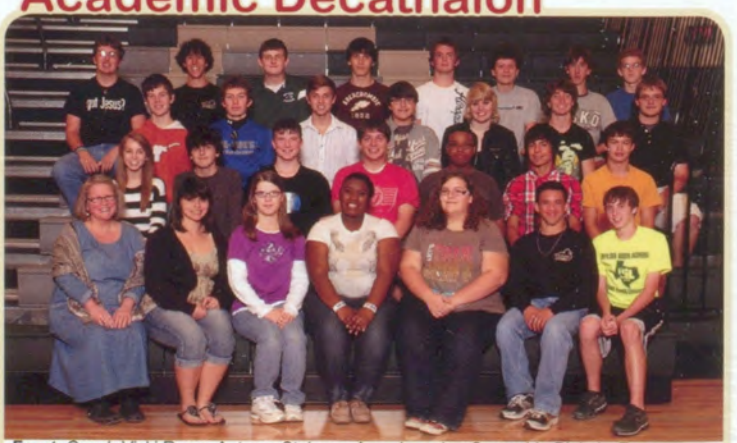
Front: Pablo Lopez, Jasmine Barber, Shadow Rolan, Dalia Ortiz, Bethany Matthys, Brenden Hicks, Marissa Guzman. **Row 2**: Ashley Bengtson, Bryan Martinez, Horeb Lee Tinoco, Valerey Reyes, Veronique Green, Selena Castillo, David Salazar, Jose Lopez. **Row 3**: Sponsor Candice Martin, Josh Villarreal, Joel Valverde, Nelson Rincon, Brandon Kruse, Brandon Browsarel, Jay Peterson, Carli Drake. **Back**: Adrian Uriegas, Jalen Kerley, Dillon Pekar, Logan Jezisek, Raymond Herrera, Chris Mejia. **Not pictured:** Emmett Wiggins.

BPA Business Professionals of America



Front: Jessica Humphreys, Vice President Capreshia Blakely, Historian Ashleigh Falcon, Amy Janecka, Historian Courtney McConnell. **Back**: Secretary Savannah Wright-Evans, Morgan Cmerek, Adam Janecka, Ryan Esquivel, Treasurer Alyssa Torres, Shanice Caldwell, Sponsor Barbara Leschber.

Academic Decathalon



Front: Coach Vicki Rowe, Autumn Stabeno, Amy Janecka, Capreshia Blakely, Zoe Whitworth, Codie Hall, Reagan Brooks. **Row 2**: Julie Polasek, Nicholas Mendoza, Philip Gray, Alex Kauai, Reggie Caldwell, Thayer Selleck, Collin Vanecek. **Row 3**: Adam Janecka, Antonio Elizondo, Cameron Dupy, Cristian Robles, Lorellye Graham, Stephen Svatek, Taylor Bryant. **Back**: Trey Meaker, Noah Kopit, Jared Henson, Kyle Bohac, Seth Thomas.

FCA Fellowship of Christian Athletes



Front: Secretary Hannah Weison, Jessica Carr, Vice President Codie Hall, President Holden Hudson, Katelyn Kuhl, Haden Hudson. **Back**: Sponsor Nathan Gray, Madeline Ward, Cory Casey, Jace Fonterot, Seth Thomas, Keith Hair, Antonio Elizondo.

Propane Gang



Front: Daniel Gonzales,Hunter Kennedy, Veronica Garza, Trey Ruiz. **Back**: Toby Ollis, Josh Vrana, Kristian Tovar, Sponsor Nathan Gray.

LOOP Lessons On & Off the Pavement



Front: Jessica Humphreys, Taylor Wade, Abner Rincon, Royal Lucas, Diana Ramirez, Sponsor Nathan Gray. **Back**: Antonio Elizondo, Toby Ollis, Jace Fontenot, Zeke Leslie, Max Beckwith.

Art



Front: Diana Ramirez, Thessy Rossianz, Kelsie Kaatz, Jordan Trevino, Marissa Guzman, Renee Herrera. **Row 2**: Michael McIntire, Royal Lucas, Daniel Gonzales, Blake Northern, Amanda Martinez, Mireya Sandoval. **Back**: Vanessa Hernandez, Max Beckwith, Zeke Leslie, Jace Fontenot, Toby Ollis, Antonio Elizondo, Sponsor Nathan Gray.

Dungeons & Dragons



Front: Sponsor Nisa Stevens, Vice President Justus Saucedo, Nick Mendoza, Holden Hudson, Codie Hall, Secretary Jessica Carr. **Back**: Dungeon Master Max Beckwith, Jeremy Carr, Jace Fontenot, Antonio Elizondo, Historian Mary Griffin, Sponsor Nathan Gray. **Not Pictured:** Jacob Bishop.

Debate



Front: Alisha Gallardo, Historian Marisa Rangel, Marissa Guzman, Kady Crump, Brodie Gardener, Kirmesna Thompson. **Row 2**: Treasurer Courtney Gamez, Thayer Selleck, Megan Irizarry, Casey Anderson, Brittany Foley. **Back**: Ashley Brian, Antonio Elizondo, President Seth Thomas, Secretary Joshua Vrana, Devin Ashworth, Gavin Hadley, Sponsor Nisa Stevens.

Student Senate



Front: Ally Powell, Lynsie Patschke, Co-President Codie Hall, Co-President Jessica Humphreys, Secretary Hannah Weison. **Row 2**: Sponsor Dawn Fischer, Mallory Marcon, Treasurer Amber Vrabel, AJ Devlin, Parliamentarian Morgan Cmerek. **Back**: Justin Vaden, Cory Ray Casey, Tyler Jaecks, Vice President Reagan Fischer, Blayne Hegar, Lance Morales.

HOSA Health Occupations Students of America



Front: Ismenia De La Cerda, Maria Lopez, Lauren Camacho, Bianca Davila, Jensen Anders. **Back**:Sponsor Martin Codino, Robyn Reyes, Marisa Navarrete, Morgan Sprenger, Marissa Rodriguez, Marissa Guzman.

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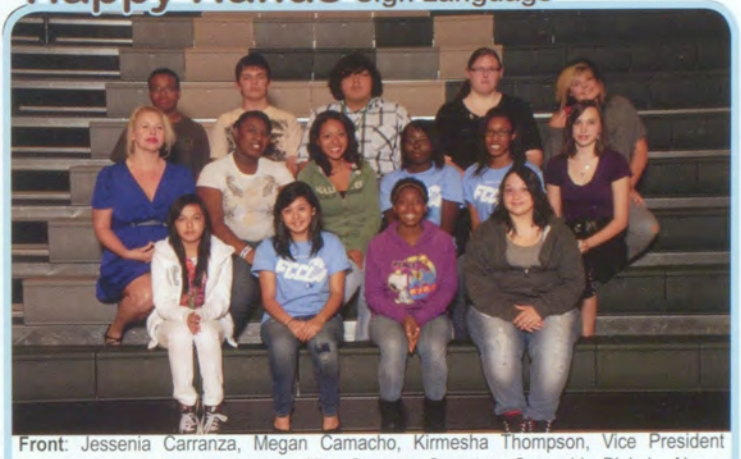
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Light Photography



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Happy Hands Sign Language



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Drama



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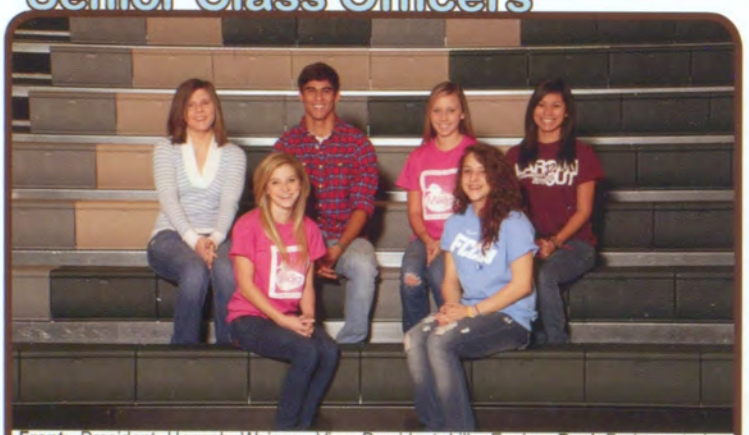
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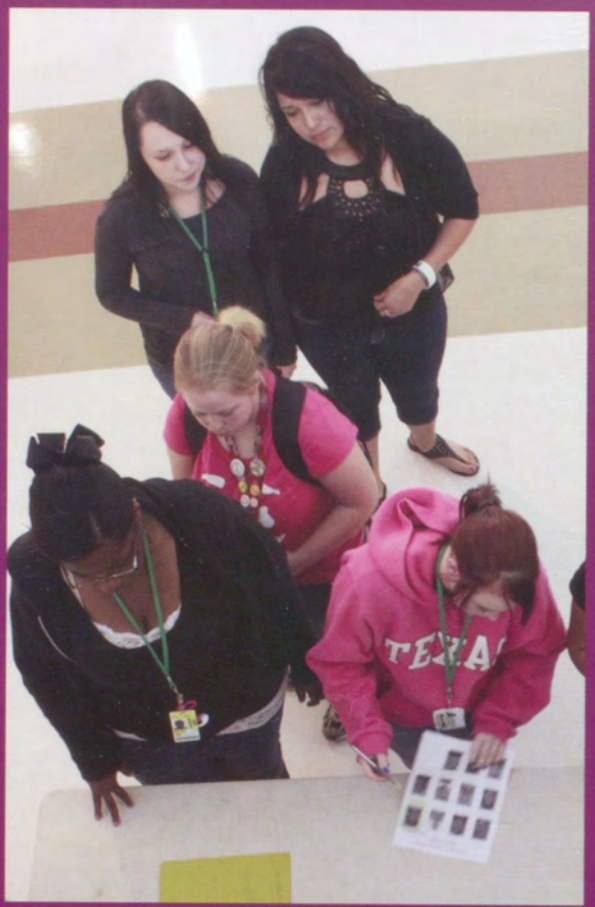


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Voting for the homecoming royalty Mickie Birchard (11) votes for homecoming king and queen during her lunch period with her friends. " I voted for Sam, and I don't know what guy I voted for," Birchard said. Sam took the lead in votes that week. **Capturing reflective beauty** Angie Miller (10) takes pictures for Mrs. Zavala's Photography Class. "Our assignment was to take pictures with reflections in them. I took it as looking at the world from a different aspect," Miller said. Angie's photo was chosen for Photo of the Day **Oranderson** Cameron Richardson (12) and Henery Oranday (12) are riding-around buddies. "We're pretty cool, like bro's " said Richardson. **Working for fun** Reggie Caldwell (9) works the concession stand at a football game. " Working for my class is always good. I like helping out," Caldwell said.

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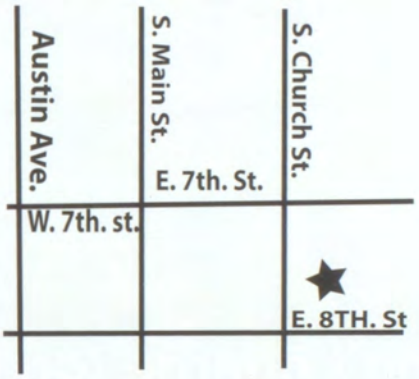
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Kelsie Kaatz



Kelsie,
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-Mom and Dad



Coty Gola





















Our Precious baby girl... We blinked, and now you're a beautiful young lady. So motivated and dedicated in everything you do, you are an inspiration. There is no doubt that while continuing to stand firm on your convictions, you will make your mark on this world. We are so proud of you. Congratulations on your graduation and great things to come!
We love you. *-Momma, Daddy, and Brittni*

Jessica Humphreys









We are so very proud of the wonderful person you are, and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for you! Congratulations on all your accomplishments!

-Mom, Dad, and Jordan

Daniel Duran





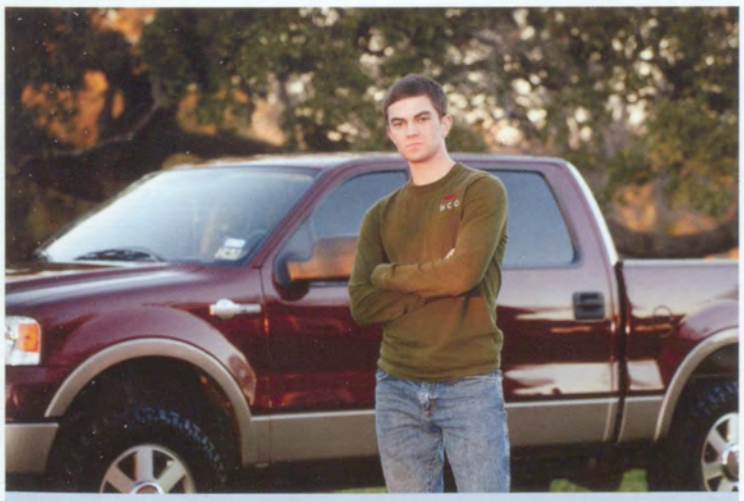








We were so blessed when you came into our lives, our world became perfect. God gave us a child who embodies both our physical and emotional traits. We watched you grow from a little baby with ten perfect toes, ten perfect fingers. We impassioned you with the love of music, learning and reading. We watched as you went from Legos to Rangers to Drumlines! Now your time has come to make a moment so special to us both. You move from Taylor High School, into the world as a young man to set your stone, your path, your way. We love you always and we give thanks to God for you! *-Your Parents*



Good luck in college, Joshua! Keep on truckin'! We love you!
-Sarah, Mom, and Dad



Josh Richter

Antonio Elizondo



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I will face my fear.
I will permit it to pass over me and through me.
Only I will remain.
-Bene Gesserit Litany



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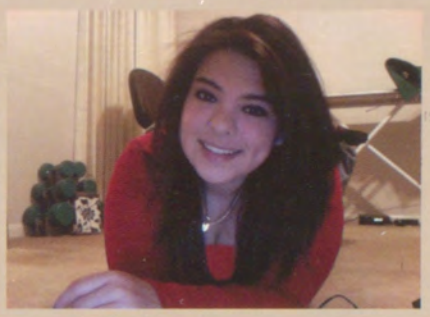






Marissa Rodriguez











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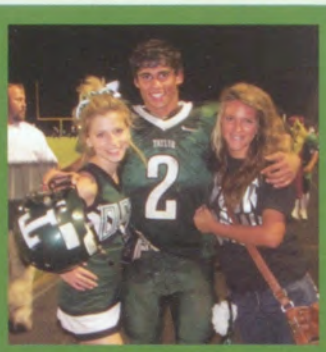
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Isaiah 40:30-31

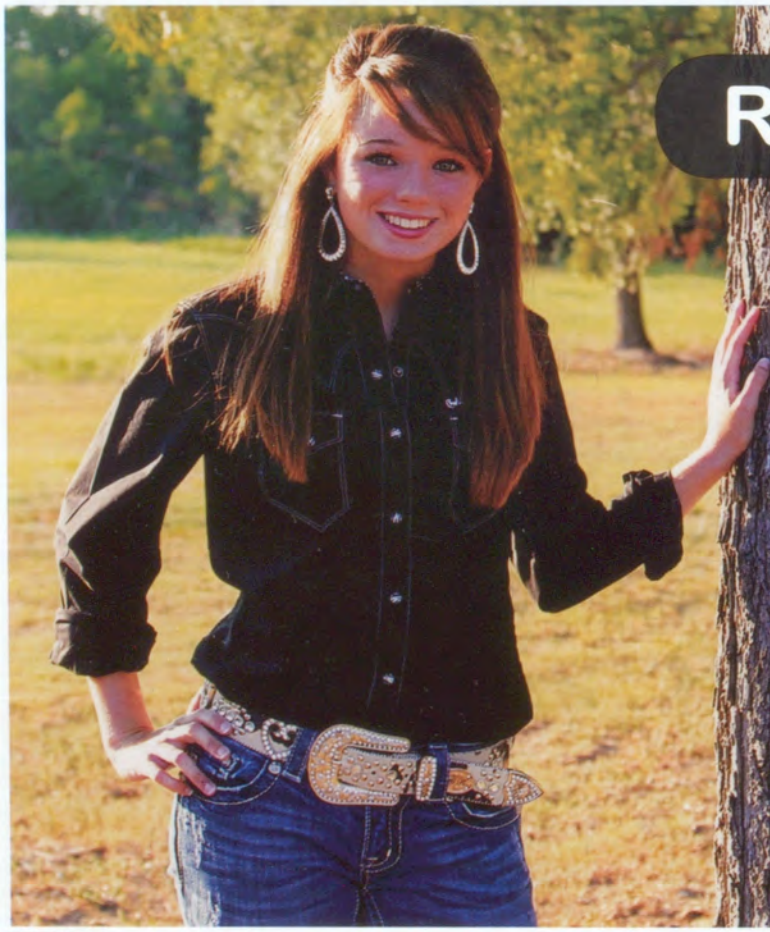
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We love you, much! *-Dad, Mom, and Haden*

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Rhegan Stroup











"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3:5-6

Congratulations Rhegan!
We are very proud of you and what you have accomplished so far in life. No matter where life takes you, don't ever forget that we will always love and support you! Follow your dreams! We love you so much!
-Brian, Mom, Mimi, Papaw, Dad, Darla, Dustin, Lisa, Makayla, and Bryce

Hannah Weison









"For you are His masterpiece,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand,
in order that you would walk in them."
Ephesians 2:10

We love you, Hannah Bear!
Mom, Dad, Rachel and Casey













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Congratulations girls!
We are so proud of you and what you both have accomplished.
We love you!
-Your families

Stephen Svatek









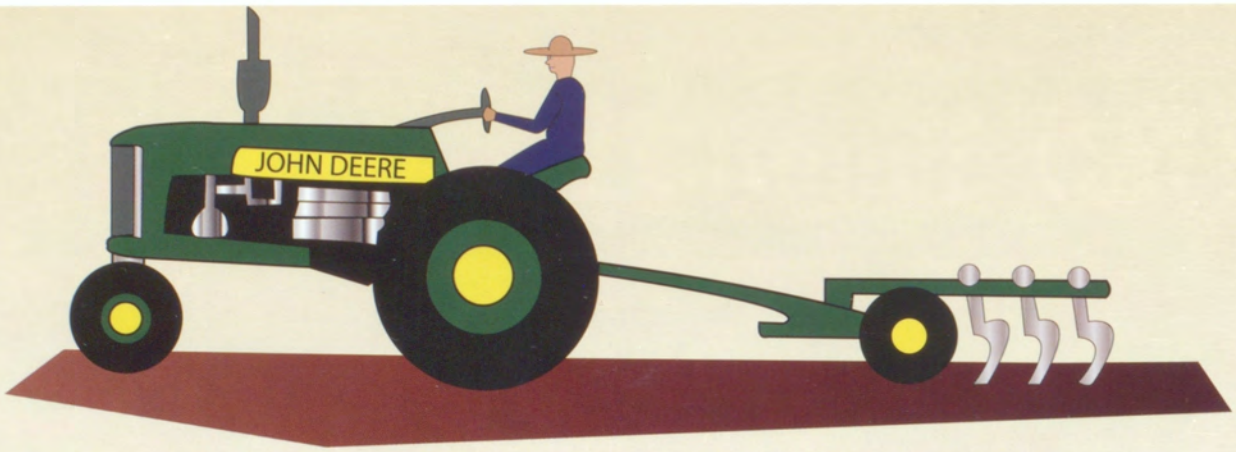








Congratulations, good luck,
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-Mom, Dad, and Courtney



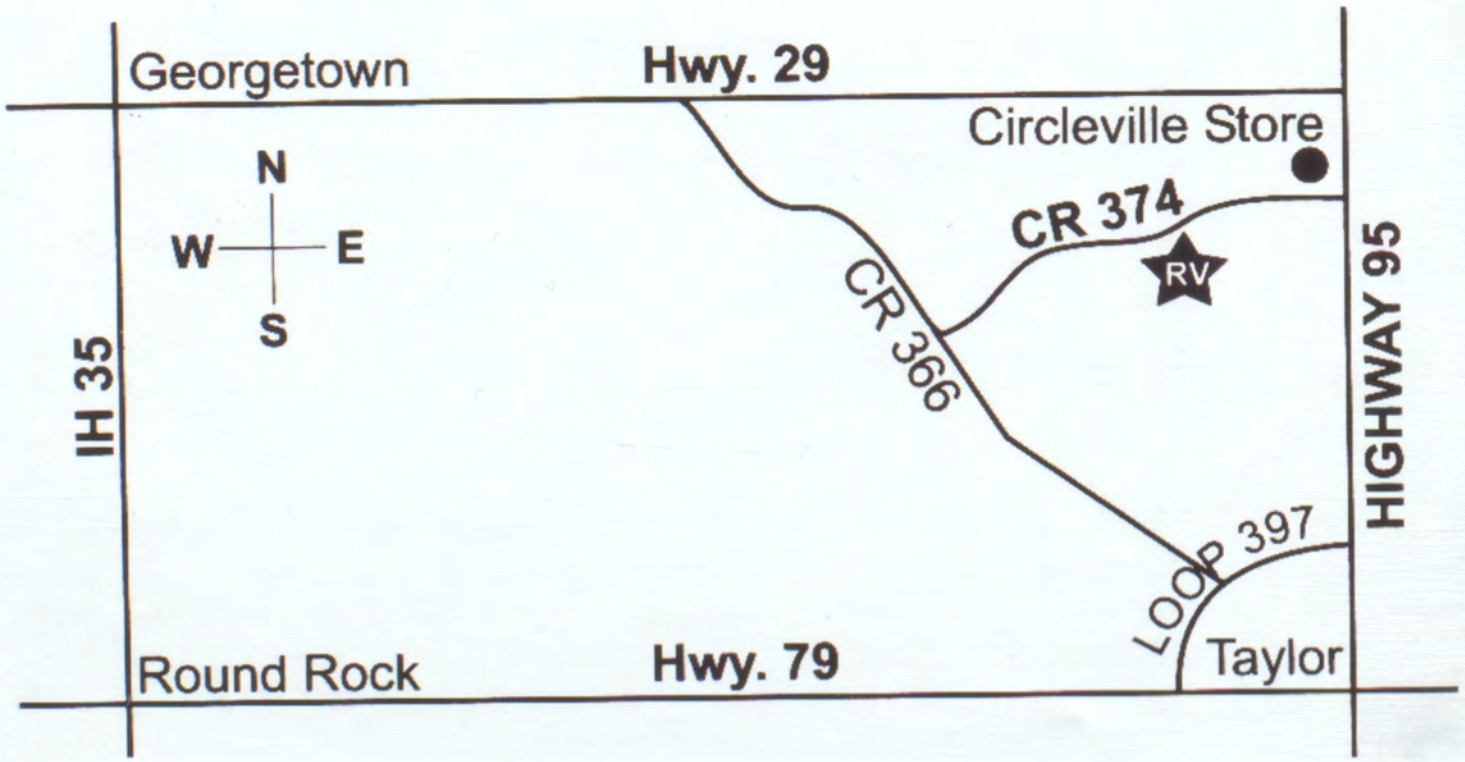
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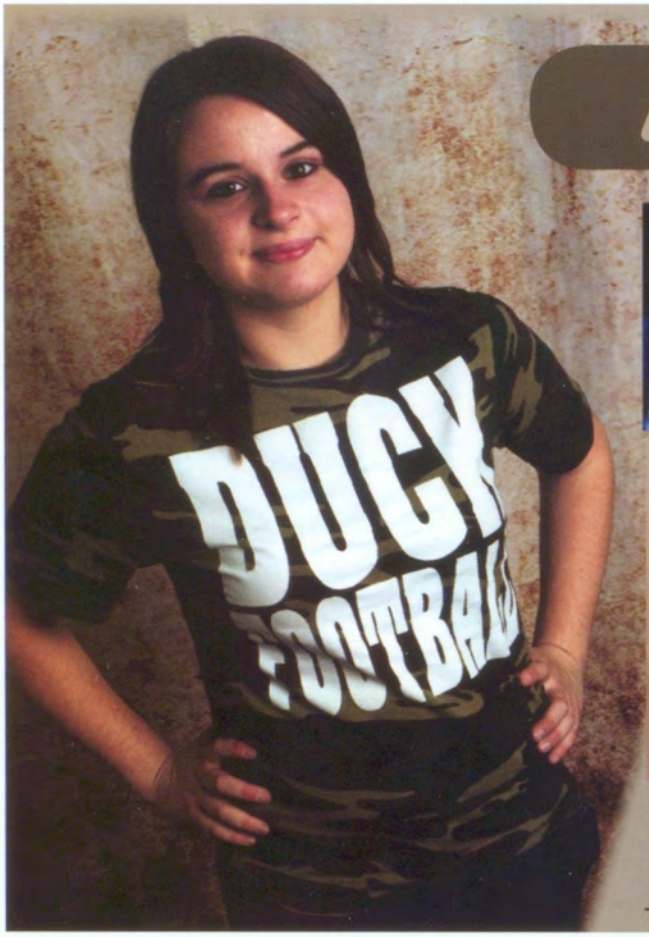
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Congrats Seniors, we did it!
- Julia Trejo

Ashley Bengtson













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-Mom, Dad, and Erin

Bradley Ging







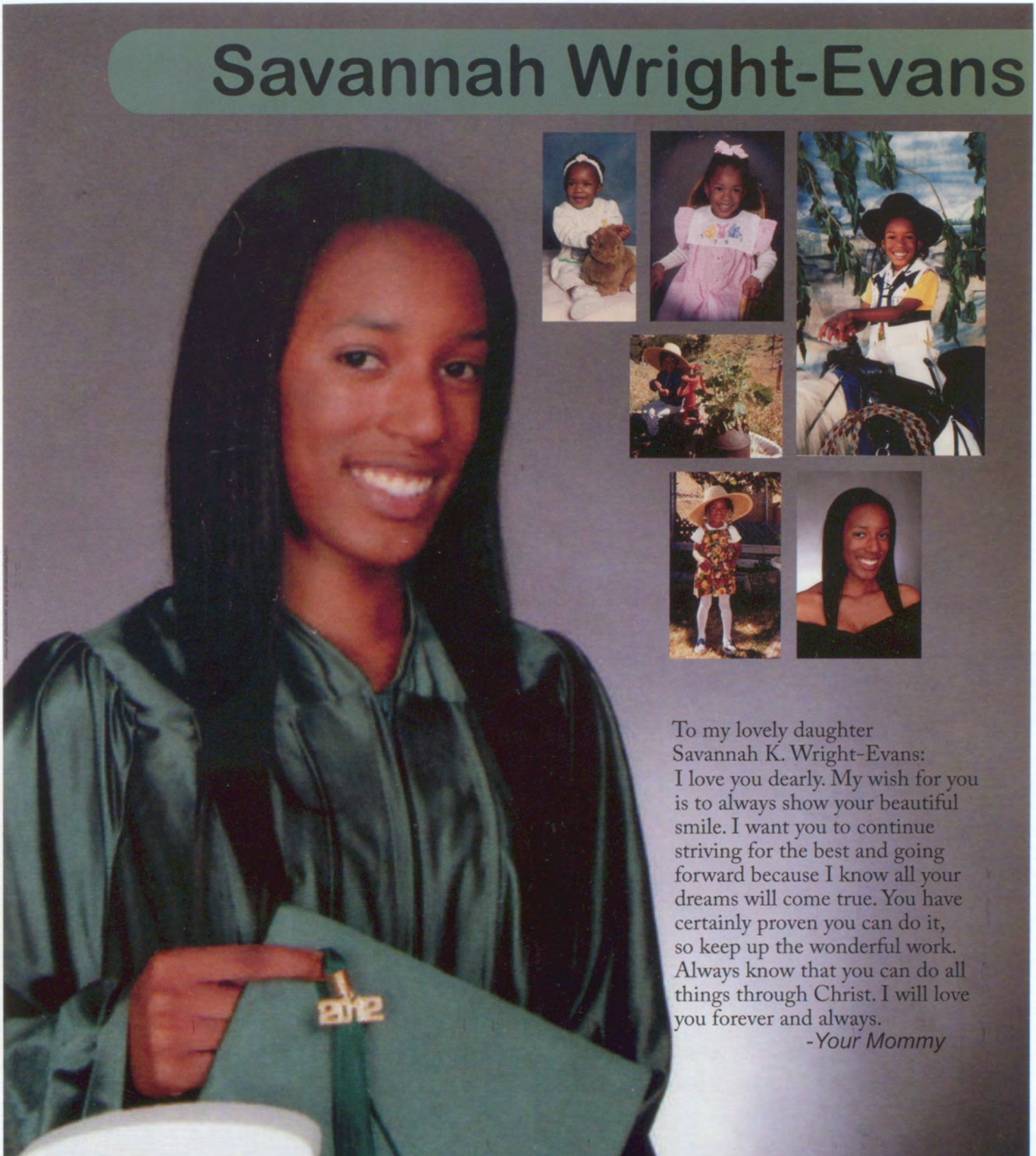




Pleased with the happy child you were and proud of the young man you have become. Love ya much!

-Mom and Dad

Savannah Wright-Evans



To my lovely daughter
Savannah K. Wright-Evans:
I love you dearly. My wish for you is to always show your beautiful smile. I want you to continue striving for the best and going forward because I know all your dreams will come true. You have certainly proven you can do it, so keep up the wonderful work. Always know that you can do all things through Christ. I will love you forever and always.

-Your Mommy

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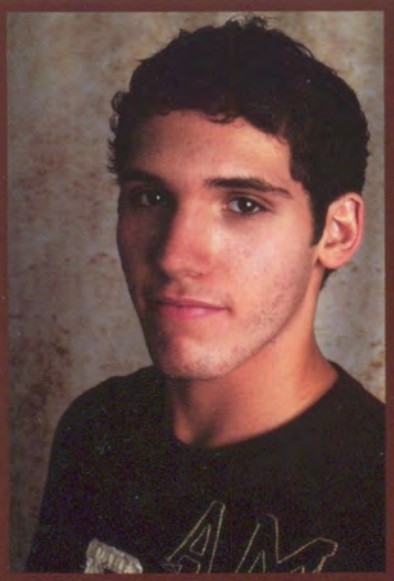
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Way to go "A". You've come a long way from 8 years old then to 18 years old now! Where did the time go? You've seen and done so much in your 18 years, being such an adventurer; there is only more to come! We couldn't ask for a greater son or brother! We love you.

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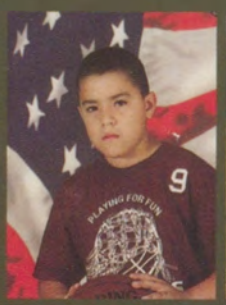
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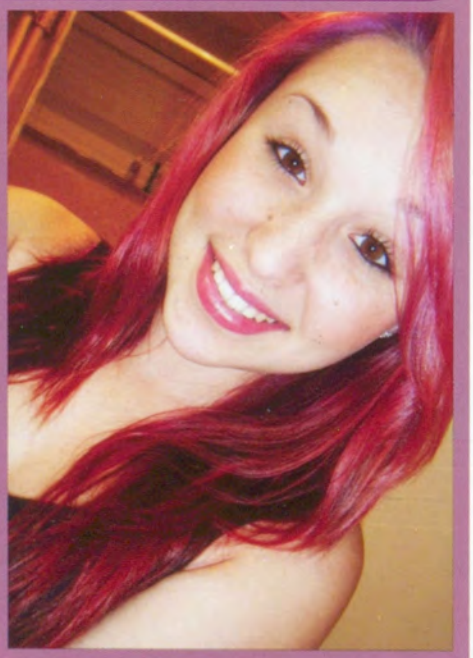


We are so proud of you and the fine young man you have become. We wish you nothing but the best. Always keep your head up high. You have a bright future ahead of you. We love you very much!

-Mom, Elias and Isaiah

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You're going to move mountains! Congratulations! *-Mom*

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-Mom, Dad, Bradley, Julie, Grannie, and Grand-Dad

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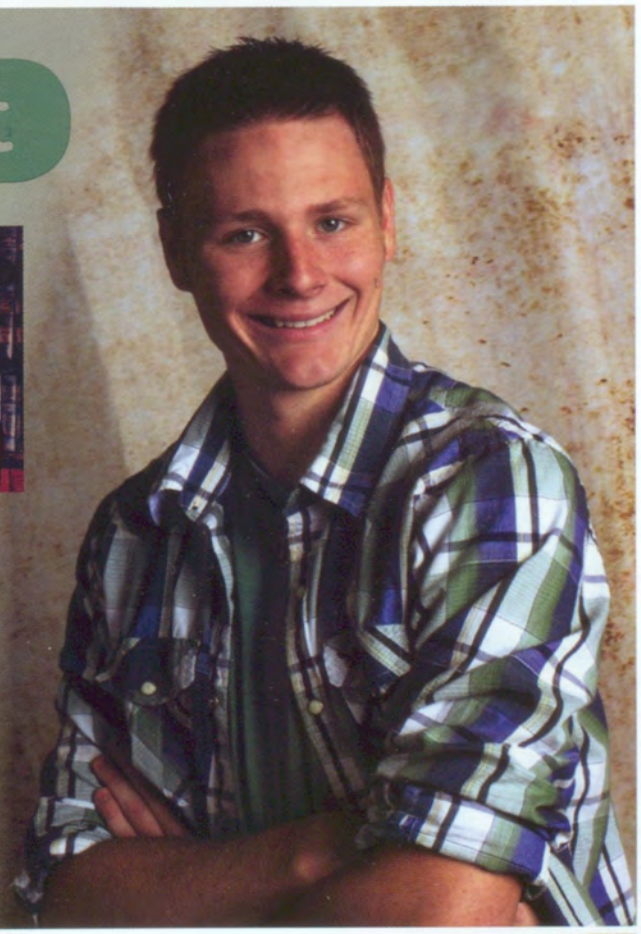








We love you. We are so very proud of the fine young man that you've become. Best of luck at A&M! *-Mom and Dad*



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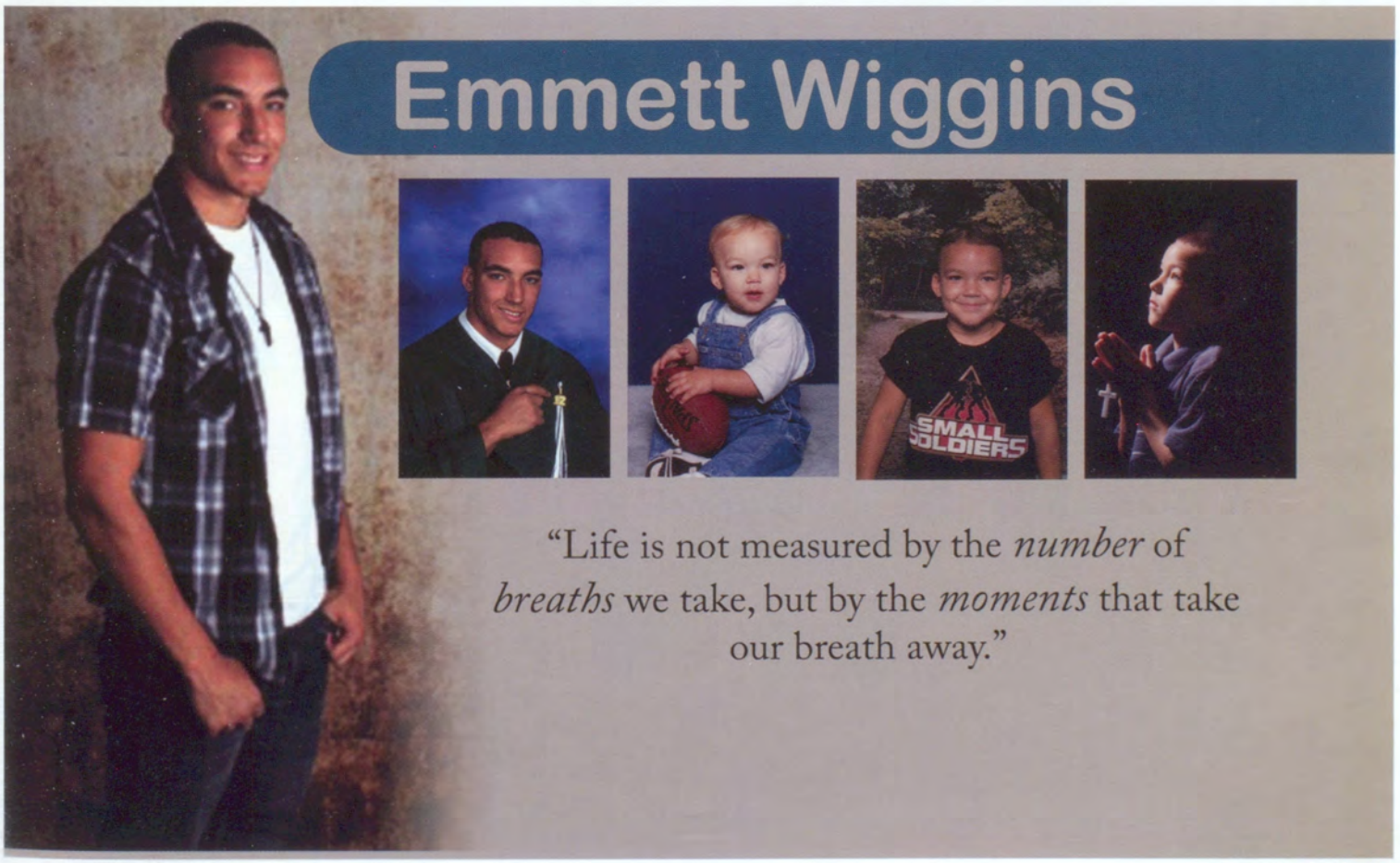
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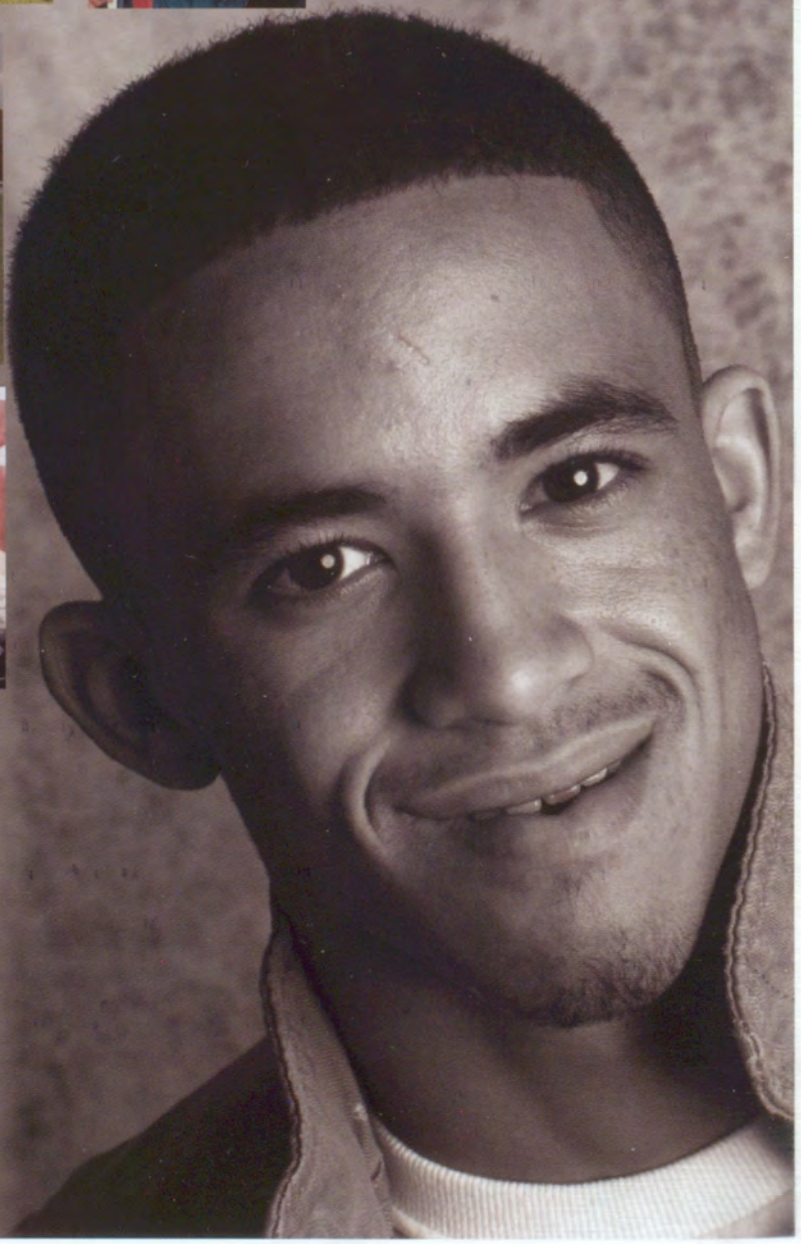












We are so proud of the man you have become. Congratulations on all your accomplishments. West Point is lucky to get you. We love you!

-Mom and Layton

Samantha Pachicano







Congratulations Sam! We are extremely proud of you in all you have accomplished. May you continue your hard work and dedication to make all your dreams become a reality. Good luck at A&M. Gig em' Aggies!

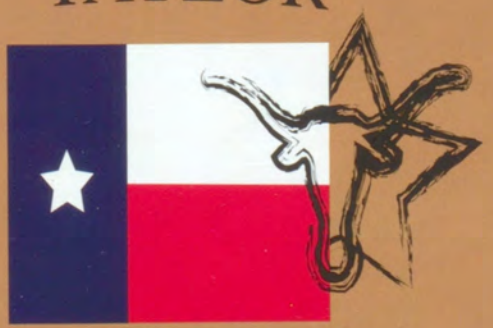
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-Dad, Mom, Jennifer, Mallory & Brad

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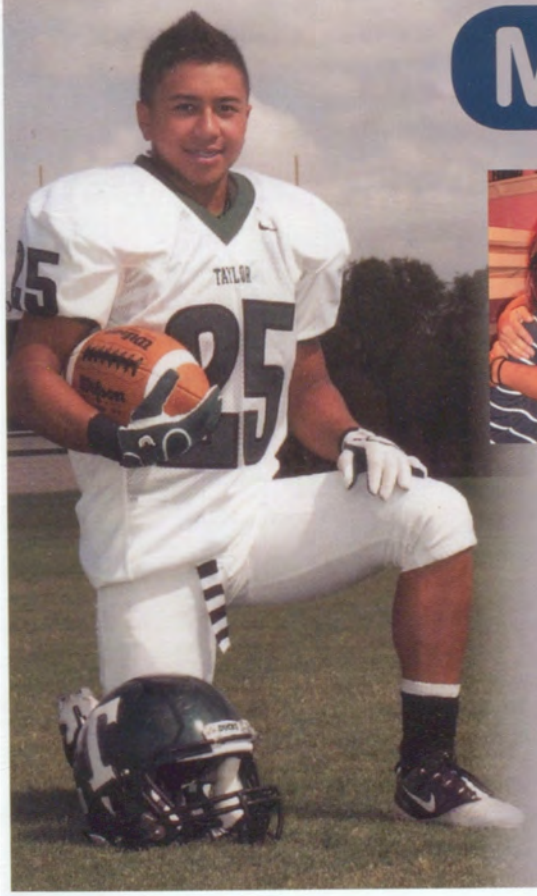
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Kristen, your smile, bright eyes and sense of humor have always brought joy to us. We are so proud of you! We know you will accomplish greatness.

-Love, Dad,
Mom, & Spencer



Michael McIntire











Congratulations Mikey!
-Mom, Dad, Samantha, and Soryna

Jordan Trevino











Congratulations. We are so proud of you. We love you!

Liberty Jones















Liberty,
You've always been our *little* sister. We have always tried to look out for you and take care of you. But what you may not know is that you've always been the one who has supported us and kept us all together. Thank you for being the awesome sister, a great friend, and a wonderful woman. We are so proud of you! -*Your Brothers*

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This year has been full of change for all of us - new ideas, new goals, new job titles, new technique, and a completely new staff. However, I wouldn't change a single thing about this year. While we all had problems throughout the year, I can honestly say I love each and every one of you. Staffers, y'all have become some of my closest friends. Audrey, you've been wonderful as an assistant and friend, and I am beyond thankful for you! Jessica, your drive inspires me and I can't wait to see what our lives have in store for us. And Mrs. Fischer, the best teacher and friend I could ever ask for, you've helped me in so many ways, and I thank you so much for being the perfect role model all of these years. I'm am so sad to be leaving all of you, but I thank you for giving me such a memorable senior year. And remember guys, be a race car!



Carol Vasquez
Photography Editor

There are many words I could say about this year, but where to start...Photography, there's just so much more to it than anyone knows. Photos, art, love, peace, sadness. To me everyone looks at these things differently. Everyone has their own eye and their love for Photography. This year, I have to say I've learned to step up and become a leader. I took on much more then I expected. Picking up others' slack, being frustrated, having the teacher and everyone around you frustrated, and not having the same passion for photography. All at the same time, I've enjoyed every day of being in this class. Being able to learn more and to teach others what I know about photography. Being able to see others art work and to see how they see the world through their eyes. Being able to share what I think and what they think about my work. Overall, I've loved being in this class. It has truly inspired me for my future.

THINGS CHANGE.

The world changes so fast it is impossible to keep up. Everything is different from how it was a year ago.

Fashion has evolved. Sperry shoes have replaced Converse. Feather hair extensions have come and gone. Silly bands and fitted hats no longer rule the trends. Halo no longer monopolizes our time. Justin Beiber is an adult now. Whitney Houston and Steve Jobs are no longer with us.

Facebook and Twitter have become the primary sources of information and social consciousness. Nations have revolted by tweeting. Kony 2012 caused a big stir, then a backlash. Have things changed in Uganda?

We've learned new skills, like cooking, how to use InDesign, woodworking, the golden ratio, and how to use a MacBook. Testing, voting, postage--all online now. Teachers are changing the way they teach. Web postings have replaced handouts, and online quizzes have erased the need for notebook paper.

Our legs have gotten stronger from climbing the stairs day after day. Not to mention walking all that way from the parking lot to the building in the mud or wind or burning sun.

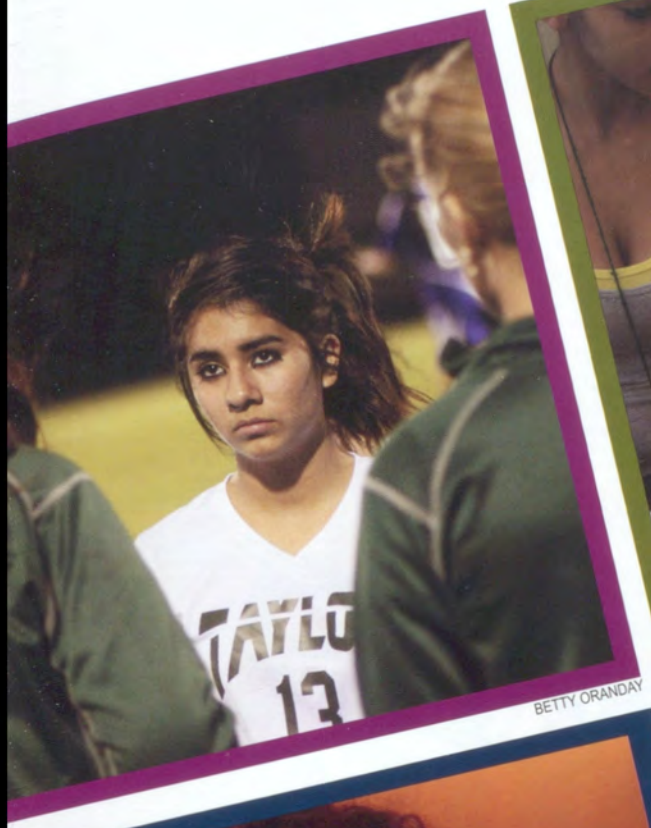
We have travelled. We've seen the world outside of Taylor, and it's changed us. We've made new friends, and they've changed us too.

We had a bomb threat, and responded with increased security in the form of metal detectors and police officers. Mr. Brown became even more inflexible about ID badges.

We have grown. We're taller, more mature, wiser. We have survived illnesses, heartbreaks, failures, and losses. People have moved on--teachers, coaches, friends. Many of us will move beyond these doors in May and never come back. We will take what we've learned and use it the best we can. None of us are the same today as we were yesterday.

We may as well look forward to the coming changes with a positive attitude. There is no holding back, no rewind, no pause. May as well get ready--because things change.





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Little Advice Alex Garcia (11) takes a break from the soccer field to talk to Coach Ballderama. "The coaches are really great; they understand us and in return we listen," Garcia said. **Pulse Check** Marissa Guzman (12) checks the blood pressure of another student at the elective fair. "It's fun being able to do what a real nurse actually does," Guzman said. **Competition Time** Savannah Wright-Evans (12) participates in an Odyssey of the Mind competition. "I felt like a spilled bottle of nail polish, which is what I was, but it was still odd." Wright-Evans said. **Make-up Artist** Noah Kopit (12) touches up his face before starring in the school play, *John Lennon and Me*. "The play went well even though the performance was cut a bit short." Kopit said.


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