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Memories in the Making







The Heat

Seniors Suzanne Segal, Emily Laderman, and Abby Kushner take a minute out from sunbathing to strike a pose for the camera.

Say cheese! These juniors take a picture to remember their funfilled summer at LBI.

> Seniors Efrat Magdieli, Suzanne Vierno, Lori Barer, Heather Post, and Shari Gersch get splashed as they prepare to go white water rafting down the river.

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The beach. The sun. A nice tan. The summer is, for some of us, the best part of the year. You get to sleep until noon, then relax with your friends all day. Curfews are late, and wandering into the house at three in the morning isn't unusual. People choose to do many different things to occupy their time. Some people go to camp for anywhere between one to eight weeks. Other people travel to places such as Israel, Spain, and England. The majority of Westfield High School students get summer jobs. The Gap, Sam Goody, and Häagen Daz are just some of the places that are swamped with applications. The summer is also a great time to spend money. Concerts come around every week, and summer sales are almost daily. The summer is a great time of the year. People can dream about it when they're stuck in a snow storm, and always remember the great times they've experienced.

These friends end the summer with an ever-so-rugged back-packing trip.

Sisters Laura and Jen Osborne spend the summer in España.

Daily

Brrrriiinnnggg!!! It's 6:00 in the morning. You're about to roll over and go back to sleep when you realize that you have to get to school in an hour, and you have absolutely nothing to wear!

Does this story sound familiar? Have you ever awakened to discover that your closet is filled with absolutely nothing? Have you ever thought you'd have a nervous breakdown because your wardrobe consists of nothing but your older sister's T-shirts and your father's golf pants?

Walking down the halls of Westfield High School, you can see that there isn't just one kind of fashion style. The range goes from prep to punk to grunge, and WHS has it all! What might seem odd and abnormal to some, may seem totally hip to others. So, next time you wake up and nothing seems to look good, try inventing an outfit. Then, strut your stuff down the hallways of WHS.

> All dressed up with no place to go? No way, these guys are ready for a night out.



Disguises

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This group of underclassmen demonstrates their unique fashion sense.

> These guys are ready for any occasion. It's the dress-up, dressdown look modeled by Rob Jessup.

This junior models the latest in the fashion world.

Night



Fever



Who will you go with? Will anyone ask you? What will you wear? How will you style your hair? These and many others are common questions and worries that run through the minds of many hopeful "prom goers."

On May 19, the junior and senior classes of WHS arrived at the Woodbridge Sheraton prepared for an evening of excitement and fun, the 1995 prom.

On the big night, most girls begin the festivities with a visit to the beauty parlor right after the school day ends. All the girls go in with hopes that they will not come out with the same hair style as every other girl. After the hair is done, it's time to get the nails manicured. You must always be careful not to chip a nail before you arrive at the prom. Once this is all done, it is time to go home, put on your make-up, get dressed and wait anxiously for the time when your date will arrive to pick you up (I'm sure he's anxious too!). Party hard!

Lauren Cafaro and Rich Uniacke look smashing as they head out the door.

Kasey Johnson and Shari Gersch play Ginger Rogers for the night.

Let's Go

The courtyard is filled with tables, patiently awaiting the arrival of WHS students. Papers and pamphlets are piled high everywhere, while there is a slight murmur among the representatives of each table. Suddenly the bell rings, and almost instantly the small enclosed area is filled with the bustling of busy and excited students ready and willing to join as many clubs as possible. The once empty sign-up sheets become filled with names and homeroom numbers, and the piles of pamphlets, filled with information and past activities, are now much smaller.

The bustling enthusiasm of the students continues on throughout the middle part of the day, and with each passing hour, the excitement increases. Finally, the bell to end seventh period is sounded, and the only remains of Club Day are seen by the ripped table signs and scattering of papers.

Monique Payne eagerly awaits future members to sign up for the Awareness Club.



"Hip, Hip, Hooray, it's Club Day!" cheer Nick Stefiuk and Annie Ruvolo.

Clubbing



That Blue



Devil Spirit

It's 1:45 on a Friday afternoon. The bell rings after an abbreviated day, but where will the students go? No, not home, silly! They'll go to Westfield High School's favorite event, the Pep Rally! It starts off with a dance by WHS's Color Guard. They wave their flags and march to the beat of the school's band. Now it's time for the bellowing voice of the Student Council President as he introduces the captains of the sport teams. With the roar of the crowd, each team will come up to the podium to introduce their teammates. The excitement gets really hot when the team gives a demonstration of what they can do. "Oooh! Aaah," says the audience in amazement. The Student Council also conducts contests of their own with participation of the students. At the end of the show, it seems as though all students leave with smiles on their faces.

Absolute Soccer. A WHS varsity girls' soccer player enlivens the spirited crowd as a soccer mascot to gain support.

With an exciting Fall season ahead, the girl's X-country track team captains get the crowd psyched.

Working

Many Westfield High School students work after school. You may find them at the Leader Store, the Gap, Geigers, Brummers, or Nirvana. Sometimes, if you know someone who works they may give you a discount! Many students work to make money to buy cars, pay college tuition, or just to have some spending money. Everyone seems to work at different times. They may work at night, during the summer, on the weekend, or after school. Some students are cashiers, salespersons, or stock persons. They must find a way to find time between their work, school, or social schedules. Most students manage to keep their grades up with all these responsibilities. In the end, the daily challenges of the work place are worth it when you get that paycheck.

> Vanna White has nothing on this hard working student. Here she directs a customer to the newest line of Asics clothing on The Leader Store Floor.



With smiling stock clerks like this WHS student, it is no wonder The Leader Store has been a success for years!

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The Music Staff has always benefited from work and patronage of WHS music lovers. May the relationship continue.

> Other stores may come and go in Westfield, but The Leader Store remains a familiar fixture on East Broad Street.

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Stuffed bears applaud Rich Andrews' effects to create a sidewalk that is just right ... not too dirty and not too clean.

I'll Be There



For You

When you were little, your best friend was the person who wore the coolest clothes or had the best after school snack. However, as you grew older and your friends changed, qualifications for friends changed too. Now a friend is someone who shares a common interest or someone who you can talk to any time. When you're feeling down or just need to laugh, a friend will always be there for you.

In high school, many people meet best friends which they will keep for life. These are the people who will always be there when you are having a bad day and you need someone to talk to. They'll support you when you're trying to reach your goals, and are always up for a laugh.

Most of all, a friend is a person who loves and cares for you no matter who you are or what you do. A friend should always be willing to say "I'll be there for you."

Male Bonding! Eight WHS men catch up on football and the day's events in the court yard.

Hey, what's up? Just hanging in the court yard, three sophomore friends enjoy their free period.

TGIF!

It's 2:45 on Friday; the weekend has officially begun. Oh no! You better call your friends quickly to find out what their plans will be for the weekend before they go out, and you are stuck at home playing cards with your parents. Gee, that sounds like fun.

Just about every weekend in Westfield you can find kids do basically the same things. The weekends are full of parties, movies, and food galore. The most important part of the weekend is being able to sleep until all hours of the day and staying up until all hours of the night. The downside of the weekend is catching up on all the homework which you somehow forgot to do during the week.

All and all, although weekends may seem a little boring, when the bell rings at 2:45, on Friday, we all say "TGIF!"

On warm weekends, many WHS students head down to the shore.



Back to the Earth ... Erica Tricarico, Kathy Shafiee, Jen Livaudais, Kellie Goncalves, Xanda Martins, and Karen McGuire attend this year's Rusted Root concert.







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Nice glasses, Mr. Scafaria ... and by the way, what shampoo do you use for that voluminous hair?

Flashback

From bell bottoms, to plaid suits, to thick rimmed glasses, the teachers at Westfield High School have lived through it all. Those were the days when our devoted teachers were actually in style? It's funny how our teachers have altered their style in the past decade, or in some cases, decades. Also, to think that teachers could chill like the rest of us is just a little strange. You have to wonder, that in decades to come, whether high school students in their new-age-spandex outfits will laugh at us too.

Mr. Pastir knows that pocket protectors are always in style.

Dig those sideburns!

Doing

A community servant, cleaner of parks, counselor, or a peer leader. These are just a few of the titles given to those who donate their time to the community. They help, comfort, and support others in need as well as clean up the town. At first it may be an activity done to look good on a college application, but as students volunteer their time, their views change. Volunteering becomes more than just an obligation. It becomes an activity to which people go not only to help others, but also to have fun doing it. There are many things you can do. For instance, you can change a negative person's attitude, teach a handicapped child to play ball, counsel at local religious centers, or even talk to an elderly person in a home. Regardless of the job, the benefits last a lifetime. Nothing seems to be more rewarding than a heart-felt smile from someone you have just helped.

> Senior Christine Swenson founded the 'Special Spirt' squad for girls with Downs Syndrome.



These seniors hiked a 10K to raise money for AIDS research.

Our Part



Stephanie Sasso and Suzanne Segal donate their time at Bill Bradley's office in Newark.





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On My Way

At the culmination of a public school career, graduation awaits. This is an exciting time for the seniors of Westfield High School. Soon, they will leave family and friends behind to start a new life at college or elsewhere. There will be new friends to be met, and new experiences to be had. It is an exciting time for all concerned. As the anxious students fidget in their seats as Dr. Petix makes his encouraging speech, nostalgic parents remember when their children were young kindergarteners, frightened to enter the classroom alone. Teachers remember their students fondly, (and others not so fondly), and occasionally, a tear drop or two will fall as the teachers feel an overwhelming sense of pride for the accomplishments of their students. Finally, the moment when the students receive their diplomas arrives. Each student takes the diploma in his hand and remembers the past twelve years of sacrifice ... which are all worth it. After all, in a few hours, the Bash begins!

These teachers fondly recall the accomplishments of their former students, and are hopeful for the future.

Graduation is a momentous occasion in every student's life. The class of 1995 awaits the handing out of the diplomas.



Flashback II



Vroooomm, Vroooomm, check out this biker. Could it be Mr. Hansel?



"Hey man, don't call me, uptight, my name is James, James Drummond."

Who's this happenin' babe? It's Ms. Nolde!

Amy Valentine and Magaly Roig sit at their lab table discussing their physics lab.

















These two seniors nervously await for the return of their tests.

The Final Stretch

In the final September of a student's career, the senior enters school with a dose of senioritis. However, after a few short days of school, the dreams of senior year turn into a nightmare. Homework assignments begin to pile up and application deadlines loom dangerously close. After all, in order for one to be liberated from the Westfield existence, you must get into college first.

Eventually, the course load will lighten and the college applications will be completed. Then, once the college application process has been conquered, the senior is finally able to relax. A social life can be reestablished. Promises of the senior prom, the banquet, the Bash, and o f

Adam Borchin looks through the bookcase searching for a book, which doesn't seem to be in these course graduation breathe new life into seniors. Finally, school can be put on the back burner for a while, and seniors can sit back and relax and enjoy the time.

While seniors can look forward to all the new times to come, this is also time to look back on the moments shared with friends, the victories achieved, and the times that seniors will never forget. Students' time at Westfield High School, will always be remembered.



James Abels



Todd Adamek



April Ambrose



Matthew Ambrosia



Jorge Amorim



Adam Andreski



Irina Avram

TO YOUTH I HAVE BUT THREE WORDS OF COUNCIL: WORK, WORK, WORK!! — Otto V. Bismark



Rashan Ballard



Raymond Barbiere


Joseph Barbini



Lori Barer

Be to everyone, in a sense, a mother. Give to others unconditionally; expect nothing in return. By so doing, you will receive from life a thousandfold. — J. Donald Walters



Milisha Barnett



Michael Barone



Jason Baum



Sara Becker



Marcy Beller

But it is all still there in my heart ... notice the clouds spontaneously forming patterns and try to do that with your life.



Nicholas Benner



Chakeia Bennett



Lee Bennett



David Berse



Terrell Bethea



Melissa Betkowski



Neelan Bhandari



Karin Bizzarro



Kelli Bodayla

Soon the doors will open and the world will be exposed to you. Never forget where you came from but enjoy exploring what lies ahead.



Andrew Boie



Adam Borchin

We can become possessed by those things we do not possess, or be grateful for the true blessings already received — Steve Frieovid, Snapple X-C



Paul Boudreau



Shane Boulos The chief enemy of creativity is "good taste." — Pablo Picasso

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Peter Boutsikakis



Being able to play the violin has been important in many ways. I am able to play an instrument that is generalized as a difficult instrument to play. I am able to play compositions that have come from great composers such as Amadeus Mozart, Sebastian Bach, Brahms, Dvorak, Bruch, and others. I am part of an art that requires self-control, expression, talent, and dedication. I think one of my greatest achievements is being able to play a variety of music written by popular, and notso-popular composers. Their music is both challenging and difficult. I most admire soloist violinists. They practice countless hours to perfect several lines of music and translates those lines to set a mood as well as to express themselves according to the music. One such individual is Tomaso Albinoni. He is both a composer and a violinist.



Tamar Bowles

TO MOM AND DAD, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. TO ALL MY PEOPLE, KEEP YOUR HEAD UP. TO CRYSTAL AND NATE, GOOD LOOKIN OUT



Stephanie Brendel

Nine Planets Round the Sun Only one does the sun embrace Upon this watered one So much we take for granted LOVE YA MOM DAD — Dave Matthews



Vincent Brodo



Matthew Brotherton

A FLUTE WITHOUT ANY HOLES IS NOT A FLUTE BUT A DONUT WITHOUT A HOLE IS A DANISH — Caddyshack



Kevin Brown

Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.



Timothy Browne

I remember my youth and the feeling that won't return, the feeling that could last forever, outlast the sea the earth and all men. — Joseph Conrad "Youth"



Christopher Brownstein

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Top 10 Reasons for Being Late to School

- 10) I overslept.
- 9) The car blew up.
- 8) My belly button imploded.
- 7) I went to the wrong building.
- 6) My feet fell off.
- 5) Someone stole my clothes.
- 4) I fell down a sewer.
- 3) I got attacked by a pitbull.
- 2) Dr. Petix ran me over.
- 1) I just felt like it.



Deborah Buchsbaum

Your heart will point you in the direction of happiness, but your mind will get you there.



Kyle Buckhout

I SAW THINGS CLEARER ONCE YOU WERE IN MY REARVIEW MIRROR. NOW DROP THE LEACH AND GET OUT OF MY LUCKY FACE. — Eddie Vedder



Alexia Burnett



Jessica Burnham

To Mom, Don, Grandma, and Pop, thanx for all your support. To all my Gumbas, I love you. Lee, thanx for the memories. 4-25-95. Peace.



Stephanie Buldo

"Some Birds Aren't Meant To Be Caged, Their Feathers Are Just Too Bright. And When They Fly Away The Place You Live Is That Much More Drab And Empty That They're Gone, But Still The Part Of You That Knows It Was A Sin To Lock Them Up — Does Rejoice"



Crystal Burrell

Grandma and Mom, thanks for everything. Joy, George always love you. To all my friends, thanks for the memories. Tamar thanks for standing by me.



Lauren Cafaro



Allison Cambria

In this world, use a heart for a pair of wings. Why walk when you can fly? Love always, Ericka, Deirdre, Gina, Sean, and Alex.



Kelly Campbell



Lauren Candia



David Caprario



Kathryn Catenacci



Jenna Cerefice



Mark Cerefice



Perapon Chaibongsai The end's in sight, So I say goodbye, To all my friends, And pack my hopes, Because I know it's time to fly. — Led Zepplin



Scott Cherewich



Brian Ciemniecki



Kristin Cioffi



Lauren Clark

I remember thinking I'll go on forever only knowing I'll see you again. Thanks for everything Mom, Dad, Tracy, Meghan, Stefanie, R.J. I love you!



Megan Clarke



Jovan Clowers



Matthew Cognetti



Richard Cohen



Christopher Colvin The trick was to know that his true nature lived, as perfect as an unwritten number, everywhere at once across space and time.

- Richard Bach



Deirdre Cooney



Frank Coppa



Benjamin Corbin This goes out to all my friends, my cousin and the beach house. Just chillin all summer long. Wuz up Niki?



Adam Cowburn

Wise men make proverbs, but fools repeat them.



Zachary Cuca



Michael Cuenca



Stephen Cunningham



Jessica Czar



Asif Damji



Julie De Luccy

Mom and Tom, thanks for everything. To the rest of the "family": Jonathan, Colleen, Jason, Kyle, and Jeff, keep it real. Love ya'll always.



Kristina Del Grosso

Live in the present and make it so beautiful that it will be worth remembering. Thanks to my family and friends.



Matthew DeMasi



Dorothy Di Como



Jason Di Iorio

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Kenneth Diamond

Homer says to Lisa, "Just because I don't care doesn't mean I don't understand."



During the early stages of junior high, when we really started concentrating on writing both analytical and creative pieces, I first discovered my interest in writing. My high school English teachers encouraged me to pursue my interest. I realized I had a certain talent for writing through winning numerous essay and writing contests throughout high school, and upon becoming an editor for the school's literary magazine, Folio. My greatest achievement in this area has been being chosen as one of two students from the high school to compete for the National Council of Teachers of English Award, which is a very prestigious honor. Pursuing writing as a career would allow me to express my self in a way other than merely verbalizing my thoughts. It would also permit me to express, and at times even escape from the troubles and problems that I encounter daily. I do plan to major in English in college.



Anthony Didario



Jaison Dixon



Michael Dixon

I don't claim to be a preacher Not paid to be a teacher But I'm grown I try to be a leader to the bone ... — Public Enemy



Sean Dougherty

The sun is the same in a relative way, but you're older, shorter of breath, and one day closer to death. — D. Gilmour

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Timothy Dougherty



Anisa Dujnic



Alexander Escobar

All these places had their moments with lovers and friends I still recall. In my life I've loved them all. — John Lennon & Paul McCartney



Top Ten Reasons for Forgetting Homework

- 10) My goldfish ate it.
- 9) My baby brother spit up on it.
- 8) I thought it was optional.
- 6) The big bully in the bathroom took it.
- 5) The computer ate it.
- 4) I was afraid of learning.
- 3) The coach told me not to do it.
- 2) It's against my religion.
- 1) My parole officer wouldn't allow me to use sharp objects.



Jennifer Faulkner

"Anonymous was a woman." — Virginia Woolf. Thanks to my friends and family — I love you all!



Laura Faulkner



Lisa Feinberg



Jessica Flaherty



Kevin Flammer



Kara Fleming

Friends come in when the world goes out. Kerry (01/2 & #2), Liz (Stick-Up), Laurel (Beam-Rocker), Dawn (Dippy), Magaly (Sugar), Joe (U2) the best! Love You Guys!



Kerry Fleming

Everyone Understands a Smile. My Love Always Mom, Dad, Dobby, Shadow, Bret, Kara first always, Laurel Beamrocker, Joey Zucchini, Dawn Dips, Straightup Magaly, Liz KLKL IBUPROFEN!



Leonard Fliegel

I'm not a prophet or a stone age man — just a mortal with potential of superman. — David Bowie



Robert Fliegel



Shane Flood



Megan Foley



Elizabeth Fulmer



Erik Fulton



Diana Fusco A friend once told me, "If you love something, let it go. If it comes back, it was meant to be."



Philippe Gabriel THE TRUTH ALWAYS LIES SOME-WHERE IN BETWEEN.



Ramon Gadia



Joseph Gallagher



Sharon Gambino



Daniel Garry

Everybody Have Fun Tonight Everybody Have Fun Tonight Everybody Wang Chung Tonight Everybody Wang Chung Tonight Everybody Wang Chung — Wang Chung



Sean Gatesy Never gamble what you can't afford to lose. Team Eight Glen

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William Geddes



At two years old, I began to take dance lessons. At four years old, I would dance around my living room, listening to Broadway soundtracks, putting on shows for my family. My parents have always encouraged me to follow my dream to become an actress. In early October, my family and I saw Grease with Jon Secada as the lead. I was called up on the stage to dance, and was asked to take a bow with the cast. When I stood on that stage on which such amazing actors have stood and looked out at all of those people, I knew that that was where I wanted to be. So far, I have accomplished many things which have made me proud. Last year, I played the part of Adelaide in Guys and Dolls, and this year, I received the part of Golda in Fiddler on the Roof. Last year at Bucks County Playhouse Competition, we put on the play, Trojan Women. After our performance, the directors told me that it was nice to see an ensemble performer so devoted to the performance and awarded me with an Excellence in Acting award. That was truly amazing for me. The "pro" of becoming an actress would be that I would have a job that I would love, and I would get paid for it. The "con" of becoming an actress might be getting involved in the corruption which surrounds the profession. Regardless, I am definitely planning to double major in drama/musical theater, and possibly psychology, which has to do with helping others with their problems. That definitely is something that would give me great satisfaction.



Shari Gersch

A farewell is necessary before we can meet again, and meeting again, after moments or a lifetime is certain for those who are friends.



Elizabeth Giameo



Gregory Gilleece



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Kellie Goncalves



David Graffigna

So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it for the glory of God — I Corinthians 10:31



Kate Green



September of your senior year arrives, and you are finally forced to face the agonizing process of filling out college applications! Deciding which schools out of your top twenty-five choices to apply to, can be quite a tough decision. After all, with anything less than twenty choices, can you be guaranteed admission to at least one school? Oh, of course you can.

Each year, seniors experience doubts and have questions about the schools which may be right for them. Early decision or rolling admission applicants may discover their fate as early as October, while most of their peers will be clueless until March.

Condensing every extracurricular activity you have been involved in and every award you have won since 9th grade can be quite timeconsuming, as can writing the essays which the majority of schools require. In 500 words or less, you must reveal who you really are and how well you can express yourself. Overall, the process is nerve racking, but in the end there is a school for everyone.



Stephen Griffeth A, E, I, O, U!



Kristin Gruman

Don't accept that what's happening is just a case of other's suffering, or you'll find that you're joining in the turning away. — David Gilmour



David Grzesiak



Lara Haack

If you want, then start to laugh if you must, then start to cry. Be yourself don't hide just believe in destiny — Enigma



Jessica Harris

Rip away the tears. Drink a drink to happy years, and you may find a lifetime's passed you by. — Indigo Girls



Arthur Hausker



Julius Hausker



Douglas Henry



Kevin Hildebrandt

While Eeyore frets, and Piglet hesitates, and Rabbit calculates, and Owl pontificates, Pooh just is. — Benjamin Hatt You can make it if you try. — Sly Stallone



Lawrence Ho



Kevin Hoel



Dale Hoernlein

If I'd lived my life without you, my days would've been empty. Friends — can't forget memories, love y'all. Amanda — we'll take it day by day.



Megan Hogarth

"People who need people are the luckiest people in the world." Thanks for everything Mom, Dad, Ryan, and Taylor. — Barbra Streisand



La Tesha Holmes



Sean Horan

"Make freedom an epidemic. Let wild be the word written below your face, before they come and take you away." — Michael Napoliello



Hideo Hotta



Marisa Hrinewski "I watch your eyes across the room, and I see

how much they've changed from what I knew; things seem so different now." — The Devlins



Arthur Hu

"Alas! The fleeting years glide away." Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Jess for four great years. Nightclubs forever! Hu? — Horace



Yih Huang

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood... Make big plans; aim high in hope and work." (No not you. Price?) — Daniel H. Burnham



Jackie Humenik



Nicole Imperial

"Don't go where the path leads, rather go where there is no path and leave a trail." Mom and Dad, thanks for everything. — Anonymous



Brad Jankowski

"We must all get to appreciate the beauty of grey." To all my friends, good luck with love. — Live



Carlos Jaramillo



Kasey Johnsen



Jonathan Jones

"And you run and run to catch up with the sun, but it's sinking and racing around to come up behind you again." — Pink Floyd



Thomas Karyczak



Jennifer Kassakian



Sarah Katz



Kimberly Kelly

"The soul takes flight to the world that is invisible that there arriving she is sure of bliss and forever dwells in paradise." — Plato



Martin Kelly



Kathleen Kennedy



Jung Kim



Justin Kim



Se Il Kim



Christine Kinahan



Scott King

"In each of us lies the power to choose. What we want most to be, we are." — Anonymous



Jennifer Kinney

"Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans." Er: Green-witch, Friday Nights, Cowboy Krom, and then Some!! Love ya! — Unknown



Juri Kitazawa

Oh the quiet child awaits the day when she can break free the mold that clings like desperation ... Miss you Ms. Monteleone. Jen — thanks for everything.



Stephanie Kornicke



There are two weeks left of school. AP exams are over. The prom is history. You are into and ready to go to college. What's left to do? Party hardy, of course. And where can you do this? At the senior banquet. That's right. Each year all three hundred and some seniors are invited to Westfield High School's annual senior banquet. The banquet is an end of the school year/end of the school career celebration. Not only can you party, dance, and eat all night long, you can be the first to receive the ever-wonderful and spectacular yearbook.

The senior banquet is one of the last nights to be with your friends. There you can dance, laugh, sing, and cry together, not to mention capturing those memories on paper through yearbook signing. While at the banquet, take advantage of this last opportunity to be with your friends, remembering old memories and creating new ones.





Lauren Kossler

"Your time has come to shine. All your dreams are on their way. And if you need a friend, I'll be sailing right behind." — S + G



Michael Kotler



Dawn Kretkowski

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it." I love you Mom, Dad, and Kenny. Thanks for everything. — Psalm 118:24



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Abby Kushner

"Welcome to the picture show, watching your life, never know which way to go, it might not be right, so you better be strong." — Lenny Kravitz



Have you ever started a sentence as if you were in the middle of a conversation? Have you ever burst out laughing for no apparent reason? Have you ever heard something that made absolutely no sense but made sense at the same time? Well, here's a list of the most random quotes overheard at WHS in recent years.

- 10) Goats are charming
- 9) I am woman, hear me roar.
- 8) Munchkins come in boxes of 20, 45, and 60.
- 7) Would you like fries with that?
- 6) Can I borrow a pocket protector?
- 5) What type of noise does an ostrich make?
- 4) How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?
- 3) Caution, I can flip out at any moment.
- 2) Is your name Bob? It could be, and your parents could have been lying to you all your life.
- 1) Have a pleasant and rewarding day.



Emily Laderman

"The happiest people seem to be those who have no particular cause for being happy except that they are so." — W.R. Inge



Shai Lalush

It's been a long four years, but I finally made it. Thanks to my parents, Mrs. Margolis, Mrs. Besch, and Mrs. Hine for being there.



Mary Jane Langton



Alisha Lardieri

Tell me a story guys! Thanks Jackie, Donna, Nicky for everything. Love Ya's! King Dorothy! Thankx Mom, I love you. Baby, we'll be together forever!



Brendan Lechner



Dennis Leedy



Jared Lichtenthal



Julia Lim



Lisa Lim



Eric Linenberg



Deborah Lintz



Jennifer Livaudais



John Loconsolo A sense of humor is all you need to get by.



Christian Long

"You have the freedom to be yourself, your true self, and nothing can stand in your way ... Everything that limits us must be put aside." — Richard Bach



Michelle Lorenc

Julie, Best Friends Forever! Hook me up chick! THE BEAST! To all my other friends, Thanx, I love ya! Sweetie, I'm lost in your eyes!



Amanda Love

"To achieve great things, we must live as though we were never going to die." Altitude! Thanks Mich and Roge! — Vauvenarguea



Cristin Luck



Anne Lutkenhouse "You're never fully dressed without a smile." — Martin Charnin



Michelle Lyons

A butcher is 6 ft. tall, he has a 38 in. waist, and wears a size 10 shoe. What does he weigh? Think about it.



Walter MacIndoe



Efrat Magdieli "Dream as if you were to live forever, live as if you were to die tomorrow." — James Dean



Gary Mahmoud

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs ... than to ... live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat." — Theodore Roosevelt



Sandra Malak



George Malgeri No more worries, it's not so tough, be strong and free, and in time you'll see. Magic is better than Jordan.



Sean Manahan



Sara Mankoski



Elizabeth Manning



Gretchen Mansfield



Ethan Marsh



Alexandra Martins

Can't think of anything deep and meaningful, so just good luck to our class, and come back full of stories and gossip. I'm outtie.



William Maslovsky



Shana Massachi

"The future is here, we are it, we are on our own." — B. Weir. "Happiness sneaks in through a door you didn't know you had left open." — J. Barrymore



Carrie Masteller



Jennifer Masterson



Thomas Masterson



Gregory May



Jordan McClelland

"At times I wondered if I had not come a long way to find that what I really sought was something I had left behind." — Unknown



Lauren McMillan



Andrew McCabe



Jamie McCoy



Jennifer McCullam



Liam McDermott Wasn't looking too good, but I was feeling real well.



Karen McGuire



Kathleen McKeever "Nothing lasts forever, not the mountains or the sea, but the times we've shared together,

they will always be with me." - Unknown



Rachel McKenzie



Shaun McNamara

"Tough times never last, but tough people do." — F.E.D. '95



Patricia Michaels



Terry Milanette



Angela Miller

"You can break free...let your pink ballerina slippers spiral you through bubbles up and away from the glass floor." — a friend



Rebecca Minarik

You have to forget about what other people say. You have to go on and be crazy. Craziness is like heaven. — Hendrix



Justine Moncrief

"Always look to the positive, and never lose your head, for the waters will engulf us if we do not dare to tread." — De La Soul



Michael Mottley



Scott Mueller



Jenna Mulford

"Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid of standing still." — Chinese Proverb. Love in faith to Mom, Dad, Russell, Lauren, and Paul.



Kiera Mullaney



Brian Murphy Smiling's just a phase, and nothing can phase me. — Alan Robert

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Lee Musler



Have you ever noticed that as soon as a person gets a driver's license in their hands, their driving becomes very scary? For months, you had to drive with your parents. You know what that means, "You're driving too fast" or "turn now," they would shout as you drive past a turn going 25 mph.

As soon as you are allowed to go driving on your own, some demon soul seems to take over your body. Other cars slow down or even turn to the side of the road so you can pass them. You can't understand why.

Is it because you've got the window rolled down, not because it's too hot, but so you can spit Chicklets out the window at other cars? Is it because when you're stuck behind a slow car on Rahway Avenue and instead of waiting until it turns off, you decide that it would be a good idea to pass it on the left. Who cares if there are cars coming from the other direction? You're just trying to have some fun driving!



Karen Nemsak

"Gone are the days we stopped to decide where we should go, we just ride. Gone are the broken eyes we saw through in dreams." — "Crazy Fingers"



Christine Nicholson



Shane O'Boyle

Maybe someday our words will be heard by the future generations riding on the highways that we built. I hope they have a better understanding. — Mellencamp



Morna O'Keefe

All the years combine, they melt into a dream — Jerry, Anne, Jill and Lisa — Not fade away. Mom, Dad, Kevin, and Aideen — Thank you!



David Osborn



Jennifer Osborne



Laural Osterhus



Patricia Padua



Gloria Pafumi

Let me tell you the secret that has led me to my goal. My strength lies solely in my tenacity. — Louis Pasteur



Kevin Page



Bruno Parente



Christopher Park



Bruce Patterson



Frederick Payne



Monique Payne

I'm finally out! To Mom, Dad, and family — Thanx for being there. I love all of you. To Tanya, Tesha, and Colleen — I'll miss y'all.



Amy Pecina

There's nothing we can't get through as long as we both hold on to the hand of God and each other love and learn. — Steven Curtis Chapman



Frank Pepe



Francesco Perez



Renato Pezzia



Valerie Pianko

Most things in life change. We must keep some the same! Friends Forever! Sara, we have so many memories never to forget! Too Many!



Colleen Pierce

To Mom, Dad, and family, Thanks for everything. Aunt Joanne, thanks for all your help. Jonathon, Tricia, Tesha, Monique, Tasha, Tanya, Julie, Love ya "96."



Cory Posey

We must dare to think unthinkable thoughts. James William Fulbright. Do not turn back when you are just at the goal. Publilius Syrus.



Heather Post

Silences make the real conversations between friends. Not the saying, but the never needing to say, is what counts. – Runbeck



Leigh Pravda



Brendon Pretlow

S a S S 0 a n d S e gaa 1: F u t u r e P 0 1 t c i a n S



There are so many ways to earn credit for school besides a classroom. Westfield High School lets its students earn credits by gaining experience in the workplace. When students take AP Government, they can earn extra credits by taking part in this opportunity every year. Suzanne Segal and Stephanie Sasso are two such students. Two days a week the seniors travel into Newark to work at Senator Bill Bradley's office. While they are there they answer phones, organize files, and sort through the mail. While it may seem to be mindless work, the two say it is actually very rewarding. They can learn the workings of American government. Stephanie says, "I've gotten an inside view of how political offices are run, and I have a better understanding of the communications between constituents and their politicians." Who knows, these two political interns might be your future political leaders.



Brendan Quirk

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away. — Henry David Thoreau



David Rachlin



Elizabeth Ramsundar



Harley Reinhardt



Megan Renart

Here — All too soon the day. Wish the moon to fall and after our tomorrow, I should know, Heaven has her way, each given memories to own. — Enya



Austin Riley

Thanks to my friends and family. Hey Rowls, Res loops. "T'm running so fast my feet don't touch the ground." I'd rather be phishing.



Brian Riley The right answer is not always popular, and

the popular answer is not always right.



Michael Rodihan



Megan Rogers



Magaly Roig



Kelly Romine

I thank God everyday for the one who let go of my hand to watch me walk through the world and brushed off my knees when I fell — I love you, Mom.



Sarah Rood

We all had our reasons to be there. We all had a thing or two to learn. We all needed something to cling to, so we did.



Lauren Rosenblatt



Heather Rosener



Christopher Rudnicki



Casey Ryan

"Take hold of the people who you care about in life, the ones you love and the people who love you, and cling to them." — Father Hudson



Sima Sabag



Theodore Sananman



Douglas Sanford



Shaun Sangwin

"I am going to upset the whole world." — Cassius Clay



Stephanie Sasso

I had inferred from pictures that the world was real and, therefore paused, for who knows what will happen if we talk truth while climbing the stairs. — Rosmarie Waldrop



Sandeep Satwalekar



Santash Satwalekar



Lauren Saul



Jennifer Schader



Sean Schafer



Alex Schmidt



Christopher Schwarzenbek



Meghan Schwarzenbek

Find confidence within your heart and let it be your guide. Strive even harder toward your dreams, and they won't be denied. — Bruce B. Wilmer

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Suzanne Segal

A smile is a curve that sets a lot of people straight.



Dana De Semero



Kathy Shafiee



Unknown to most students, within the confines of Westfield High School exists a student of immense talent and dedication. Corey Posey, a senior at WHS, first discovered his unique ability to wrestle in the fourth grade as he stated, "I fell in love with the sport as soon as I began wrestling all year long at age nine." For Corey, the spark of inspiration to wrestle came upon watching the '88 Olympic Games, observing various U.S. wrestlers become Olympic champions. However, besides the added encouragement of family and friends, the true trigger of Corey's desire to wrestle came from watching Olympic diver Greg Luganus and the dedication he showed.

Today, Corey's greatest achievements have been being named as a high school All American five times and serving as an alternate on two occasions for the U.S. World Cadet Team ('88) and Espoir Team ('95). On the positive side, Corey believes discipline and selfcontrol have been the strongest benefits of the sport while undesired pressure from parents, friends, and even strangers has been the hardest factors to cope with. Finally, for the future, Corey plans to attend Michigan State on a scholarship and to continue wrestling for as long as possible. Best of luck Corey!



Ankoor Shah



Danielle Shaw

"The long strange trip's complete! Often times it happens, that we live our lives in chains, and we never even know we have the key." — The Eagles



Christina Sherman



Jeffrey Siegel

"The only rules comedy can tolerate are those of taste; and the only limitations are those of libel." — James Thurber



Joshua Sigal

""Yes," said Piglet, 'Rabbit has a brain.' There was a long silence. 'I suppose,' said Pooh, 'that that's why he never understands anything.' — A.A. Milne — The House at Pooh Corner



Blake Sonnek-Schmeltz



Ofer Steinberg

Nothing would ever get done if it wasn't for the last minute.



Martin Stith



Shannon Stone

Know what you want ... and don't settle for anything less.



Ryan Stotler

"It is curious — curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare." — Mark Twain



Kevin Sullivan

"Give a man a fish and feed him for a day. Teach a man how to fish and feed him for a lifetime."



Christine Swenson

Cherish today. Yesterday was but a dream. Tomorrow is a vision of hope. Look to this day to Find its meaning.



Jeremiah Tabor



Elijah Taylor

When I was a K i d · .,,



Among the many scattered memories that are cluttered in my mind from freshman year, there is one that I always remember with a special fondness. It was the second day of our infamous Geometry Honors class, and still a meager little "frosh" unaccustomed to the vastness of the seemingly endless tunnels of WHS, I was determined to find a few new friends with whom I could battle the anticipated harsh attacks of freshman year. That was the attitude I was resolute to maintain when Jen walked by my desk that day. I had seen her for the first time only yesterday, yet armed with confidence in my comrade making capabilities, I said in a loud, distinct voice, "Hi Jen." Smiling proudly at my brave accomplishment, I waited instinctively for the imminent reply. How shocked I was when all I felt was the cold breeze as Jen swished by my desk without so much as a glance. My ego bruised, I decided never to greet anyone again my entire life. Thankfully, some time later, after several, several explanations, I learned that Jen had not been intentionally ignoring me but rather had simply not heard me calling out to her. Since then, I am pleased to say that Jen has surprisingly enough become my closest friend in high school. But yes, I still do give her grief for our first brutal encounter during freshman year. Yet, because I have since realized that freshman year is a time full of mistakes and misunderstandings, secretly I have long forgiven her.


Ann Teitelbaum

"This has all been wonderful, but now I'm on my way. To all my friends thanks for the memories and the laughter." — Phish



Lisa Tobelmann



Kristen Toriello "Walk with your face toward the sun and the shadows will always fall behind you."



Erica Tricarico



Kevin Trzesniowski



Juno Turner "Set the gear shift for the high gear of your soul." — Phish



Richard Uniacke

"It's easy to jump off the merry-go-round. It's hard to stay on without getting dizzy." Little Treasures



Tomás Urbano

Judge not before you judge yourself ... so while you talk about me, someone else is judging you. — Robert Nesta Marley



Amy Valentine



Elizabeth Van Iperen

"Lady, when you lose your power to laugh, you lose your power to think straight." Mr. Kapner — thanks for the inspiration. To my friends, keep smiling! — Lawrence & Lee — Inherit the Wind



Justin Venneri

*"Perhaps, if I'm very lucky, the feeble efforts of my lifetime will someday be noticed, maybe, in some small way they'll be acknowledged." (smile!) — Jack Mandy



Laura Van Wyk



Christopher Vandenbrande



Lauren Vidovich

"Days up and down, they come. Forget most, remember some, but don't turn none away." — Cowboy Junkies



Suzanne Vierno And the song from the beginning to end I found in the heart of a friend.



Daniel Villalobos



Heather Vlach

Interstate 80, East 366. Crew reunion. Tengo miedo bonboncita. I will never forget you guys. Don't forget the Westfield Cinema memories. The summer crew forever.



Gianna Volini



Elizabeth Walsh



Adam Welland



Katherine Werley

"... in the most unlikely face, we discover ourselves and once we reach this point there need never again be the feeling that we are strangers." — Piero Ferrucci



Liam Wertheimer



Alena Widows

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Jane Wieting





Ericka Wilhelms

Thanks to my friends and family. "Everything can change in the blink of an eye, so let the good times roll before we say goodbye." — Mary Chapin-Carpenter



James Williams



Mark Woodard



Nicole Wygovsky



Courtney Yevich

Why put off till tomorrow what you could have somebody else do for you today.



Jana Zeljkovic



Jason Zeller

"Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile." Peace Yvette. I love you all. Keep on smiling. — F.P. Jones



Cynthia Zicker

Think big thoughts, but relish in small pleasures. Thank you Mom!! Jenny, memories — Green-wich, Walk-thru, Cowboy Krom, Fred. Best friends forever. Love ya!



Erin Zielenbach



Maria Zirger



Nathaniel Bogno













Unable to put his book down even in class, junior Mathew Scapicchio ponders the intriguing events of the story.





In a daze, junior Tom Spina contemplates a puzzling question.

Potential mathematicians? Six jumors take a break from problem solving to pose for the camera.

These juniors know the importance of maintaining a smile in stressful situations.

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Making one of her daily stops in between classes, junior Diana Richardo returns and collects the books she needs for the rest of the day.

Finally . . . Upperclassmen!

It's junior year, the year. Everyone has told you it will be hard, and you aren't quite sure what to expect. The first day of school comes, and everything seems to be going well. Ahh, this isn't so bad.

Then it comes, the heavy load. You get notices in the mail from Dr. Petix, each detailing a new test that you are required to take. Let's see ... there's the PSAT, HSPT, SAT, possibly SAT II, and if you're really lucky AP exams. Are these names of tests or alphabet soup?

Junior year is also the time when you have to do the dreaded junior research paper. A little ten to twenty page requirement EMENB of graduation that will absorb about two

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three months of your time.

Along with papers and tests, juniors also have the privilege of being upper classmen. They can now go out to lunch, and many can now drive to school. They are no longer looked down upon, and they start preparing for college.

Ultimately, junior year is tough. However, everyone survives it. And along with all the dirt and the grime, is the pleasure of saying that you have only one more year to go.

So keep your head together juniors; after all, if you can survive this, you can survive just about anything.



English class, a junior immerses herself in the world of her novel



Nicholas Alice



Kristy Armstrong



Christine Bartolomeo



Tiffany Aliche

Gregory Avena

Thomas Basta



Veronica Allen

Donald Bays



David Angelo



Vincent Barbato

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Virginia Blauvelt

Jesse Blumberg

Cont and

Puff It Out!

Ah . . . it's the end of fall, the air is cold, the leaves are all fallen, the school year is a quarter of the way through. It's Thanksgiving and it's time for Westfield High School's annual Homecoming.

This is a day of celebration starting when our annual homecoming King and Queen nominees get to ride in cars and wave to the people on the sidewalk. Also various clubs get to ride and walk in the parade, and show their school spirit.

After the parade, the crowd

goes over to the field house to bring back an old tradition, Powder Puff football. Here twenty-five senior girls are allowed to trample twenty-five junior girls and compete for the trophy. Tons of fun whether you win or lose.

Lastly, the day ends with the bonfire. Here the king and queen are announced and the cheerleaders show off their stuff. It's a time to reunite with fellow graduates of WHS, and to cheer for the football team.







Lisa Bornstein



Beth Bostdorff



Keith Boudreau



Creighton Brahm



Elizabeth Bredlau



Derek Broderick

Megan Brotherton



Lisa Brown



John Bruett



Anne Brummel



Elizabeth Bucciarelli



Sandra Buenavides



Erik Bugel



Kelly Burns



Maura Burstein



Alicia Caldwell



Graig Cameron



Kimberly Campbell



Christopher Camuto



Lakhia Carter



Luisa Capasso



John Castellano



Theresa Caprario



Michael Carducci



Sean Carroll



Julie Catanzaro



Kristin Chabala



Scott Chamberlin



Wandy Chang



Kimberly Charlesworth



Stephen Chiger



Amy Concepcion



Erica Chow



James Clark



Francesco Clavijo





Jason Current



James Daly



Hang Dang



Donald Curry



Lisa Dattner



Luis DaCosta



Kenneth Davidson



Kenneth Dalrymple



Lauren De Marco



78 Juniors













Elizabeth Cooke



Denise de Mello







Elizabeth Dederick



Nicole Desantis



Jonathan Digiovanni



Shannon Dodge

Matthew Elmuccio



Matthew Douglas



Michelle Erb



Tara Douglas

Rina Errazo



Kevin Dowling Jr.

Lydia Estevez



Jason Durr



Elizabeth Eyring

WHS Junior Olympian

Seventeen year old Tim Romano has been swimming since he was six months old. By the age of six, he was already competing. He says he enjoys swimming because it disciplines him, and because he enjoys competitions and traveling. Now, as a junior, he has accomplished a great deal in his sport. He has won the Junior Olympics and swam at the Nationals in the U.S. Open. There are many people he admires, but the one he admires most is Pablo Morales. He is the World Record holder in the 100 Fly. Tim feels the reason Pablo has been able to set these records is because he has been determined, and as a result he has been the best for a long time.







Johnnie Faggins



Erica Fox-Sherman



Janne Garrity



Allegra Fiore

Talia Frankel



Douglas Geller





Jesse Friedman

Didier Ghorbanzadeh



Melissa Fleming



Lauren Flynn

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Heather Gardner



Theodore Goss

Gregory Fry



Amy Gottko



My Motivation

Sarah Rubenstein is a prestigious and motivated flutist. She discovered she wanted to play the flute in second grade when she saw someone playing it in a school concert. She immediately thought to herself that that was what she wanted to do. "I've always loved to play on my own and in ensembles, so personal motivation is the main reason that pursued music. The few times I considered quitting, I realized what a gap there would be in my life without the flute." Her greatest achievement was being principle flutist

in the symphony orchestra and the symphonic band at the New England Music camp. She also won the WHS concerto competition. Sarah hopes to continue playing the flute throughout high school and college.





Bryan Graye



Matthew Greenlaw





Thomas Haas Jr.

Rebecca Hanscom





Ryan Harmer



Matthew Hammond



Andrea Grosso



Christopher Guerin



Van Hanos



Patrick Hanos

Craig Hein



Kathryn Heinkel





Michael Holzmiller





Saul Horowitz





Jennifer Hostettler



Bryan Houston



Catherine Hogan



Katherine Hryniewicki









Svetlana Iakoubovskaya



Pamela Johnston



Michelle Kashlak





Janelle Jenkins



Robert Jessup



Brian Joffe



Steven Kapuscinski





Mark Juelis

Jamie Katcher



Linda Jun



Jennifer Kemps

Jarett Kamins



Shauna Kenny



Joseph Khadaran



Susan Kozub



Brian Kievning



Laura Krevsky



Crystal Kim

Michael Krug





Sarah Lamont



Jeremy Korchak



Daniel Lampert







Keenan Lawton





Tiffany Lee



Samantha Legones



Julia Lehman



Mairen Lenehan

Eric Lester



Yan Li



Li-Juan Liu



Geoffrey Long



Lynnae Lowrey

Michelle Lubiak



Alena Lygate



Matthew Macaluso



Audra Majocha

At the Head of the Pack

As a freshman at Westfield High School, Suzy Kozub started her track career. Now just two years later, as a junior, Suzy is definitely making a name for herself. Not only is she one of the stars of both of our track and cross country teams, but she has broken school records, such as the ones in the 800 meter and the 1600 meter. These are her greatest achievements in track at WHS.

"The feeling that you have when you achieve a new personal best is better than any medal or trophy could ever offer. This is what makes track so important to her. And for role models or people she admires, well her teammates of course, for pushing each other to reach and exceed their goals.







Sandra Mammano



Vanessa Martinez



Julia McMillan



John Mann

Daniel Matro

Kelly McCloskey



Jay Manzo



Krista Matteo



Colin McGee



Daniel Maron

Marcus Mattielli

Lauren McGovern



Richard Martinelli



Adrienne Mazzarese



Joshua McMahon



The "Big C

So, you think you're doing pretty well in English. You read a couple of books, make a few collages — sure, it seems easy. WRONG! It's time for your junior paper. With your third year in high school you receive a lot of responsibilities and work. The last thing you want to do is a twenty page paper. Forget the mall; the library is the new hang out spot. Some teachers let you pick whatever topic you want, others narrow your choice field, but whatever it is, at the end of four months you become an expert. This paper becomes your life. If you don't pass, you don't leave in two years. Deadline after deadline, you pull all nighters just to prove to your teachers that you are actually doing your work. The last twenty-four hours are miserable, but when the day finally comes to hand this masterpiece in, you feel as if the world has been taken off your shoulders.





Robert Meyer



Amanda Miller



Jessica Miller



David Mokrauer





Lauren Montemurro



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Rasheem Moore



Shaun Morrison



Patrick Morrissey



Emi Narusawa



Lauren Newmark So



Sophie Ngeow



Alicia Nicoll



James Noblett



Cheryl Nowak



Margaret O'Connell



Matthew O'Connor



Patricia O'Donnell



Ryan Orzillo



Jennifer Oslislo



Jenny Pae



Wayne Pai



Amanda Palmer



Chris Panagos





Jason Pantoja

Gregory Paroff



Jonathan Pashko



Susan Pastir



Catherine Patt



Jacquelyn Peer



Aleksander Petersen



Robert Pelosi



Lauren Pepper



Daniel Pereira



Christina Perez



Molly Phelan



Ann Polak



Sarah Ponzio



Keisha Petterway

Rhea Powell







Jodie Putzer



Gerard Pregenzer



Lauren Ray



Brian Priestley



Heather Propper



Donna Putzer









Melissa Pezzia



Litanya Reavis



Natasha Reavis



Quinton Redding



Anthony Reggio



Jessie Reider



David Reif



Karina Reyes







Anthony Riccio



Diana Richards



Kimberlee Robinson



Danielle Rodman



Lindsay Rogers

Fisher Achieves His Goals

Derek Fisher is one of Westfield's best hockey players. He began playing at the age of six, and then, at the age of eight began playing competitively. Since childhood, Derek has always loved to play hockey. "My parents always encouraged me to play sports, and once I realized how fun hockey was, I decided to continue pursuing my interest." His great achievement was being able to compete against teams from all over the world. Derek believes that it is an exciting sport, but it is also very stressful and dangerous.

This will hopefully, in Derek's mind, help him in some way get into a good college.







Timothy Romano



Lauren Rudofsky



Jason Sanders



Meghan Rotella

Joseph Salerno

Donna Saunders



Katherine Rowan



Lisa Salmond



Matthew Scapicchio



Brian Rower



Deborah Salom



Cecily Schaefer



Baby Boom

them.

Congratulations! It's a girl. For a week you're the proud parent of a sack of flour. Every year the 11th grade health class has to transform a sack of flour into a baby. With a little work, you can become a parent for a week.

At first almost everybody is excited about the project, and they spend a lot of time making their baby. You drag out old doll clothes, paint a face, and glue on some hair. And when it's all done you have a beautiful and hopefully healthy flour baby. You arrive at school a proud parent and you are ready and willing to show off your child, to anyone that will listen.

After a while, you realize that five pounds was a lot more than you thought. And you find



There are several casualties among the babies every year. Many are killed viciously by evil teachers, and one was thrown from a second story window into the Chinese Garden. It was a tragedy. No matter how much you tire from the care of your bundle of joy, just remember it could be worse. You could have had triplets.



Sarah Rubenstein

Patricia Sandberg



Ulrike Schaefer



Robert Schultz



Trudy Schundler



Diana Schwebel



Elyssa Serrilli





Andrew Shannon



Elizabeth Shannon



Brian Shaver



Gregory Shea



Megan Sheehy



Joshua Silverstein



Abdallah Simaika



Casey Simms



Andrew Sobel





Nicholas Stefiuk

Dora Sugar



Ryan Stefiuk



Laura Sweeney



Richard Stillwell

William Sweeney



Edward Stoner



Christopher Tafelski



Andrew Stotler



Alex Taner





Stephen Taranto



Nicole Tarica





David Treut



Jeremi Thomson



John Triarsi





Scott Turek



Allison Totams

Brent Turlington



Kathryn Tracy

Robert Tyson









Tracy Van Court



Alonso Vargas



Scott Wearley





Daniel Wellner



Kari Vlach

Thomas Wengerter



Tiffany Vora



Ingrid Willemsen



Christopher Walk



Amy Williams











Andrea Williams



Andrew Williams



Kimberley Williams



Erik Willyard



Maria Woehr



Michael Wyatt

Darielle Wyckoff



Jason Yarusi



Kristen Zadourian



Donna Zambolla

Running the Distance

One of the most successful and prestigious of Westfield's runners is Matt Elmuccio. His interest in running began at his first race: The 1987 Bolder Boulder, in Colorado. Running was his motivator. It is what encouraged him to work harder at it. Matt's greatest achievement was being the anchor of the 1995 Distance Medley Championship of America team in a 1600 split of 4:11 at the Penn Relays. "Running is a part of me, so if there are any pros or cons, they follow me too," said Matt in response to the good

and bad side of running. He hopes to qualify for the Olympics in running.







dust the right touch. Sophomore David Citrin skillfully sculpts his clay into a potential master piece.

Soaking up the rays, sophomores Christine Giameo. Melissa Miller, and Jen O'Brian relax in the courtyard.

The essence of concentration. A sophomore carefully solves an intricate math problem.





92 Sophomores





Allison Faulkner takes a break in the courtyard.

Moving On Up

Sophomore year ... let's see. What can we say about sophomore year? Well, one thing's for sure. You're no longer a freshman. You're no longer the youngest, which means you are no longer picked on. You now know there is no pool on the third floor, rooms 300 to 304 are outside, and those nice seniors who sold you that elevator pass for \$7 weren't really nice. You also know that midterms and finals aren't really as hard as they are cracked up to be. However, as a sophomore, you assume more responsibility. You should know all the school rules by now, and teachers aren't as lenient when you are late to class. You have to be a good role model to those who are younger than you. In



addition there are many Sweet Sixteens during your sophomore year. This is an important event for young men and women. Students and 100 of their closest friends will party until their feet fall off. It's loads of fun and something to remember from your sophomore year.

Another event in the sophomore year is getting your learner's permit. Although you can't drive without an adult in the car, it's still a lot of fun to drive around. After all, you can always pretend you're an experienced driver. Although your sophomore year isn't jam packed with lots of things to do, it still has a couple of neat things.

Inhale, exhale! Four sophomores work quadraceps in Intro. to Fitness class.



Stephen Abeles



Holly Ambrose



Monique Atkins



Dexter Adams



Ryan Allman



David Alspector



Anisha Ambardar



Mie Asakawa



Kaara Anspach



Daniel Aquila

Michael Baly



Kelly Armstrong



Michael Bartolomeo



Robert Baykowski



Randall Blanding



Anthony Attanasio

William Bogatko



Abigail Bercovicz

Christine Bonavita



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Edward Bartolomeo



Andrew Borchin



Jennifer Bianchi



Melinda Borne







Kelly Boulos



Catherine Brahm



Douglas Brandely



Megan Brenan



Jessica Brewster



Scott Bridgeman



Daniel Brown





Gordon Brown

Karen Cancellieri



Laura Brucia



Erika Capone



Christopher Burger

Justin Burgess

Andrew Cambria

The Forgotten Year

It's your second year of high school and you're psyched. For what may I ask? You are no longer the baby of the school but you don't get those extra privileges which the freshmen have. You are also not an upperclassman which means no open lunch or parking in the lot. In fact, you won't get your licenses for at least another year, and the only driving you will be doing will be with your parents. Wow, that's cool, cruising around with Mommy in shot gun. You also don't get to take any important tests, except for the practice PSAT's (Come on, practice for the practice? Give me a break) or the practice

HSPT's (While you take them, everyone else gets to sleep late.) However, being a sophomore does have a few advantages. Hmmm, let me think. Well, you don't have to write any major papers, although you do have to look forward to the junior research paper next year. You don't have to worry about high car insurance rates, and then again you can't drive. You don't have to be on only freshman sports teams, but then again you can be cut from the team. But the best thing about being a sophomore is that everyone lives through it, and you are one day closer to graduating.





Marcy Carroll



Kelly Carter



Lauren Castaldo



Nina Castells



Ann Cavanagh



Sarah Chance



Adam Chrone



Erica Chanley



Stacy Charmatz



Sung Choi



Christina Chororos



Brian Cioffi



David Citrin



Megan Clarke



Timothy Clarke



Jessica Coleman



Patricia Chumpitaz

Nicole Clement

Matthew Coltrera



Meghan Corbett







Jason Corcoran





Adam Cohen



Sean Corno







Yael Coty



Elizabeth Cozzolina







Scott Cutro



Jamie Darcy



Heather Dattner

tt i A

Jeffrey Davidson

• Lauren Davino



Carmen De Souza



Americo De Stefanis



Celebrate!

A sixteenth birthday is one of the most cherished in a lifetime. There is something magical that goes along with that year. For some, it is celebrated with a simple movie. Others choose to go out with friends. But for many, they don't let that special day slip by without notice. These are the girls that throw the party of a lifetime. A Sweet Sixteen is one of the most dreamed of experiences for little girls. The thought of buying a dress, getting your hair done, and inviting all your friends, not

to mention receiving gifts, is irresistible. After months of planning, and weeks of anticipation, the day finally arrives. After completing the deckingout process, it's time to go to the reception hall. One by one, your guests begin to arrive. Everyone looks their best and the music starts to play. Time seems to fly by as you dance the night away. Finally, the party comes to an end, and you dance to that one last song with the guy of your dreams.



Brian Degutis



Kristin Del Duca



Jocelyn Demers



Stephen Dennis



Megan Devitt



Jonathan Di Iorio





Michelle Difiore

Dylan Dupre



Margaret Diggory



Jennifer Early



Colleen Donovan



Matthew Eberts



Sam Edge



Dupre Kicks Some Booty!

One of our school's up-andcoming soccer players is Dylan Dupre. Although only a sophomore, Dylan is one of the soccer team's most valuable players.

Dylan has been playing soccer since he was five years old. Obviously, all the hard work has paid off as he was rewarded recently. He was honored for being chosen a member of the U-16 US National Team. He considers this his greatest achievement.

He considers Diego Maradona to be his "hero" in the world of soccer. He says that it is because he plays the game so smoothly. "He is by far, the best soccer player ever," states Dupre.

Dupre says that soccer is important to him because it, "combines all the qualities an athlete needs into one sport. When I play soccer everything else in the world goes away. That's a great feeling."





Katherine Egan



Debra Ehrlich



Lydia Esrig



Christian Fagin



Allison Faulkner



Lisa Feldman



Robyn Feldman



Christine Fiore



Nicholas Forystek



Gregory Freisen



Nicholas Friedman



Claude Fusco



Michael Galata



Brian Garrison



Heather Garrison



Bryan Gates



David Geissler



Christine Giameo



Benjamin Gleason





Lauren Gruman



Grant Gordon



Gregory Gorski



Jennifer Green



Adam Gross





Rebecca Hamilton



Matthew Hanas







Carl Harrigfeld



Jacob Harrigfeld



Maureen Harrington





Darnell Harrison

Loise Harry



Brendan Hickey



Henry Helfman

Kathryn Hintze

Meghan Hely



Andre Hibbert

Headed for the Big Time

Charlie Irwin is one of the sophomore class' most recognized performers. He has performed in several of the school plays, but that is not his greatest accomplishment. He feels that his greatest achievement was performing at the Garden State Art Center.

Charlie has been singing and acting since he was nine years old, and the years of practice have paid off. His greatest inspiration is his sister Amanda; she graduated in 1994. Charlie says that Amanda got him started in the theater. She is a constant source of support in his ambitions.

When asked why acting is so important to him he said, "My life revolves around the theater, it is my passion." Charlie is sure to become a great success in his life, but whatever he does, we all can say we knew him when.





Christina Ho



Michael Hrinewski



Matthew Hughes



Jessica Humphreys



Sabrina Hyman



Charles Irwin



Sarah Jacobs



Ryan Jeffries



Ricky Jurgens



Haesoo Kang



Jordan Kaplan







Megan Karpa



Melissa Karpa



Steven Kassakian



Nitzan Katz

David Kim







Amy Kiniery



Jeffrey Kivetz



Adam Kendler





Eun Sang Ko

x



Michael Knaus





Erik Kolb



Cynthia Koons



Kelly Korecky



Mary Korfmacher

Jason Krieger



Margaret Kostro





Coleman Lechner





Dean Koutras

Jennifer Ladenheim







Peter Lau



Corinne Liebrich



Janice Lorenc



Sarah Lechner



Ji Yoon Lim



Cheryl Logan







Jason Lonseth











Erik Larson



James Loughrey



Pamela Lygate



Kristen Mack



Kristen Malgeri



Genevieve Manion



Seth Mankoski



Scott Mann

.



James Manning

Kevin Mansfield



Tracy Masino



Helen Mastrangelo



Mark Matthews



Rebecca McCarthy



David McCabe



Matthew McCool









Robert McCullam



James McKenna



Daniel Megaro



Nishant Mehta



Geoffrey Metzger



Michelle Meyn

Jonathan Morris



Melissa Miller

Laura Mottley



Kenneth Mitchell



Daniel Mullaney



Michelle Molinaro



Sarah Mullen



Brooke Molloy



Thomas Murch



Outstanding Achievements By Sophomores in History

One sophomore, as he completed his second semester in chemistry, decided that for his final project he would in fact make a new flavor of Gatorade. He took his favorite food and his favorite drink punch and created the flavor Pizza Punch. Although the Gatorade company enjoyed the product, the general public was not as thrilled, and this product did not take off.

Another 15 year old decided to make her contribution to the world by inventing a new design to the Chia Pet. She wanted something that was not only fun to do but was useful as well. She invented the Chia Phone. Unfortunately, the product had to be recalled because people started to grow grass in their ears.

Lastly, another historic moment in sophomore history was when a sophomore English class decided to take over the school. After receiving too much homework, they became crazy and took their teacher and principal hostage. Fortunately, they did not get very far in their protest and they were all sent to detention.


Michelle Muserlian





Robert Myers



Shannen Nanné



Shelby Neiss

Kathryn Nowicki



Courtney Nemec



Victoria Nusse



Erica Nielsen

Jennifer O'Brien



Genghis Niver



Courtney Norton



Thomas Olsen



Abigail Oneill



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Kelly O'Brien

Colin Osborn



Robert O'Brien

Jason Osborne



Laura Osborne



Daniel Ottoson



Christopher Owens



Sasha Paroff



Lauren Pass



Charles Perez



Nickolai Persad



Alicia Picou



Eric Pidkameny



Ricardo Pimenta



Nicholas Pino



Thomas Pizarro



Teri Pringle



Joscelyn Puschel



Hanina Rawnicki



Thomas Repasch



Virginia Rice



Evan Rich



Kate Richlin-Zack













James Ruvolo



Matthew Rosenhouse

Colleen Ryan



Lara Rothschild

Daniel Sabreen



Beth Rubel

Oswaldo Sanchez



Lawerence Sasso















Daniel Sawyer



Brian Scaperrotta



Eric Schoenberg



Heidi Schoenemann



Susanne Schrader



Stephanie Schraeter



Matthew Schwab





Isabel Shen



Benjamin Schwartz







Regina Shopiro



Sarah Sharpe

Lacey Shulman



Benjamin Siegel



Jackie Sherry

Martin Siemoneit



Katherine Simons



Heather Simpson



Tears Smith



Alexander Smith



Sophomores 107







Karen Spector



Ryan St. Clair



Allison Stasi



Sage Stefiuk



Andrew Stein



Kristin Steinbrecher





Linnea Swenson



Audrey Stewart



Abigail Stotler



Rory Suggs



Rishi Talreja



Donald Swaynos

Zeel Tamboli



Stephanie Tullo



Oscar Valcarcel



Jeanne Venneri



Suzanne Vinegra



Daniel Todd



Shannon Wagner











Ashley Szeyller



Daniel Walsh



Daniel Wanat



Steven Wat



Christine Weber



Amy Wendel



Rebecca Wilhelms



Matthew Williams



Susan Wilson



Stephen Wlazlo



Ian Wolkoff



George Wu



Kate Wyatt



Marina Yu



Andrew Zachar



Kelly Ann Zambolla-Smith



Jamie Zimak









Yum! A freshman makes delicious looking cookies in her foods class

These freshmen are enjoying themselves tremendously at WHS's first Freshmen Blast

"Hmmmm what book would be interesting to read?" This freshman looks for a book to read for a Global Perspectives book review.









Five freshman buddies take time out to smile for the camera.

A New Beginning

It started with meeting a new guidance counselor last June. Then Freshman Orientation, which for some was the first time they were ever in the high school. You remember how you found your way around perfectly in empty hallways of the summer-air filled school. You thought you were ready, but were you really?

On the first day of school everything is going to run smoothly. Of course you get to school ten minutes early to meet your friends. Together, like a flock of geese, you and your friends head toward the mob scene at the posted homeroom assignments. Oh good, one of your friends is in your homeroom. As you head t o w a r d



homeroom, you realize that it is much harder to find your way around the school when there are 1200 kids in the halls.

Finally, you get to homeroom. You are handed a folder with a map in it and a new schedule. This folder will now be your best friend for the next week.

Suddenly a voice from the wall starts explaining everything you have to look forward to for the up coming year. Finally you hear those words which you will hear for the rest of your high school career, "Have a pleasant and rewarding day."

"The Law of Sines states" This freshman tries to concentrate on the teacher during class rather than on the gym class playing outside the window.



Peter Abdelmessieh



Maire Abraham



Daniel Adams



Robert Albino



Tracy Aliche



Elizabeth Ancharski



Yasser Ali Baig



Kevin Anton

Kristina Barabas



Peter Anzelone



Chris Barbiere



Carla Araujo

Evan Baum



Elan Arbitsman



Mary Ann Benner



Remember When

My favorite memory of Westfield High School so far has been my lunch table from Freshman year. There were so many people, and we all had to squish together, but it was worth it! Every day, we would end up laughing at a funny incident or at our "inside jokes." Also, on any day, if we were having a tough day, there would be someone at the lunch table to talk to.

When it was someone's birthday, we would bring in cupcakes, cookies, or brownies to pass around. On my birthday, I brought candles, and we went outside to light them. We also planned a birthday party and a going away party for our friend who moved. At Christmas time we exchanged gifts, and in June, we signed each other's yearbooks and took group pictures.

Many of the people at the lunch table I've known for years, but some of them were new friends who I met for the first time. It was great to have that social time together to help one another get through our first year in a new school.



Nicole Bentivegna



Tara Bhandari



Jade Biggio



Jonathan Braeckel



Mary Brautigam



Monique Brendel



Rebecca Brinkmann



Norris Brown



Inna Bruter



Donald Bucciarelli



Alaina Buckland



Marc Burdett



Diana Burdulia



Karl Burke



Sara Burnett



Seth Burstein



Marie Cacace



Jonathan Calvert



Maria Capasso





Veronica Chapman



Sara Jane Carpenter



Jennifer Castaldo



Matthew Castaldo



Michael Cha





George Chaung



Jennifer Chiesa





Kathryn Yi-Ru Chern



Peter Jenn-Jaw Chern



Robert Chernela



Gladys Chow



Neal Clark



John Cognetti



Shin Choi

Joseph Comba



Francine Chow



Andrea Constandis





Justin DelMonico



Allison Cook



Julian Dautremont-Smith



Adrienne Coppa

Daniel Davis



Devin Corkery



Laura Ann Debrossy



Megan DeCristoforo



Kathryn Cuca







Alicia Demarco





Jeffrey Diamond



Jamie Didonato



Brandon Doerr



Brian Dowd



Todd Dowling



Erin Dupont

Stefan Duris



Laura Dvorak



Samuel Eidus



Julie Elmuccio



Joshua Falcone



Allison Feldman



Benjamin Feldman

Freshman Blast '95







Cristin Ferrie



Jenna Fertakos



Shara Fischer



Meghan Flynn



Stephanie Flynn



Timothy Francis



Brian Gatesy



Yair Ghitza



Kitty Fromtling



Katherine Gildea



Robert Galati



Christine Gambino

Brian Gillin



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WHS Flips for Elmuccio

Julie Elmuccio became interested in gymnastics at the young age of three. Her brother introduced the sport to her, but it was with the encouragement of her whole family that kept her going. Now as one of the stars of the WHS's gymnastics team, Julie has to face the pressure and stress along with the fun and enjoyment of this sport.

This freshman performed her

personal best last year at the New Jersey State Level 9 Championships. There she came in first on the beam and second all around. These and other achievements has made Julie an important member of the gymnastics team. Julie plans on continuing gymnastics throughout college, but unfortunately she does not see herself making a career out of it.



David Goldberg

Jonathan Greenstein



Rebecca Goldberg



Avrom Goldman



Lisa Gorbaty

Emilia Guasconi



Laura Gornowski





STO INT



Andrea Hester



Kelsey Ill







Sara Haldeman





Bo Quan Han

Kelly Hendricks



Zachary Gross

William Hannis













Mohamed-Karim Ibrahim



Benjamin Hertz











Suzanne Heinkel



Laurie Hogan





Marie Isolda



Oliver Janney



Daniel Kaelblein



Christina Izmirlian



Gregory Jackson



Philip Jan



Sarah Ann Jankowitz



Paul Jun



Alexis Jemal



Ronald Kashlak



Jeffrey Johnson

Gordon Kaslusky



John Kazazis



Amanda Kelly



Zachary Korn



Mark Kosierowski







George Kraemer



Vanessa Kober



Laura Krasnor



Renee Koutras









Diana Kressner

Matthew Krug



Andy Ku



Andrew Lampert



Richard Lang



Andrew Lange



Thomas Langton



Kelly Larson





Joseph Lawrie



Harold Lawson



Alison Le Compte



Allyson Lee



Terri Lee



Thomas Lee









Marc Lescarret



Gary Lewis



Emily Lieberman



Wendy Lin



Brandi Look













Andrew McLaughlin



Kelly Meyer



Erik Lund



Kyle Martinowich



Nicole Luria

Susan Masteller



Jennifer Matro





Rebecca Matro





Jason Merritt



Alexander Mattielli



Meghann McMahon





Elizabeth McKeon



Terra Meierdierck





Lee McDermott





Luke Mistretta



Amy Molnar



Bridget Murphy



Donald Mutz





Daniel Moore



Takisha Moore



Kate Mortenson



Jeffrey Nahaczewski



Mia Nam



Jun Narusawa



Eric Myrick

Ilka Netravali



Sarah Nackson

Caitlin Nish



Craig Nittolo

Way to Goal!

At the age of nine, freshman Ronnie Kashlak started playing ice hockey for the Junior Devils Organization. From then on he fell in love with the sport and with the support of his parents he was able to pursue it. At the age of 12, Ronnie's team, the New Jersey Rockets, had a great season and qualified and went to the Silver Sticks Tournament finals in Sarnia, Ontario. There his team placed second out of 1,000 teams and Ronnie himself scored 130 goals that season.

The only cons about the sport Ronnie said, "are that I had to drop other personal interests and sports along the way. Hockey takes up a lot of time even if you love to play it." However on the up side, hockey allows you to travel and make new friends everywhere you go. Ronnie hopes to "play some productive hockey for Westfield in the next couple years, and maybe hockey will even take me to an elite college after high school."







Alana Passananti



Russell Petersen



Amanda O'Neill

Emily Paul



Melissa Oritz



Melanie Page



Jocelyn Pashko





Christopher Phelan







Desiree Phillips

AVOVA 1 III/

Susan Phillips



Megan Pollock



Joseph Petruccelli







Amy Phillips

Adam Polinger



Diana Pritsker



Christoffer Precht



Amanda Pirozzi







Amanda Purvis



David Ralph



Vrinda Rao



Alyson Rentrop



Ruben Reyes



Timothy Rich

Katherine Riley



David Roberts



Jamie Rood



Mathew Rosen



Brett Rosenblatt



Allison Rosenthal



Mark Rotondo



Brian Russo



Christine Salerno



David Salgado



Beth Satkin



Jeffrey Scapicchio



Joseph Schaffer



Harold Schliesske



James Schliesske



Alexander Schwarzer-Muth



Frank Scirocco



Amy Seligman





Keith Shaffer



Matthew Stamatoff



Michael Stotler



Christine Sheehan

Alicia Starkey



Megan Shutts



Suzannah Skolnik-Smith



Erin Spafford



Courtney Stone



Robert Stroud





Corrinne Talley

Craig Stever



Elise Tate



Kristin Taylor



Marcus Thornton





Lauren Todaro



Claire Tafelski

Christine Thompson



Lindsay Totams



John Thompson



Anna Tracy



Chris Thomson



Nicholas Tricarico





Lamont Turner



Margaret Turner



Monique Valcarcel



Katherine Valley





Natalie Warren



Nicole Tyminski



Hae Won (Daisy) Um



Sergio Villafane



Allison Uniacke



Lisa Marie Villalobos



Toby Weisslitz

Karen Veltri





Alison Westerhold



Michelle Williams

Liza Yannuzzi





Emily Yatczyszyn



Devon Young



Andrew Wislocki



Robin Yudkovitz





Alexie Zachariades









Smile! Mr. Barner is surprised when stopped on the stairs by a sneaky photographer.





Ms. Roy leads an interesting discussion on themes in literature.

Coach Tranchina, Dr. Petix, What's the score? These two faculty members watch the game for exciting plays.

We made it! Mr. Frinzi needs to be told by Ms. Muller that teachers do not get to graduate.









You have to roll the clay to form a smooth ball, as demonstrated by Ms. Flynn.



Mrs. Schaeffner and Mrs. Allebaugh take time out to smile for our photographer at a faculty party.

Faculty and Staff



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Mr. Hansel demonstrates accurate woodcutting technique.

Mrs. Boothe helps a student with a geometry proof.





Stewart Carey Administrative Intern



Robert L. Eyre Assistant Principal



Margeret Klick Director of Health Services



David Rock Assistant Superintendent of Instruction



Darlene Nowak Director of Technology



Frank X. Scott Assistant Principal



Charles Hansen Director Fine Arts



Cas Jakubik Director of Guidance



Dr. Robert G. Petix Principal



Robert Rader Assistant Superintendent



Mark Smith Superintendent



Edward Tranchina Director of Athletic Services



William Alusik

Katherine Apel

Karin Attonito



Carol Backus





Judith Bamburak



Ronald Barner



Rose Beeney



James Beil



Angelo Bencivegna

James Benedict



Gaile Boothe

Jeanette Brannan

Janet Bredlau



Gregory Bremus





Robert Brewster



Judith Buldo



Mickey Cassu



Gladys Chambliss



Nancy Carpenter



Shirley Cheng



Annora Conway



Barbara Costine





Noralen Cowell



Cordell Crafton



Karen Cross



David Davis



Marian Dec



Merilyn Diamond





Nancy Didier



Gregory DiGirolamo



Kathleen Dix



Barbara Donnelly



Carol Dreyer



Kathleen Dominic



Dr. James Drummond



Susan Dugle





Anton Durner



Donna Dzury



Ruth Elmquist



Kevin Everly



Anne Marie Fabriele



Elizabeth Farshety





Daniel Fiadano



Brenda Flahault



Barbara Flynn



Richard Gange



Beverly Geddis



Anthony Frinzi



Doris Gerber


Emily Goldberger



Karen Goller-Roberts



Kyra Gonzalez



Greg Gorski



Leland Goslin



Anthony Grasso



Anne Hade





Bonnie Hagerman



William Hansel



Rahama Harewood



Kathleen Hauser



Donna Higgins



Betty Harper



Brenda Hine









Margaret Klick





Dana Lynch





David Manning

Lillian Margolis



William Matthews





Margaret McFadden

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Virginia Mickulick

Karen Miller



Renata Miller





Karin Ninesling

Carol Nolde



Kathy Noonan

Daniel O'Leary





Barbara Philpot



Charles Ropars

Paula Roy



John Scafaria









Julie Walsh

Raymond Wojcik

Two Westfield lacrosse players team up against their opponent to try to pick up the ball.





Rich Martinelli concentrates as he looks into the distance at the hole.

Two WHS tootball players come togethe to tackle a Union athlete.

Jana Zeljković bumps the ball for her teanmate to get it over the net.





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The girl's soccer team is always on top. This is just one example of our fine sports program.

The Devil Inside

"Let's go Westfield," "And a point for Westfield," "Touchdown," "Westfield scores in overtime." Do these sayings sound familiar? Well, if you have ever participated in a WHS sporting event, it would not be surprising if they did. With three seasons of sports and over twenty different varsity teams, not to mention the junior varsity and freshmen teams, an athlete has no trouble fitting in at WHS. Not only do we have soccer, football, field hockey, tennis, and lacrosse, but ice hockey, volleyball, swimming, gymnastics, bowling, and golf are also offered. Nearly every sport is represented.

Almost everyday, teams meet for practice or games/meets, w h i c h

> means that every athlete must be strong-willed and dedicated to both the sport and to school work. It is not very often that one finds a lazy athlete!

Many teachers also give up their free time after school and on weekends to coach sports. They are just as dedicated as their students.

Sports at WHS allow students other options to full and enriching lives throughout their four years of high school. And if you are not an athlete, but enjoy sports, you can always become a professional spectator.

Jessica Brewster pitches the ball to strike out the opposing team.

	Boys' Varsity	
	Soccer Record	
	Fall 1995	
WHS	OPPON	ENT
0	Wayne Hills	1
3	Holy Cross (NY)	0
3	Irvington	0
1	Kearny	0
4	Cranford	0
3	Summit	0
2	Elizabeth	0
3	Union	1
1	Bridgewater	3
1	Kearny	0
6	Plainfield	0
5	West Warwick (RI)	0
4	East Brunswick	3
3	Linden	0
5	Rahway	0
4	Union Catholic	0
	(U.C. Tournament)	
4	Roselle Catholic	0
2	Elizabeth	0
0	Johnson Regional	1
	(State Tournament)	
2	East Orange	0
2	Randolph	0
2 2 3 5	Livingston	2
	Patterson Kennedy	0
1	Lenape	0

Dylan Dupre dribbles the ball down the field,



Varsity Soccer team: (top row) Coach Kapner, D. Stotler, J. Corcoran, C. Keller, D. Dupre, D. Fisher, C. McGee, B. Shultz, G. Fry, B. Priestley, K. Mansfield, M. Baly, F. Clavijo, Assistant Coach, (bottom row) S. O'Boyle, S. Mueller, A. Riley, V. Brodo, L. Wertheimer, A. Schmidt, N. Benner



Members of the 1995-1996 JV boy's soccer team and coaching staff.





Senior Alex Schmidt and his fellow teammates congratulate each other after winning yet another game.

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a Westfield Blue Devil! This key player uses all of his might to kick the ball while he's in midair.





"Our team had no weaknesses. Every part of our team was just as strong as the other parts."

Sock It To Me

The success of the 1995 boy's soccer team was a direct result of the strength of the team. Key players, Scott Mueller, Alex Schmidt, and Dylan Dupre helped the team win a surprising victory over Livingston, ranked higher than Westfield going into the game. The team's greatest victory was the Group IV State Final game against Lenape, winning 1-0. Next year, everyone but the six seniors will return. Drew Stotler, Dylan Dupre, Jason Corcoran, Mike Baly, and Kevin Mansfield will form the core of the team, whose goal will be to win the Conference, County, Sectionals, and States.





"Get out of my way!" Senior Nick Benner pushes the defense out of the way in order to get the ball.

Junior Chris Keller gets ready to pass the ball to his teammate while avoiding a rival player.

Hit Me With Your Best Shot!

The 1995 Girls' Tennis Team had an outstanding season. Jen Matro and Megan Corbett (2nd doubles team) won all but two matches. Laura Faulkner (2nd singles) won most of her matches as well, and helped the team win the sectionals. Shari Gersch and Marcy Beller were victorious over Manasquan, the #1 team in the state. The greatest and most surprising victory for the team was the win against Montclair in the State Sectionals, as Becky Matro came through for the team in the end, winning third singles. Freshman twins Becky and Jen Matro, sophomore Megan Corbett, and juniors Lauren Rudofsky and Audra Majocha (who will be next year's captains) will return to be the core of next year's team.



"The strength we had throughout our line-up helped us win the State Sectionals for the second year in a row." Laura Faulkner starts to move toward the net to return the first opposing shot.





Shari Gersh follows through on a powerful serve.

Julia Lehman anxiously awaits to return the serve from her opponent.





Coach Tirone, Rebecca Goldberg, Caroline Tell, Tiffany Aliche, Jenn Matro, Ilka Netrabali, Lisa Gorbaty, Julia Lehman, Becky Matro, Lauren Rudofsky, Shari Gersh, Sara Sharpe, Heather Post, Megan Corbet, Marcy Beller, Laura Faulkner.



Heather Post lines up her shot carefully so that she's sure to win the point.

	Girls' Tennis	
West	CONSIGNATION STRAT	ponent
4	Ridgewood	1
5	East Side	0
5	Union	0
5	Kearny	0
1	Millburn	4
4	Summit	1
3	Montclair	2
2	Middletown	3
5	Linden	0
3	East Brunswick	2
4	Kent Place	1
5	Plainfield	0
5	Union Catholic	0
4	Scotch Plains	1
4	Rahway	1
4	Columbia	1
5	Irvington	0
5	Elizabeth	0
5	East Side	0
4	Watchung Hills	1
5	Roxbury	0
4	Randolph	1
5	Cranford	0
5	Linden	0

This group of tennis players pauses after a rigorous practice to pose for a Kodak moment.



This tennis player follows through on her perfected backhand.



	sity Football Reco Fall 1995	
WHS	OPPON	IENT
7	Rahway	10
43	Kearny	16
7	Union	41
13	Summit	27
34	Scotch Plains	6
0	Irvington	13
10	Linden	16
6	Elizabeth	7
28	Plainfield	20



The 1995-1996 Westfield High School Varsity Football Team



Junior Varsity Team: (top row) G. Gorski, K. Miller, B. Hickey, C. Guerin, B. Hedden, Q. Redding, B. Sweeney, S. Abeles, G. Metzger, B. Tracy, J. Avena. (middle row) D. Megaro, R. Jefferies, J. Krieger, J. Castallano, S. Toranto, D. Koutras, J. Bruett, G. Avena. (bottom row) M. Scapicchio, G. Gorski, J. Osborne, B. Baykowski.

This opponent won't get very far with close to the entire Junior Varsity team tackling him.





It's time for a pep talk. These Blue Devils gather around for a word from their coach.

The crowd gasps as this griddler expertly catches the ball with the tips of his fingers and tries not to fumble it.





"The goals of next year's team will be to win the counties and to qualify for the states."

The Men Behind the Helmets

The 1995 WHS Football team worked hard to create a successful season. Seniors Brian Ciemniecki and Shaun Sangwin were the most outstanding players on the team, leading the team in their greatest victory of the season against Scotch Plains. The strongest aspect of the team was the defense. Next year, juniors Kevin Dowling, Jason Yarusi, Mark Juelis, Bill Sweeney, and Bill Hedden will return to form the core of the team.





This Devil takes a rest between plays.

Quarterback Brian Ciemniecki bursts through his team's banner in a pre-game show of spirit and confidence.

Stick 'Em Up

The success of the 1995 Field Hockey team was the direct result of the hard work and dedication of key members Beth Giameo, Liesja Tortorello, Kim Robinson, Trudy Schundler, Molly Phelan, Amanda Love, and Ashley Szyeller, as well as the effort of the team as a whole. The strong performance of the team led

to the greatest and most surprising victory of the sea-

son: our win against Oak Knoll. Returning to form the

core of the team for the 1996 season will be Liesja

Tortorello, Kim Robinson, Trudy Schundler, Molly

Phelan, and Meg Hely, who hope to win the counties

and qualify for the states.

Christine Giameo and Shannon Dodge work together to maintain control of the ball.





"The goals of the

team for next

year will be to

improve the

team's perform-

ance and have a

winning season."

Senior Beth Giameo takes off with the ball and heads towards the goal, leaving her opponents in the dust.

Juniors Kim Robinson, Trudy Schundler, and Liesja Tortorello relax after another rough game.





Varsity Team: (top) Coach Carpenter, A. Love, M. Fleming, L. Newmark, M. Hely, C. Ill, M. Phelan,
B. Dederick, Coach McFadden. (middle) M. Swartzenbeck, S. Petrino, S. Wagner, L. Flynn, T. Schundler,
A. Szeyller, L. Portorello, D. Sugar, A. Valentine. (bottom) S. Dodge, S. Paroff, K. Robinson, C. Bonavita,
B. Giameo, K. McClosky, D. Fusco, K. Bodayla.



J.V. Field Hockey Team: (top) L. Swenson, K. Simmons, C. Koons, B. Dowd, T. Rodihan, A. Bercovicz, C. Norton, D. Wyckoff, M. O'Connell, L. Montemurro, Ms. Carpenter. (middle) E. Cooke, S. Dodge, D. Sugar, D. DeMello, S. Chance, L. Borne, A. Mazzarese. (bottom) Z. Tamboli, A. Ambadar, B. Dederick, C. Giameo, J. Brewster, N. Clement, S. Paroff, C. Nemec, A. Picou.

WH	S OPPONE	ENT
3	Middlesex	0
1	East Brunswick	1
0	Cranford	6
0	Montclair	1
0	Mt. St. Mary's	1
1	Kent Place (UCIAC)	2 1
3	Roselle Park	
1	Roselle Park	0
0	Kent Place	3
0	Union	0
0	Summit	1
1	Oak Knoll	0
0	Summit	3
0	A.L. Johnson	1

Intensely focused, this key goalie stands away from the goal to keep watch over the game.



With the next goal in mind, these two teammates struggle to keep the ball away from the other team.



	Girl's Varsity	
	Soccer Record	
	Fall 1995	
WHS	OPPOI	NENT
10	Elizabeth	0
6	Union	0
10	Irvington	0
8	East Side	0
3	Cranford	0
3	Summit	0
5	Columbia	2
1	Hackettstown	0
3	Montclair	0
2	Bridgewater	1
4	Bishop Ahr	0
1	Scotch Plains	0
3	Summit	0
1	Randolph	2
5	Kearny	0
7	Livingston	1
9	Linden	0
0	East Brunswick	0
3	Union Catholic	0
1	Scotch Plains	0

Seniors Gretchen Mansfield and Anne Lutkenhouse take time out to discuss the strategy for the game.



Girl's Varsity Soccer Team



Girl's Junior Varsity Soccer Team





Run Jordan! Run! Senior player Jordan Mc-Clelland runs after that ball.

Captain Jessica Czar pays close attention to the pass.





"The defense of the team was the strongest aspect of the season."

Sweeping it up!

The success of the 1995 Girl's Soccer Team was a result of the strong performances of standout players Amy Coccaro, Kristen Zadourian, and senior captains Gretchen Mansfield and Jessica Czar. In addition, our strength lay in players, Katie Bertelson, Becky Hamilton, Nicole Desantis, and Sage Stefiuk. The strength of team contributed to the greatest victory of the season against Scotch Plains, as well as the team's most surprising victory against Bridgewater, and a tie against East Brunswick, ranked number one in the state. The goals of next year's team will be to have an undefeated season, win the conference county championships, beat Randolf, and win the state sectional championships to be the state champions for Group 4.





JV player Amelia Hanley plays close attention to make sure the ball never gets away.

All in uniform, the Varsity team gets ready to take the field and win another game.



On the mat is where it's at! Senior Megan Clarke demonstrates the easy grace that makes her floor routine a success.





Concentrate, concentrate. This WHS gymnast perfects her routine on the balance beam.

The 1995-1996 Westfield High School gymnastics team





Members of the team take a well deserved break with Coach Kovacs between events.



This aspiring WHS gymnast demonstrates her talent on the high bar.

	Gymnastics Record Fall 1995	d
WHS	OPPO	ONENT
97.55	East Brunswick	95.90
97.00	Union	74.40
86.25	Middletown North	85.00
97.25	Somerville	102.20
86.95	Linden	68.15
86.25	Red Bank Cath- olic	102.55
99.10	Cranford	86.30

Allyson Checchio adjusts the uneven bars in order to insure a safe and successful performance.



Oooh! aaah! Wow, Kristin Mack earns a perfect score on her split handstand.



Girlo	Cross Country Rec Fall 1995	10000
WHS	OPPON	NENT
21	Kearny	40
23	Newark East	36
23	Side	50
20	Irvington	43
15	Summit	50
15	Cranford	50
15	Elizabeth	50*
15	Linden	50
15	Plainfield	50*
15	Rahway	50
15	Scotch Plains	50
15	Roselle	50
15	Union Catholic	50*
17	Union	45
15	Shabazz	50
*Ran	twice during season	n —
	same score	
Boys	Cross Country Red	cord
	Fall 1995	
WHS	OPPO	NENT
24	Kearny	36
25	East Side	30
15	Linden	50
19	Union Catholic	44
17	Scotch Plains	44
15	Shabazz	50
15	Union	49
15	Summit	50
15	Plainfield	50
15	Rahway	50
19	Cranford	42
16	Elizabeth	44
15	Irvington	50

Members of the Boys' Cross Country Team sprint towards the finish line in a close race for first place.



Boys' Cross Country Team: P. Anzelone, A. Borchin, J. Lemberg, T. Clarke, M. Krug, C. Posey, M. Mathews, R. Stefiuk, P. Chaibongsai, A. Borchin, D. Curry, L. Ho, S. Satwalekar, T. Basta, K. Sullivan, C. Tafelski, M. Elmuccio, R. Stotler, F. Baig, B. Gleason, B. Schwarz, D. Alspecter, T. Caprario, G. Friesen, S. Dennis, J. Korchek.



Girls' Cross Country Team: L. Brucia, C. Gambino, M. Korfmacher, T. Bhandari, J. Coleman, K. Valley, C. Stone, A. Feldman, S. Wilson, S. Lechner, T. Douglas, C. Ho, K. Hintz, L. Saul, S. Stone, X. Martins, E. Tricarico, K. McGuire, A. Dujnic, S. Gambino, A. Totams, S. Kozub, L. Shannon.





Members of the Girls' Cross Country Team pose for the camera while waiting to leave for their meet.

Kellie Goncalves and Suzy Kozub smile for the camera as they cheer on their fellow teammates competing in the race.





"We had ten guys that would have been varsity for any other team in the state."



MAKING







Ryan Stotler breaks away from the pack, forcing his teammates to improve their times to catch up.

Lawrence Ho, D.J. Curry, and Abdalla Simaika lead the team to a well-deserved first place finish.

School Spirit Takes Flight

Executing an expert mount, the soccer cheerleaders impress the crowd.

Michelle Molinaro, Kelly Burns, Megan Rotella, Heather Rosener; Helen Mastrangelo, Allegra Fiore, Maria Woehr; Liz Manning, Christine Swenson.







Cheering for the 1995 boys' soccer team has been anything but ordinary. It has been extremely exciting cheering for such a successful team. The highlight of the season was cheering at Trenton State College during the state finals. I want to thank this year's squad for being so supportive, especially Liz and Jodi. I also wish next year's squad the best of luck.



The soccer cheerleaders energize the crowd at a recent game.

The soccer cheerleaders pose for a picture after a game.





(top) Pam Johnson, Katie Rowan, Christine Weber, Dana Semenoro. (middle) Lauren Clark, Katie Kennedy, Shelby Neiss, Lisa Feinberg. (bottom) Danielle Rodman, Maura Burstein, Alison Cambria.



The football cheerleaders move to the music at a Saturday game.



exciting year. This year's captains thank the squad, team, and fans for a wonderful season. We hope that next year's squad also enjoys a great deal of success.

The football cheerleaders huddle together to stay warm on the cold track.



Allie Cambria lifts Christine Weber in preparation for a mount.



WHS	arsity Wrestling Reco	
WHE	o Opj	pone
50	Kearny	27
60	East Side	30
54	Scotch Plains	18
70	Plainfield	18
55	Caldwell	26
43	Linden	23
57	Irvington	27
51	Elizabeth	17
10	Hunterdon Central	46
56	Cranford	20
44	Union	38
9	Rahway	59
45	Piscataway	31
29	Morris Knolls	38



Varsity Wrestling Team



"I'm going to get you, sucka!" This blue devil gets ready to slaughter his opponent.

This wrestler grabs his opponent's head as he tries to bring him to the ground.





This competitor struggles to put his opponent on the mat.

The wrestling cheerleaders sit on the sideline and talk about the meet.





team but we still had a good season. We'll be good next year too, because we're only losing a few seniors." Kevin Sullivan

Wrestlemania!

The 1995-96 Wrestling Team had an outstanding season. The best local wins were against Caldwell, Union, and Scotch Plains. The team also won the Watchung Conference Championships for the American League. Individual performances by team members contributed to the team's overall success. Cory Posey, Kevin Sullivan, and Jason Osborne placed first in the Westfield tournament, while Baly placed second. Baly and Onur Tezucar won Counties, with Sullivan placing third. Posey and Sullivan also made it to the State Tournament. The goal of the team next year is to win the State Sectionals as a team.





"Go Westfield, go!" Senior Kevin Sullivan shouts as he gives encouragement to his teammates.

"Gee, let me lay back and relax." This devil relaxes after pinning his opponent to the ground.

Hoopsters



Kate Brahm looks to pass the ball to her teammate.





Captain Anne Lutkenhouse looks for her teammates to make a pass.

OK it's time for a pep talk. Coach Hauser plans her next plays carefully.





Varsity Team: T. Douglas, S. Legones, N. Desantis, E. Zielenbach, Coach Hauser, K. Egan, K. Ball, V. Nusse, A. Williams, A. Lygate, K. McEwen, J. Kemps, A. Lutkenhouse, K. Brahm.



Junior Varsity Team

	Girls' Varsity Basketball Record		
	Dasketball Recolu		
WHS	Opponent		
52	East Side	24	
67	Scotch Plains	58	
45	Roxbury	32	
45	A.L. Johnson	44	
33	South Brunswick	50	
39	Irvington	27	
31	Elizabeth	54	
48	Plainfield	55	
41	Summit	57	
25	Union Catholic	27	
38	Cranford	43	
58	Kearny	51	
44	Rahway	65	
29	Scotch Plains	63	
26	Shabazz	56	
40	Montville	34	
48	Union	42	
39	Linden	60	
55	Dayton Reg. (UCT)	41	
55	Rahway (UCT)	36	
33	Oak Knoll	52	
44	East Brunswick	66	

Sophomore Vicky Nusse doesn't take her eyes off the ball.



Junior Nicole Desantis plays excellent defense as she puts up her hands to block the ball.



WHS	Op	poner
134	Kearny	31
114	Bridgewater	71
119	Elizabeth	61
72	Rahway	22
147	East Side	119
102	Delbarton	68
79	Mountain Lakes	91
96	Summit	74
77	Linden	17
88	Union	52
128	Cranford	42
74	Saint Joseph's	109
	Plainfield	1.000
147	Plainfield	119



This merman moves in for the final lap.



Jon Jones reaches for the finish line.





Chris Pagnagos prepares for his race.

On your mark, get set go.
"Swimmers step up." Brendan Lechner gets ready for the shot of the gun.





"The WHS men's swim team now holds the record for the most consecutive wins in the country."

Ahead of the rest.

The WHS men's swim team has once again maintained a high tradition of excellence under coaches George Kapner and Bruce Johnson. The season ended. with a great victory over Shawnee, 103-67, at the state finals in Trenton. This is the second consecutive year that the swimmers have own this title. The men's swim team also captures the Union County Championship for the 40th consecutive year. The WHS men's swim team now holds the record for the most consecutive wins in the country.

This year's swim team was led by co-captains Brendan Lechner and Jon Jones and seniors Frank Coppa and Eric Linenberg. They also had a strong junior class of Luis Da Costa, Steve Kapuscinski, Tim Romano, Colin McGee, Matt Hammond, and Chris Panagos. The sophomores and freshman who also rallied up a few points were Coleman Lechner, Erik Larson, Rob Meyers, Jay Pollack, Seth Burnstein, and Chris Phelan.





Colin McGee prepares to dive in at the crack of the gun.

"Gee, this is cold." Luis Da-Costa shivers in the water.

Lucky Strikes

This year's WHS Bowling Team accomplished many feats in rendering itself undefeated this season. Surprisingly, the team's MVP was a new addition, freshman Evan Baum. By far, the greatest achievement for the '95-'96 WHS Bowling Team this season was its 13-0 record as bowler Sean McNamara stated, "The team stayed focused, showing great team work. We always supported each other when one of us was doing bad. We have shown great team work this season."

Among future goals for this year and next year are to compete in the state tournament to win what would be WHS's second state title in two years, and to again finish the season undefeated.



"The team stayed focused, showing great teamwork. We always supported each other when one of us was doing bad."







This WHS bowler admires her excellent bowling skills.

Junior Megan Sheehy prepares for a strike.





Bowling Team: T. Masino, U. Rhodes, S. McNamara, J. DiOrio, M. Bridgeman, M. Sheehy, A. Shannon, K. O'Brien, T. B. Hertz, S. Kwan, B. Rosenblatt, Coach Tirone, E. Baum, T. Caprario, A. Checcio, T. DiOrio.



Bowling for dollars. This hot spot is the practicing site for the Westfield bowling team.

Va	arsity Bowling Recor	d
	Rahway	0
	Cranford	2
	Linden	0
	Shabazz	0
	Kearny	2
	Seton Hall	2
	Scotch Plains	0
	Irvington	0
	Union	0
	Union Catholic	0
	Summit	2
	East Side	0

"Yeah, I'm awesome." Freshman bowler Evan Baum points to where his ball will strike.



Andrew Shannon aligns his shot.



	Boys' Varsity Basketball Record	
	Daskerban Record	
WHS	Op	pone
76	East Side	64
71	Union Catholic	45
46	Emerson	63
46	Elizabeth	63
58	Summit	46
39	Cranford	43
54	Kearny	47
63	Scotch Plains	32
50	Union	61
53	Plainfield (UCT)	56
57	Scotch Plains	33
52	Watchung Hills	34
44	Irvington	53
56	Plainfield	41
49	Union Catholic	36
40	East Brunswick	82
51	Rahway	73
63	Shabazz	64
34	Linden	73
47	Elizabeth	65

Don't trip. Bob Schultz blocks his opponent from stealing the ball.



Varsity Basketball Team: Coach Carey, S. Morrison, J. Yarusi, B. Shultz, M. Brotherton, J. Faggins, S. King, Coach Connely, M. Mattielli, J. Amorim, B. Ciemniecki, K. Dowling



Junior Varsity Basketball Team: G. Freisen, D. Sabreen, R. McCullam, D. Geissler, R. St. Clair, M. Siemoneit, Coach Everly, B. Turlington, R. Talreja, A. Cohen, Q. Redding, M. Rosenhouse.





"Yo coach, what's up?" Senior Brian Ciemniecki talks to Coach Carey about what he should do next.













He shoots, he scores. Jay Yarusi goes up for a jump shot.

"What should we do next?" Here the team makes plays for the next game.

A Length Ahead

This year's '95-'96 WHS swimming team was undeniably THE BEST! With their greatest wins at the Union County Championship for the fourth year in a row and at Montclair for the sectional championship, the girls' swim team swam its way to the top to finish runner up in the state finals! Other accomplishments to add to the list are conference champs, Union County champs, and North I and II Sectional champs. Among the most outstanding swimmers on the team this year was Ann Teitelbaum, specializing in the 200/500 freestyle and becoming a four time champion in the 500 free at the Private Invitational. Other MVPs were Lauren McGovern, specializing in the 50/100 freestyle, Molly Phelan in the 50/100 freestyle, and Michelle Kashlak in the 100 backstroke/200 IM.

As for next year, the ultimate goal for the Mermaids is to win the state championship while repeating the other wins attained this year. Best of luck Mermaids.



Heidi Schoeneman gets ready to anchor the last relay.





Michelle Kashlak breaks from practice to pose for the camera.

It's going to be a photo finish, but this mermaid can pull a win for the team.





A perfect start to make the race complete.



This mermaid sprints for a first place finish.

5	Girls' Varsity Swimming Record	
WHS	<i></i>	
		onent
6th	pl. Pennsbury Relay	ys
72	Bishop Ahr	98
77	Bridgewater	108
7tl	h pl. Pirate Invitatio	nal
142	Elizabeth	32
65	Montville	29
126	Kearny	43
78	Union	61
100	Mountain Lakes	70
77	Mt. St. Mary	93
62	Summit	32
1s	t. pl. County Champ	os
	State Tournament	
102	Morristown	68
102	Montclair	68
97	Vernon	73
59	Vineland	111

This mermaid takes a deep breath between breast strokes.



Molly Phelan prepares to take off to increase the team's lead.





Female members of the 1995-1996 Winter Track Team.



Male members of the 1995-1996 Winter Track Team.



Sophomore Shannon Wagner arches herself over the high bar for a perfect landing.

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's the amazing flying high jumper.





It takes strength and determination to get some power behind the ball.

Coach Gorski circulates through the area, giving words of encouragement to his athletes.





"The team worked together and was successful because of this. We had a wide variety of skills and abilities on the team." Anisa Dujnic

Year Round Dedication

The 1995-96 Winter Track teams, girls' and boys', were subject to the blizzards and storms of the season. All dual meets scheduled were cancelled due to inclement weather. However, the girls' team did enjoy a successful season, finishing second place to Plainfield in the County Relays and the County Individuals, in both cases by a margin of no more than two points. The strength of the team was a result of strong performances by Suzy Kozub, Lauren Saul, Sage Stefuik, Anisa Dujnic, Kellie Goncalves, Sharon Gambino, and Terri Milanette, as well as a combined effort by every member of the team, under the direction of Coach Martin.





Sophomore Abigail Bercovicz prepares for her turn to practice.

This high jumper finds that clinging to a line of invisible string helps him make it safely over the pole.

Slap Shot!

Though only in its second year, the WHS Hockey Team has made great strides thus far. With the dedication of the players and funding of parents, this year's hockey team was able to divide into a varsity and junior varsity team. Coached under the direction of Brian LaFontaine, the team "didn't have a great season due to injuries but the spirit of the players remained strong," expressed varsity hockey player Anthony DiDario. For the '95-'96 season, the team's MVP was Derick Fisher. Besides continuing to progress and strengthen as a team in future seasons to come, the main goal for the varsity team next year is to make the state tournament.



"We didn't have a great season due to injuries, but the spirit of the player remained strong."

"I'm open! I'm open!" Derek Fisher awaits the pass from his teammate.





This player accepts a pass and starts to head down the rink.

Watch out! Glass barriers tend to hurt a little bit.





Varsity Hockey Team: Brian LaFontaine, Bryan Gates, Brendan Hickey, Derek Fisher, Anthony DiDario, Bill Geddis, Brian Murphy, Chris Keller, Chris Kolb, Brian Grey, Ronald Kashlack, Justin Venneri, Doug Henry, Matt Hanas, William Maslovsky, Brian Garrison, Christian Fagin, Josh Falcone, Wayne Pai, Brad Schwatz.



J.V. Hockey Tem: Brian Garrison, Mike Wilhelm, Kevin Anton, Lee Musler, Perapon Chaibongsai, Chris Precht, Alexei Zachariades, Mike Friedman, Phil Orsini, Ian Wolkoff, Peter Weingerter.

	Varsity Ice	
	Hockey Record	
W	HS Oppon	ent
4	Toms River North	7
2	Hudson Catholic	6
1	Clifton	6 5 3
2	Summit	3
10	Indian Hills	0
3	Brick Memorial	3
2	Bayonne	10
3	Hudson Catholic	9
2	Montclair Kimberly Acad.	6
3	Summit	9
1	Clifton	4
3	Bayonne	9
0	Christian Brothers Acad.	9
2	Hudson Catholic	9
6	Brick Memorial	6
0	Bergen Catholic	4
4	Cranford	11
5	Toms River North	5
4	Hunterdon Central	6
3	M.K.A.	11
5	Indian Hills	2
3	Summit	3

Anthony DiDario lines up his shot to make the winning goal.



These players get ready to battle it out over control of the puck.



Spring 1995WHSOpponent2Union Catholic01Elizabeth22Shabazz12Old Bridge02Plainfield02Rahway02Plainfield01Cranford (UCIAC)22East Side01Scotch Plains22Irvington01Scotch Plains22Unington01East Side22Union00Elizabeth22Union01Summit2	· a	rsity Volleyball Recor	u
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2Union00Elizabeth22Union0	2	Irvington	0
2Union00Elizabeth22Union0	2	Cranford	1
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	1	Summit	2

Coach Torok leads the Varsity Volleyball team in a spirited cheer.



Varsity: (top) Coach Torok, T. Miller, A. Tourtelotte, L. Todd, M. Kritch, J. Sanchez, L. Lim (bottom) J. Zelijkovic, J. Miller, M. Beller, S. Mankoski, J. Pae, M. Sheehy; A. Lygate not pictured



Junior Varsity: (top) L. Lim, K. Brahm, S. Vinegra, M. Kostro, L. McGovern, K. Richlin-Zack, K. Langton, Coach Cassu. (bottom) M. Hogarth, R. Hamilton, K. Korecky, H. Simpson, L. Pepper, J. Oslislo, C. DeSouza





Marcy Beller prepares to bump one over the net.

Senior Sarah Mankoski attempts to sail the ball over the net.





The key to having a successful season was our ability to come together as a team, and over come several obstacles.

The 1995 volleyball team had a very successful season, with a 15-5 overall record. One of their most successful victories was their victory over Cranford in the regular season. Some key players this past season were Laura Todd, Marcy Beller, Sara Mankoski, and Jana Zeljkovic. The key to the successful season was to have fun, work hard, and show teamwork. The team was not only able to fulfill these goals, but they were also able to come together as a team. Having to deal with the loss of several key seniors, and the loss of an old coach, only made the team stronger.

Bump One Over the Net





Coach Cassu gives the team his expert advice on the perfect serve.

Teamwork is the key to winning. The varsity team discusses strategy before an important game.

Returning the Serve

The 1995 tennis season was a successful one. With most valuable player Steve Lehman and key players Dan Matro, Brad Jankowski, Chris O'Connell, and Ken Diamond, the team was strong, ending up with a 22-4 season record. The team's hard work and unity contributed to its success, and ultimately resulted in the biggest win of the season at Ridgewood in the Group 4 semi-finals. Senior Brad Jankowski believes that the hard work and dedication of each individual produced a successful season.



"The hard work and dedication of each individual player produced a successful season."

Junior Jon DiGiovanni watches to see if the shot was a good one.





Brad Jankowski carefully places his shot out of his opponent's reach.

Chris Camuto practices his backhand slice.





Coach Kapner reviews strategies with the players for their upcoming match.



(top) D. Matro, S. Lehman, C. O'Connell, K. Diamond, B. Jankowski, D. Aquila, G. Cameron, Coach Kapner (bottom) R. Sinclair, J. DiGiovanni, A. Kenler, A. Welland, J. Lonseth, C. Camuto

	Varsity Boy's Tennis	
	Spring 1995	
WH	S Oppon	ent
5	Elizabeth	0
2	Livingston	3
5	Morris Knolls	0
5	East Side	0
5	Plainfield	0
5	Union	0
2 5	Newark Academy	
5	Union Catholic	0
5	Columbia	3 0 0
5	Summit	0
5	Cranford	0
4	Scotch Plains	1
5	Shabazz	0
5	Ridgewood	0
0	Newark Academy	5
4	Mountain Lakes	5 1
4	Watchung Hills	1
4	East Side	1
5	Morristown (NJSIAA)	0
5	West Orange (NJSIAA)	0
4 5	Uniion	1
	Columbia (NJSIAA)	0
5	Irvington	0
4.5	Ridgewood (NJSIAA)	.5
1	Cherry Hill East (NJSIAA)	4
5	Rahway	0

Adam Welland leans into the shot, so its sure to land clear over the net and away from his opponent.



Coach Kapner teaches the fundamentals of tennis to his eager players.



	Varsity Boys	2
	Track Record	
	Spring 1995	
WHS		Opponent
96	Linden	45
91	East Side	35
45	Union	67
86	Irvington	45
	1000 - 100 - 1000 -	- 35
	Varsity Girl Track Recor	d
		d
WHS	Track Recor Spring 1995	d 5 Opponent
54	Track Recor Spring 1995 Linden	d 5 Opponent 68
54 56	Track Recor Spring 1995 Linden Irvington	Opponent 68 66
54 56 91	Track Recor Spring 1995 Linden Irvington Union	d Opponent 68 66 18
54 56 91 100	Track Recor Spring 1995 Linden Irvington Union East Side	d Opponent 68 66 18 19
54 56 91	Track Recor Spring 1995 Linden Irvington Union	d Opponent 68 66 18

Matt Elmuccio, Ted Kilcommons, John O'Brien, Lawrence Ho, and Ryan Walsh proudly display their trophy for first place.



The 1995 Boys' Spring Track Team



The skill and hard work of the boys' track team members is evident as they easily surpass their opponents.





Katherine Hintz pushes herself to reach the head of the pack to finish strongly for Westfield.





"The season was really exciting, especially the win at the Penn relays. The varsity, Junior Varsity, and freshmen teams showed lots of improvement. Everyone had fun and it was a successful season."





Run Forrest, Run!

The 1995 Girls' Spring Track team was a very successful team, because of the hard work and dedication put forth by its members.





Laurel Osterhaus and Christina Ho enjoy some friendly competition, pushing each other to better their times.

Matt Elmuccio, John O'Brien, and Ryan Walsh sprint towards the finish line in a close race for first place.

Strike 'Em Out

The 1995 baseball season was another very successful one. Led by Co-captains Steve Cheek and Ryan Mann, and allstate pitcher Kris Williams, the team completed a 27-3 record. This broke the single season record for wins that had been established the previous year. The season highlights included the second consecutive Union County and Watchung Conference Championships, and the number ten ranking in the country. With a strong core of juniors and seniors returning, the 1996 season should produce great results once again.



"The season highlights included the second consecutive Union County and Watchung Conference Championships, and the number ten ranking in the state."







Coach Brewster concentrates on the game.

Mike Barone anxiously awaits his next pitch.





Varsity (top) Coach Brewster, Craig Tinervan, Kris Williams, Ryan Mann, Steve Cheek, Matt Brotherton, Stephen Shannon, Matt DeMasi (bottom) Jorge Amorim, Jason White, Chris Scwarzenbek, Brian Ciemniecki, Bill Rhodes, Mike Barone, Mark Cerefice



These Blue Devils cheer on their teammate after coming off the field.

	Varsity Baseball Record	
	Spring 1995	
WI	IS Oppor	nent
8	Linden	1
9	Elizabeth	6
4	East Side	1
8	Livingston	7
8	Irvington	2
1	Union	2
10	Hoboken	1
9	Kearny	2
10	Linden	2
5	St. Peter's Prep	4
5	Union	1
3	East Side	4
9	Irvington	7
11	Elizabeth	1 3 3
5	Belleville (state)	3
10	Piscataway	
6	Kearny	4
12	Union Catholic (UCT)	0
4	Plainfield	2
9	Cranford (UCT)	2
5	Scotch Plains	3
3	Rahway	1
12	Gov. Livingston (UCT)	4
8	Cranford	4
10	Summit	7
7	Union Catholic	1
20	Shabazz	4
6	Montclair (state)	1
3	Elizabeth (UCT)	0
3	Morristown (state)	5

One of our ball players tries to steal a base.



Ryan Mann whips the ball home just in time to get his opponent out.



	Varsity Golf Record Spring 1995	
	oping 1775	
WHS	Op	ponent
226	Pingry	227
169	Kearny	216
175	Union	189
165	Franklin	212
176	Scotch Plains	215
176	Pingry	164
164	Linden	218
224	Livingston	250
169	Union	177
Watch	ung Conference (2nd	place
177	East Brunswick	179
178	Watchung	194
169	Elizabeth	206
175	Union Catholic	196
157	Summit	179
176	Cranford	178
183	A.L. Johnson	182
178	Cranford	183
181	Summit	201
	UCIAC (1st place)	



The Varsity Golf Team: Coach Soviero, Dave Graffigna, Sean Gatesy, Ryan Stotler, Ryan Bowers, Matt Douglas, Rob Jessup, Rich Martinelli, Brian Houston, Matt Ottoson, Joe Parker, Jay Mann, Doug Brandely



Junior Rob Jessup stretches as he waits for a turn to tee-up.

Three team mates take a break after a long day on the green.





Concentration is the key! Senior Ryan Stotler focuses on a difficult shot.

Fore! Brian Houston is determined to make a flawless shot.





"Golf takes a tremendous amount of skill, and we need our players to practice on their own as well as with the team." Up to Par

The 18-2 record of the 1995 golf team was made possible through the strong members of the team. The most valuable player was Joe Parker, along with key players Ryan Bowers, Ryan Stotler, David Graffigna, Doug Brandely, and Bryan Houston. The low scores of all the varsity players were key to the successful season, which was kicked off by the team's biggest win against Pingry. Senior Dave Graffigna believes that "Golf takes a tremendous amount of skill, and we need all our players to practice on their own as well as with the team," in order to have a successful season.





Dave Graffigna demonstrates his expertise in the sport as he completes his perfect swing.

Senior Sean Gatesy anxiously watches as the ball reaches its destination. Batter Up!

The 1995 softball team was very successful, due to the dedication and loyalty to the team as a whole, and to the sport itself. Lauren Cafaro was the MVP of the team, named all county, team one by the <u>Star Ledger</u>, all area, and was chosen as one of the captains for the 1996 season. The team's unity, determination, and hard work contributed to their 16-9 record. The key players of this winning team were Lauren Cafaro (pitcher), Lauren Vidovich (1st base), Taryn McKenna (catcher), Brooke Wiley (center field), Liz Kozub (left field), Jennifer Schwartzenbek (2nd base), and Amy Williams (short stop). Overall, this was a well-deserved season, the most important win being at the Union County semi-finals against Johnson Regional, with a score of 2-1.



"A successful season was accomplished through dedication and loyalty to the team and sport."

Junior Beth Giameo winds up for the pitch.





Sophomore Jessica Brewster argues with her coach.

Taryn McKenna prepares to make a play at the plate.





The Varsity Softball Team



The Junior Varsity Softball Team

	Varsity Softball Record	
	Spring 1995	
WI	HS Oppon	ent
8	Linden	3
18	Elizabeth	1
16	East Side	5 2 6
12	Irvington	2
1	Union	
4	Roselle Park	1
1	Kearny	10
13	Linden	5 5 3 5 3
6	Ridgewood	5
1	Watchung Hills	3
2	Union	5
10	East Side	3
14	Elizabeth	3
8	Irvington	1
19	Mother Seton (UCT)	2
1	Kearny	10
8	Cranford	12
9	Union Catholic (UCT)	6
21	Plainfield	4
2	Johnson Reg. (UCT Semi)	1
5	Scotch Plains	0
0	Union County Final	11
2	Belleville (state)	12
4	Union Catholic	6
7	Summit	2

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Freshman Ashley Szyller concentrates as she makes the catch.



This WHS player sails into a single.



	Spring 1995	
onen	HS Opp	WHS
onen	Columbia	16
l.	Summit	5
1	Mountain Lakes	6
	Ridgewood	12
	Clark	17
	Peddie	6
	West Morris Cent.	8
	Hunterdon Central	9
	Clifton	9
	Princeton	6
	Roxbury	13
	Voorhees	12
	North Hunterdon	10
	Mendham	8
	Bridgewater	11
(Pingry	6
(Lawrenceville	5
(Montclair	8
		5

Varsity Team: (top row) Coach Benequista, Coach Cherewich, (2nd row) B. Graye, S. King, D. Feeney, T. Ryan, M. Mitchel, E. Marsh, P. Boudreu, G. Gadek, (3rd row) E. Joffe, L. Wertheimer, B. Keiser, P. Componile, M. Juelis, G. Spina, J. Steward, (bottom row) W. Wertheimer, A. Schmidt, S. Gersch, T. Vella, D. Schaller, I. Brady, M. Abeles



Junior Varsity Team: (top row) B. Quirk, B. Priestley, T. Urbano, D. Curry, K. Whalen, T. Cook, Coach, (middle row) J. Bruett, B. Parente, C. Keller, F. Cujuvio, K. Sullivan, (lower row) A. Riley, L. DeCosta, S. Wearley, D. Stotler, B. Joffe





This coach gives his team the load down of the game.

Senior Alex Schmidt dominates the face off at the start of the game.

"Come and get me baby." This defense is ready for whatever comes his way.







"Our key this year is to come together to play 'smarter' lacrosse." The 1995 Varsity Lacrosse season was extremely rewarding as a result of the hard work put forth by the members, as well as the teamwork displayed by the team. The biggest win of the season was against Peddie with a score of 6-4. The most valuable player was Dave Schaller because of his outstanding effort and ability as a member of the team. Each player concentrated on playing as a team, rather than as individuals, contributing to the overall success of the team, culminating in a 15-5 season record.





Scott King cradles the ball as he blocks his rival and heads towards the goal.

"Run Forest, run!" These laxers chase their opponent down the field.

Banding Together

1995 was a banner year for the Westfield High School Marching Band and Colorguard. Students kicked off the season by attending Band Camp during the month of August. Once the season officially began, in September, members of both the Color Guard, under the direction of La Tesha Holmes and Monique Payne, and members of the Marching Band, under the leadership of drum majors Sandy Buenavides and Kerry Fleming banded together to have a successful season. The Marching Band took first place in the U.S. Scholastic championship held November 4th at the Meadowlands, setting a record for WHS. Westfield competed against bands representing many different sates and finally earned the recognition it deserves.



"From Band Camp throughout the entire season, everyone put all the time and effort they could into accomplishing our goals." Kerry Fleming These members show off their formation skills.





Go Westfield. The marching band shows their support for the football team.

The homecoming parade was more enjoyed than ever thanks to the band.





The Westfield High School Marching Band and Color Guard.



La Tesha Holmes leads members of the Colorguard in a dance to excite the crowd at the Pep Rally.



It doesn't take much to have the band break out into song.



These two band members show off their fabulous hats.



Computers are becoming an integral part of the educational system at Westfield High School as this student is well aware.





Senior Katie Catenacci sits deep in thought during an English class discussion

This student concentrates on sawing, creating a masterpiece for his woods project.

Senior Stephen Griffeth expresses his reaction to *Oedipus Rex* in his English class.









Patricia O'Donnel is one of many conscientious students who spends her time wisely in the library doing homework.

Academania

When you were in kindergarten, you learned the basics — the ABC's, the 123's and how to tie your shoelaces. At five years old, school seemed great. You could play all day and have no homework. Life was simple then.

However, you soon grew older and life got tougher and school did not seem as fun. School was no longer a place of fun and games, but rather a place to expand your horizons and explore the unknown. School was now a place to learn.

Westfield High School provides unique opportunities for its students. Academics at WHS are some of the finest in the state. Not only are the English, foreign language, mathematics, history, and science departments

excellent, but the elective program is noteworthy as well. WHS offers a variety of classes for all types of people. From AP Chemistry to Computer Applications to Art 1, Westfield High School has a class for everyone. Teachers strive to teach students to the best of their ability. Their goal is to see WHS students leave the high school well prepared for their futures.



Sophomore Bryan Gates reviews his homework assignment before handing it in.

The Formula For Success





This Calculus student eagerly learns what his TI-82 calculator can do.



Jeremiah Tabor proudly displays his hard-earned A.





Ms. Dix gives wayne Pai some helpful pointers for finding the derivative of a second degree function.



Alena Lygate and Lauren Ray discuss the answers to a difficult homework assignment.



This student smiles to herself as her fellow classmate raises an interesting question.

Self Expression

When you're a freshman, your dream is to become Holden Caulfield. In your sophomore year, Lady Macbeth is the epitome of evil. Hester Prynne is the outcast known by everyone in the 11th grade, and Oedipus Rex is the tragic hero of the senior class. What do all these people have in common? They are all characters of some of the most thought provoking books read by every graduate of WHS. These books are a part of the English department at WHS. Each year students must partake in English courses where they learn how to express themselves on paper as well as how to analyze literary works. At WHS, different English courses are offered. From English I to Advanced Placement Language, Westfield provides one of the most diverse course selections of high schools in our area. The English department works not only for the students in the classroom but also outside of class. English teachers can be found in the ERC whenever a writing crisis may arise. For years, the English department has, and will continue to, produced experienced writers prepared for college and the future.



Taking notes is one of the keys to success in any WHS English class.

Deep thoughts linger through the darkness of Philip Jan's mind as he searches for the light.

Senior Amy Valentine listens intently to a heated class discussion concerning *Oedipus Rex*.







This English student pages through her test one last time before turning it in.





Jodi Putzer seems amused by *The Great Gatsby*.

Putting in extra work outside of the classroom helps this dedicated English student excel in class.



This is how we do it! Brew teaches his Bio class about monohybrid crosses.

Survival of the Fittest

Many students take a science course in order to make college resumes look impressive. Lab experiments in Biology are a great experience freshman year. Learning about DNA, RNA, and genetics can be quite memorable. Being immersed in the world of science marks the beginnings of a possible career for all students at WHS.

Chemistry, the next step in the science field, is a completely different environment than that of Biology. Stoichiometry and Avogadro's number are concepts requiring a lot of thought. Dealing with magnesium and burning chemical substances all contribute to the action packed shows in conducting labs. If you want a challenge, take Physics! Newton's Laws, trajectory and projectiles, and resultants can be mind boggling. However, lab days are always fun. It is a time to discuss and discover with fellow students, to help one another in solving equations that require intense contemplation. Overall, the science field is quite interesting. Learning about the

environment, living things, and the periodic table mark unforgettable moments in the scientific experiences of WHS students. After taking a science course and doing well in it, a great sense of accomplishment is reached. Now it is time to look ahead into the future for application of this precious knowledge to the real world.



Phil Gabriel listens intently as Mrs. Pastir explains the significance of the F1 particle.



Some Physics students take time out from their acceleration experiment to pose for the camera.





Lori Barer and Tim Romano are entranced by gene transcription.



These happy chemistry students enjoy every minute of their double-period labs.



Mr. Lantis explains to his class the fundamentals of U.S. History.

Then And Now

Does anyone know when the War of 1812 took place? Well, you would if you had paid attention in Survey. The history department strives to teach its students everything that has happened in the past thousand years in nine months out of each year — not an easy task.

> Most teachers at WHS strive to teach all students about the history of everything under the sun.

They have to use new techniques to make the classes come alive. Activities such as group projects, computer labs, debates, and fundamental class discussions are used to do this. History class has come a long way from the lecture!

Westfield offers a variety of social studies/history courses. There is something for everyone looking to fulfill the history requirements. Apart from the mandatory classes, Global Perspectives, Survey of American History, and American Issues, many juniors and seniors try AP courses, or semester electives such as Comparative Religions, Sociology, or Psychology. Whatever your strength is in the social studies, at WHS, there is a course for you to take.



Alexis Jemal and friend study hard for their history test next period.


Seniors Rachel McKenzie and Suzanne Segal plan a debate for their AP Government class.





"Psst, what's the answer to number four?" Greg Gorski turns to ask his neighbor as his history teacher turns her back. ies psychology.





Up, up and away. Katie Rowan gets ready for lift off as she prepares for a cool volleyball move.

Let's Get Physical





Lifting weights is a great way for a strong and physically fit body.



Mr. Gorski explains to his students about what it takes to become a star volleyball player.





"Gym was just so much fun today." These male athletes try to recover after a hard workout and head off to their next class.



"Gotcha" Junior Craig Hein points his finger after winning another point.





Hard work and great effort will make these students into Albert Einsteins.

X + Y = 463. This student makes careful calculations when completing her math assignment.

Innovation is the Key to Success





Sophomore Chris Burger puts on a smile as he completes a math assignment.



These Project 79 students discuss today's lessons as they work to cooperatively complete their assignment.





senior Milisha Barnette studies carefully and takes precise notes.





Junior Julie Catanzaro pays close attention to the teacher in order to take good notes.

Jay Manzo smiles for the camera as if he actually enjoyed doing work.





Mr. Scafaria animatedly tells his students about the Italian exchange program, an excellent opportunity to learn about the Italian culture.

Suzanne Vierno and Erica Tricarico, two dedicated Italian students, smile for the camera.

International Affairs

Latin, French, Spanish, German, and Italian. To most, language is just another required course one has to take at Westfield High School, but there is much more! For instance, being involved in any language club means class trips. The French Club goes to New York quite often to see Broadway plays such as Carmen. If you are in the Spanish Club, you can get the satisfaction of collecting canned food for the less fortunate. Another benefit of a language is that you can go to Germany, Italy, Spain, etc. Where's the benefit there, you ask? Well, you can meet new people from a different culture, taste different foods that you've never tried before, and experience living in a whole new country. Before this is possible, though, one is required to go to class to learn to read and write in your language. One also gets the benefit of coming to International Night where you get the pleasure of eating a foreign meal and enjoying entertainment! Now, aren't you glad the language is a required course?



"Oui, Oui" Yes, yes we all love French. We hardly catch any doodlers in this French class.



Ms. Jacobus gives Chris Schwarzenbeck some extra attention to help him prepare for an upcoming Spanish test.





Ms. Farshety spends time in the Foreign Language Resource Center correcting tests of her Latin V students.



How do you say the colors of the rainbow in French? Just ask these level IV French students.



Alexis Jemal is about to display her multiple talents. She can play all these instruments at once.

High Notes

Westfield High School's music program has been widely acclaimed by people around the country. Both the teachers and the students are recognized for their work and talents. Students who choose to participate in choir or orchestra, must work for years in order to reach the high level of skill seen in high school. In the high school, there are three top choirs in which to participate. Chorale, Choraleers, and the Concert Choir. Every year around midterms, hundreds of students try-out for a place in these choirs. Each year the level of competition rises. Music students must devote a lot of time to practice in and out of school. And their hard work always pays off, they hold two to three concerts a year. The concerts are always a huge success, and the audience always enjoys the performances. The success of the music department is mostly based on the direction of Mr. Biel, Mr. Matthews, and Mr. Wojick. These three members of the faculty have worked hard to make the music program the success that it is.



Rich Uniake and Greg May impress the parents at Back to School Night.



Back to School Night is a time to display the hard work of the school's singers.





Suzanne Vinegra pauses from tuning her violin to smile for the roaming photographer.



This group of concert violinists get ready to walk on stage.



Greg Paroff clutches his Wheaties in fear that he'll have to return them.

In The Spotlight





Catherine Hogan and Rory Suggs have a heart to heart.



The cast of The Boys Next Door laugh as Mr. Nierle gives them their final pep talk.





Schaefer display their dramatic skills as they portray two mentally challenged adults.



Amanda Miller and Charlie Irwin discuss the meaning of golf over knitting.



Each year, the art students of Westfield High School display their talent in the Art Show.

CREATIVE JUICES

Are you wondering what elective to take next year? Go Art Smart. This course has much to offer. You can take Art 1 through Art 4 as well as crafts and ceramics. These electives are so much fun; you can even learn Art History.

For students who take these courses, it is an opportunity to achieve a higher level of skill and technique. In ceramics, students are able to learn the fundamentals of

> pottery making. In the display

cases along

/ the hallways, \

one can see the

products of these classes. Shelves of bowls,

vases and other creations can be

seen for months.

For many students, the highest achievement that they can achieve is to have their works displayed in the district art show. For several days, the paintings and sculptures are on display in the auditorium. Most of the pieces are from the high school, but there are several works from the elementary and middle schools. Quite possibly the future artists in the high school.

The art program of the high school is very impressive. Students can be trained in a variety of manners, so that they become highly skilled artists. Who knows, they might be the Michaelangelos of the future.





Danielle Rodman and Alena Lygate carefully sculpt their art projects to perfection.





This freshman girl spends a lot of time to make sure that her sketch looks just right.



Ms. Flynn demonstrates how to mold clay.



Mie Asakawa and Erik Clinton savor the scent of those biscuits cooking in the oven.

Let's Get Practical

There are many practical arts courses at Westfield High School which one can engage in to get away from everyday life. Foods and woods are just some of these courses. In these courses, one is able to explore the mind to come up with artistic things to make. For example, one may assume that everything you cook in the foods room is what Ms. A wants. Though some of the things you make, like the traditional chocolate chip cookies have to be made, you also have the chance to explore cook books with which you would be able to make whatever your heart desires. The same thing goes for woods. Mr. Hansel may ask you to make a book shelf, but once this project is finished, you have a choice of making almost anything, such as a stool or a trunk. Practical arts courses are very beneficial in laying a foundation which you can use in the future. They are classes which you can use when you have a family of your own.



This craftsman exercises his woodworking skills as he avoids cutting off his fingers.



"Yum, this tastes good!" These foods students divy up their gourmet meals.





These future chefs work hard in preparation for the Culinary Institute.





This student plans hard to make his next woods project perfect.

Senior Tom Karyczak sands his project down to perfection.



Seniors Liam Wertheimer and Corey Posey wrap up their new TV 36 program.

"Take Two"

Lights, camera, action! Unlike students in many schools, the students at WHS have been given the unique opportunity to star in, direct, produce, and film their own videos with the guidance of the T.V. Production program. Headed by Mr. Davis, this course serves as a unique way to explore the world of T.V. and film as well as the functions that go on "behind the scenes" such as lighting, editing, and using audio and video equipment and computer graphics for production. The program is offered in two progressive courses. First, in T.V. Production I, students are introduced to the fundamental skills described above while T.V. Production II allows them to build and improve on such skills. Eventually, students may also opt to take an independent study in the program to have total control over the production of a video, film, or show. Finally, those with more time and interest to spare may also take part in the T.V. and Film Club offered.



These future Steven Spielbergs use their excellent editing techniques to produce a future sitcom.



Sophomore Daniel Sabreen and Seth Mankoski try hard to pay attention while learning how their favorite TV shows were made.





TV 36 advisor Mr. Davis talks to his students about what it takes to make it in television.



Focus the camera. Cameraman Jon Digiovanni gets ready to film one of WHS's sporting events. Ummm... Ummm Good! Varsity Field Hockey players represent the team to raise money at Back to School Night by selling orchard pies.





Celebrating the success of the WHS drama, "The Boys Next Door," performers Cecily Schaefer and Josh Segal relax after the show.

Psyched for the first WHS Powder Puff football game, Senior Amy Valentine helps fellow teammate Dawn Kretkowski paint on her game face.

Hard at work, yearbook staff member Rina Erazzo, sorts through pictures to decide which ones would be best for a layout.









With enthusiasm for the start of the '95-'96 school year, WHS students eagerly sign up for clubs on Club Day.

Filling Our Days



Rockin' with rhythm, members of the WHS marching band dance to the beat as they cheer on the football team.



Volunteering as an assistant at College Night, this Key Club member helps distribute in-



Sophomore Dylan Dupre skillfully maneuvers the ball out of his opponents way to score a goal for the WHS varsity soccer team.



Get down! Seniors Lauren Candia and Jenna Mulford dance the night away.

Winter Gala '96

For the third year in a row, the Westfield High School Student Council sponsored the Winter Gala. The Gala, a semi-formal evening held at the Westwood, took place on January 26, 1996. Held during mid-term exam week; the evening gave students a chance to kick back, relax, and dance the night away, leaving behind the pressures of trigonometry and physics for four exciting hours. The cost of a ticket was \$27, including

buffet, D.J., and a free souvenir tumbler as a memento of the evening. A wonderful time was had by all. For underclassmen, it was a chance to have fun with friends and classmates, for upperclassmen, it was a final formal evening in anticipation of the prom. Student Council members were pleased with the success of the Winter Gala, and with such a turnout, students can expect that the Gala will become an annual tradition at Westfield High School.



Seniors Stephanie Buldo, Katie Kennedy and Sara Becker take a momentary break off the dance floor.



Nestled in each others arms, juniors Bobby Schultz and Katherine Ball sway to the beat of a slow song.







Sophomores Brendan Hickey and Mary Korfmacher pause from dancing to smile for the camera.



Name ... address ... expected major. Junior Nicole Desantis fills out yet another information card and grabs another brochure.

A Look Into The Future





Sophomore Christine Weber and friend take time out from scoping out the colleges to smile for a picture.



"We want you!" Senior Jim Barbiere finds out more about what it takes to join the U.S. Marines.



Taking a break from the college search, Senior Stephanie Brendel and friend take a seat to decide what they will look at next.



And what does this school have to offer? Junior Sarah Ponzio talks with this representative about the unique qualities of this university.



The men of *Fiddler* practice one of the many exhausting dance numbers in the show.

Fiddler on the Roof

This year the Westfield High School Drama and Music departments have departed from the contemporary path of Hair. Instead, they choose to produce the more traditional Fiddler on the Roof. The auditions that were held in December gave way to a cast of more than forty-five. The cast worked hard to make the well known songs and dances, associated with Fiddler perfect. The story is well know. A man has five daughters, as they reach the age to be married, things begin to change. He has difficulty breaking away from the traditions that he knows. From this conflict, the well known song "Tradition" arises. The man, Tevia, is played by Josh Segal, and his wife, Golda, is played by Magaly Roig. Together, the two characters strive to understand the new traditions and the reason for abandoning the old. For three months, the cast members worked hard on the dancing

aspect of the show. For once, the guys had to do most of the dance numbers instead of the girls. But it just made the experience of the show all the more enjoyable.

Fiddler was a production that surpassed the other shows performed at WHS.



Magaly Roig and Josh Sigal work with the other members of the cast to perfect this crucial scene.



Cast members advertise for this years annual production, *Fiddler on the roof.*



Greg Paroff takes center stage as the cast rehearses for the upcoming performance.



Cast members Katie Hogan and Matt Greenlaw keep the audience spellbound with their amazing feats.



Alex Petersen demonstrates his word processing skills.

Keeping Pace

Computers are a trend of the 90's. Nowadays, computer literacy is an advantage in anything someone does. There are a myriad of job opportunities the real world has to offer in this field. The telecommunication system has improved a great deal that many employees work at home using their computers. Computers are very helpful in school as well. It helps someone become a more organized person too. The technological advancements that these machines present are quite useful in today's society. It enables people to communicate with friends and family in a quicker and more practical way. Surfing through the internet is another popular method to find information about things of interest. Computer technology is designed so that even a five year old can operate one. Computers have many options that are capable of doing things that humans cannot do. It is amazing how such a device can be beneficial in someone's daily life. The invention of the computer was a step into today's modern

world. Computers are very important that industrious corporations cannot survive without the help of these equipment. In turn, jobs require special skills. Computers not only are useful at work, but they are also fun to work with.



Greg Fry watches intently, hoping his program will run.



Ms. Schaeffner lends a helping hand to her student.





Junior Chris Camuto works diligently in the computer room.



AP Pascal Students take time to help each other with a computer lab.





Lauren Rudofsky receives tips from Mr. Soriano on how to design the perfect layout.

Juniors Diane Schwebel and Jen Kemps work diligently to perfect their article for the Hi's Eye.

Stop the Press!

Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines. Who cares about deadlines? Well, if you were a member of either the Hi's Eye or the Weathervane, you'd care. These two groups of hard-working individuals dedicate long hours to fulfilling the needs of the school. The Hi's Eye is WHS's newspaper. It has won various awards and has a reputation of being one of today's top high school newspapers. Each week, staff members of this periodical work hard to meet the deadlines of the publishers to bring our school the news. This paper informs the students on what goes on both in and outside of school. And they always try to please the public by keeping to their motto, "If it's Friday and there's school, then it's a Hi's Eye!" Now for the other publication, the Weathervane. If you ever pass room 120 after school you might hear the screams and shouts of the yearbook staff, "Get your hands off my', "Look I found some more goobers," "Whose butts are these?", "Slurpee, TCBY, and Donut runs," "Where's the white out?" "Emily's Purple Paste," "What's first T, R, or S?" "Oh, it's 4 o'clock," and "Shot gun." But seriously, yearbook staff members take extra sugar, sing to bad music, and gossip for hours about people, Mr. Morton, and Party of Five, while completing our deadlines. Although, our book of memories isn't shown to us until June we mustn't let this get in our way as we work hard to finish this cherished book.



Jane Petrino and Melissa Fleming type their way to meeting a deadline for Hi's Eye.



Sara Becker and Ann Polak work to perfect yet another page of WHS's Weathervane.





Hey look! Cristin Luck, Emily Laderman, and Jen Mc-Cullam cut and paste pictures for a senior yearbook collage.



Weathervane staff members take time out to pose for the camera after passing out yearbooks at last year's Senior Banquet.



Express Yourself!

So, just taking one or two art courses is not good enough for you? Are you interested in some real hands-on experience? Well, then you should join the Art club. If you're looking to forget about the hectic world around you and go somewhere where you could use your creativity, then the Art Club's for you. In this club, you can use your imagination to create pumpkin faces, Christmas ornaments, and other holiday accessories. Most of these projects are then sold to teachers and parents. Together with the money from these sales and from the Valentines candy sales, the Art Club goes on a field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, or Great Adventure. So, if you find art intriguing and have some free time on your hands, come join the Art Club where you can use your imagination to brighten up the world around you through your creativity. For all other creative souls out there, WHS offers two more clubs: the Pop Culture Club and the Creative Writing Group. Instituted just last year, the Pop Culture Club has enjoyed overwhelming success. Last June, the club held Pop Culture-Fest, a showcase of creative talents from the student body including musical performances, poetry readings, dramatic monologues, and comedy acts. This year the club has been hard at work on a literary magazine dealing with issues of popular culture, entirely composed of students work. The club is under the advisorship of Ms. McDuffie. The Creative Writing Group, also only in its second year, offers student and teachers a constructive, supportive atmosphere for critique of their writing. The group is under the direction of Ms. Strauss.

Helen Mastrangelo and Rich Stillwell review submissions for the Pop Culture magazine.



Sarah Rood encourages students to join the Art Club.



Ms. Strauss gives constructive criticism to this member of the Creative Writing Group.



What's with these pumpkin heads? On display in Mr. Silveira's room, these pumpkins made by the Art Club are sold each Halloween as an important fundraiser.



Megan Foley instructs members of the Pop Culture Club on how to create a layout for the literature magazine.



Cultural Exchange

For students who wish to continue their foreign language study outside of the classroom, the German, French, and Spanish Clubs offer excellent opportunities to do so. The annual Wintermarkt, sponsored by the German Club, serves to introduce holiday traditions, food, and crafts, German-style, to the students and faculty of Westfield High School. The hosting of German students likewise gives WHS students an excellent opportunity to experience German culture and often convinces them to stay in Germany with a host family as well. Club advisor, Ms. Torre, has worked hard this year to keep involvement going to result in a successful year for the club. The French Club serves to promote French culture through events such as the crepe sale, Petanque Tournament, and field trips, such as the one held in October to see Carmen at Lincoln Center. The French exchange program provides the opportunity for such dedicated students to experience French culture, first-hand. The Spanish Club also promotes Spanish culture through the exposure of students to Spanish students each year. In addition, the club

exposure of students to Spanish students each year. In addition, the club serves members of the school and community through fundraising for scholarships for members of the Spanish Honor Society, and collections for needy children at holiday time. But perhaps the most well-known event involving the Spanish Club is the annual Carnation sale for Valentine's Day, providing students with the opportunity to send a gift to that "special someone".... Seniors Kelly Romine, Stephanie Kornicki, Elizabeth Van Iperan and Melissa Betkowski push fellow peers to join the Spanish Club.



Magaly Roig chills with the Spanish exchange students.

Seniors Morna O'Keefe, Kathleen McKeever, Justine Moncreif, Steve Kassakian, Erica Tricarico and Efrat Magdieli smile for the camera on International Night.





Demonstrating the work ethics of the Germans, Kathleen McGrath, Renee Koutras and friend eat their lunches while answering questions at the same time.



French Honor Society member Kathy Shafiee proudly grins as she collects money for the club on Back-to-School Night.





Something Old, Something New

The Latin and Italian Clubs are just two of the language clubs at WHS contributing to the promotion of cultural awareness within the student body. In general, both clubs meet regularly to discuss upcoming events and possible fundraisers to hold such as selling candy. Supervised by Ms. Farshety, the Latin Club offers a variety of activities to its members form Munchkin and apple cider sales on back to School Night to participating in WHS's first International Night. Similarly, the Italian Club, supervised by Mr. Scafaria, also participates in many events during the year so that members may get a taste of the Italian culture. This year, events included participation in International Night and fundraising for the annual trip to Italy with chocolate Santa and Easter Bunny sales. Though technically not a "foreign language," the American Sign Language Club (ASL) also serves to promote awareness of language among WHS students. Started by Ms. Scragg, ASL is currently run by Dan O'Brian who guides members in mastering this language. Just as ASL serves to bring awareness of the deaf culture, the Hispanic Club promotes awareness of the Hispanic culture. Supervised by Ms. Gonzalez, the Hispanic club, a relatively new club, is doing well as WHS students from all backgrounds have become active members. From the active participation exemplified by just ASL and the Latin, Italian, and Hispanic clubs, it is obvious that the promotion of diversity and awareness of language is a valuable priority at WHS.

Latin Club advisor Ms. Farshety discusses upcoming events at a club meeting.

Three Latin Club members smile in approval of the future activities planned for the year.



American Sign Language Club members Joe Salerno and Danielle Shaw perfect their sign-making skills.



Members of the Italian Club and their exchange students perform a traditional Italian song at International night.



Italian Club members showed their Italian exchange students around New York by ferry.



Extracurricular 247

Club advisor Ms. Gonzalez and two students promote their club name while at a meeting.



Emi Narusawa and Wandy Chang work hard selling coffee for a fundraiser to benefit the Asian Awareness Club.

Promoting Awareness

At Westfield High School, clubs such as Asian Awareness, the International Club, CATCH, and African Awareness promote awareness and appreciation of the many cultures represented among our students. The Asian Awareness club encourages its members to learn more about Asian, Southeast Asian, and Pacific Island cultures. The club introduces the rest of the school community to these cultures during much anticipated Asian Night. During this festival, students can sample authentic Korean, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, and Filipino cuisine and listen to music from the different cultures as well. Although Asian Night was not held this year, students can look forward to a wonderful celebration next year. The International Club is also intended to introduce students to cultural differences. The club sponsors trips to ethnic restaurants and theaters, and participates in celebrations of religious holidays and festivals. Perhaps the most anticipated activity of the International Club is the annual pumpkin-carving contest held on Halloween to support UNICEF. CATCH is an organization that consists of students from all grade levels. Meetings include discussions of racial and moral issues ranging from problems within the school to issues of national concern. This club, along with the African Awareness Club, which sponsors the Black History Dinner in February, serve as outlets for students to vent their frustrations and express their opinions.



Justin Kim takes a break while selling flowers for the International Club.
Members of the African Awareness Club, Michelle Lyons and Milisha Barnett, take a break from discussing the details of the upcoming dinner to pose for the camera.







Mr. Hollis, the head of CATCH, prepares to begin a meeting.

Senior Yih Huang represents Asian Awareness on Club Day, '95.







Luis Dacosta and Brad Jankowski are surprised by our photographer during an important FBLA meeting.

Voices of the Future

The Future Business Leaders of America, commonly known as FBLA, has only been around for three years. One may ask nimself, "That's it?" Though the club is relatively new, the future business leaders of this organization, led by Mrs. Bellomo, have overcome many obstacles in order to receive the recognition the members deserve. FBLA, a national organization, is committed to helping the less fortunate as well as getting students involved in business. The members of FBLA engage in such activities as going to New York City to learn about the business world and local and state competitions. Those who place at the local level go on to try to place at the state level. Some of our winners this year were Luis Da Costa in Accounting II. Brad Jankowski in Mr. FBLA, Erin Zielenbach in Battle of the Chapters, and Ericka Wilhelms in Mrs. FBLA Though FBLA is hard work at times, it is worth it in the end. The Young Republicans Club, reestablished three years ago, has enjoyed a productive year as well. Under the direction of faculty advisor Gail Boothe, the purpose of the club has been to promote Republican iewpoints among the students of Westfield High School and to strengthen their understanding of the political process. In the past, members have me with Assemblymen and have taken field trips to enhance their knowledge of how the government operates, and this year has been no exception. Every year, a group of students from Westfield High School travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania, to par ticipate in the YMCA Model United Nations convention. In this rogram, young people from different high schools take on the roles of representatives of nations around the world and attempt to work out agreements on major international issues such as the Former Yugoslavia, the Former U.S.S.R., and nuclear proliferation. The 1996 Hershey convention proved to be yet another success for the delegation from Westfield, representing the nations of Poland, Togo, and India, Under the new direction of Mr. Dana Lynch, several Westfield students garnered top honors for their hard work. Poland was given the Superior Delegation Award, the highest prize a team can win. Members of the Polish delegation included seniors Adam Cowburn, Rachel McKenzie, and Courtney Yevich, as well as juniors Matthew O'Connor and Amanda Palmer. Amanda Palmer was selected as a delegate to National Affairs, the nation-wide Model United Nations convention, while Adam Cowburn and junior Diane Schwebel were selected as alternates to National Affairs. The members of the Model United Nations program of Westfield High School are hoping for another successful convention in 1997. The Junior Statesmen of American have had a successful year as well. The organization holds debates regularly to

provide students with experience debating in a public forum. Under the advisory of Mrs. Apel and officers Lori Barer, Ericka Wilhelms, Debbie Lintz, and Gary Mahmoud, the group planned two conference, s Fall State and Winter State. Winter State took place in February in Washington D.C. where students had the opportunity to her the White House Press Secretary speak. For all members of JSA, 1995-96 has been a productive year. JOINS ANC

In two places at once ... Yih Huang recruits members for the Young Republicans while the representative has stepped away for a moment.



Melinda Borne, Jamie Zimak, and Nina Castells discuss the details of the upcoming JSA trip to Washington D.C.





Julia Lehman and Crystal Kim sell refreshments at Back To School Night to raise funds for the FBLA.



Debbie Lintz, Kate Werely, and Kim Kelly put on smiles after a productive meeting for JSA.



Folio Editor Stephane Sasso carefully reads her poetry to the audience.





Drawing to their heart's content, this group amuses itself while waiting for the Coffeehouse to start.

Jeff Segal awaits his turn to present his new comedy act.

Lauren Flynn sings to the strum of her guitar.









Welcome to Folio Coffeehouse. This students collects tickets at the door.



One of the bands performing at the Coffeehouse tunes up before playing.



To psych herself up for the AIDS Walk, Laura Faulkner decorated her car.

Helping Hand

Reach is an organization at WHS that strives to influence student behavior. The peer group educates the younger members of the school system on the dangers of drugs and alcohol abuse. Those who are able to be a part of this group are all extremely dedicated. Besides attending regular meetings, they must also pledge to stay drug and alcohol free for the time that they are in high school. Among their many activities, Reach travels to the elementary and middle schools to talk to kids about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. They use methods like skits, lectures and open discussions to get their message across. Another group in WHS that works to better the community is Social Action Coalition, otherwise known SAC. The group works year round to try and better the society in which we live. In the fall of this year, the club raised money and travelled to Rutgers to participate in the AIDS Walks. They walked a 10K, and a great deal of money was raised. The overall project for the year was the creation of the student center. With luck, it will be completed this year in Cafeteria A. The club wants to make a place for students to come and have a place to relax. So next time you are lying on a couch talking with friends in the student lounge, be sure to thank SAC.



These members of the Social Action Coalition gathered at Rutgers before the AIDS Walk.



Stacie Charmate and a friend from Kids on the Block perform for their elementary



school audience.

Members of Kids on the Block pose between performances.



Sara Becker and Emily Laderman recruit people for SAC on Club Day.



















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Lollapalooza -- Benny Hanna -- White Jeep Wranglers -- low riding white . tracker -- Beastie Boys --





Mom and Dad

Love,

Congratulations to Leigh Pravda and the Class of 1996!

BRENDA HINE TONY FRINZI PAT PERRY LORRAINE BESCH TONY GRASSO KYRA GONZALEZ BRENDA FLAHAULT NANCY CARPENTER A SPECIAL THANKS TO JEAN FOLSOM MARK PASTIR (MY AIDE FROM IST - 10TH GRADE) CHARLES ROPARS AND ALL THOSE OTHERS WHO LES JACOBSEN TONY QUAGLIANO CARED. KAREN STARK - BOB FLIEGEL KATHY NOONAN BOB HILD RICHARD GANGE BARBARA BALL JEANETTE BRANNAN CAROL LEE ALLEBAUGH AL LAMBERT RANDI LANTIS MARILYN SCHAEFFNER CINDY ZIEGLER CUSTODIAL STAFF MIKE MULVIHILL JOAN DERSH NURSING STAFF SAM HAZELL LIBRARIANS DORIS ZOBEL HORNER MARLENE HELD JOE HAWKINS SUE FOULDS PEGGY "K" TED KOZLIK DALE SCHWAM DIANN KAUTZ GREG DELFINO DAVID TULLER

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Dear Emily, Jennifer, Jennifer, Kathy, and Cristin

Congratulations! All of your hard work has paid off! You've created an enjoyable yearbook for your friends in the Class of 1996. Have a wonderful summer! Before you know it you'll be cramming in college dorms and libraries. I wish you every success for the future. Fondly,

Susan Dugle



During the Homecoming parade, Student Council drivers Shari Gersch and Lori Barer escort the nominees.

Making it Happen

Considering the accomplishments of past years and those of the current '95-'96 school year, it is quite evident that the WHS Student Council is driven towards "making anything happen." Supervised by Ms. Bonnie Hagerman, this year's officers were President Kevin Sullivan, Vice President Lori Barer, Secretaries Heather Post and D.J. Curry, and Treasurer Lawrence Ho. From organizing the car wash to raise money, holding a Thanksgiving food drive to feed the poor, to organizing the Hip Hoptober, Homecoming, the Winter Gala, Dr. Love compatibility tests, and fundraising for the prom, the student council is always active in promoting school spirit and getting students involved throughout the year. There is no doubt that the WHS Student Council serves as a strong voice in representing all students unified in preserving WHS traditions and promoting new and exciting events for the future.



James Ruvolo, Meghan Hely, Lori Barer, and Dave Mokrauer stress Student Council on Club Day.



Homecoming King and Queen, Kevin Sullivan & Magaly Roig smile for a picture after being crowned.



"Come get your car wash ticket." Kellie Goncalves and Suzy Kozub sell car wash tickets on Back-to-School Night for a fund raiser.

Is it the Brady's? No, it's the members of WHS Student's Council all dressed up for the Hip Hoptober.



Affirmative action has become a major topic in state and national politics.



Remember When

Clinton is going to have to face a variety of candidates. Everybody from Bob Dole to Ross Perot to Newt Gingrich. Colin Powell, who could have been the first black president has already dropped out.

And in the world of sports, Steffi Graf and Pete Samprass captured the U.S. Open title. The New Jersey Devils took home the Stanley Cup, and the Braves won the World Series.

Cal Ripken, Jr. is quite possibly the reason that major league baseball has come back from the dumps. In September, he broke the long standing record for consecutive games played.





In the fall of 1995, Pope John Paul II visited the New Jersey area. Thousands of Catholics sat in the pouring rain to participate in a mass led by the pope.

> Quite possibly, the band of the year is Dave Mathews Band. They have been around for many years, but it was in 1995 that they became radio and video sensations.





Pete Sampras captured the U.S. Open title in September.





To Lou DaCosta — pick up lines that work and a new Mustang

Last Will



To Ms. Strauss — a "free" trip to Bermuda To Emily Laderman — a bustier

chocolate



To James Ruvulo — a talk show Mrs. Ninesling — a quiet cafeteria study



Mr. Seiler — exotic pigeons Concert Choir — alarm clocks Mr. Nierle — the patch

Remember

Washington School

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Jefferson School



Wilson School

When McKinley School

Franklin School



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Good luck next year,

Emily, Jen, Jen, and Kathy

Colophon

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Road to Utopia

Mud covered sneakers and clothes soiled from endless moments of spilling and screaming are now replaced by leather dress shoes and polyester gowns of lost white and glistening blue

fading minutes continue to blur the carefully drafted sketches of our lives and while anxiously we wait for our cue to exhale suddenly we take flight in our transition from earth to sea or from mere existence to everlasting paradise

our weightless words float above us now in clouds swollen with years of assorted emotions and standing in this place of land and water and shadows we break the barrier between reality and light we find that we have not been the victims of disillusion

our greatest ally and our most feared enemy; time has composed the events of our lives together it now finishes coloring in our black stenciled frames giving breath to our suffocating daydreams and force to overcome the echoes in the holes of our uncompleted road

wisdom gained from perpetual anticipation of our lifelong debuts and standing ovations assure us between shifts in our changing mirrors that mysteries can never be unsolved stories cannot be untold and stolen fantasies and forfeited hopes threatening to forever haunt our horizons will eventually disappear through the power of amnesia or will find reason for rebirth in years to come

yellow edged photographs reveal faces whose pathways have paralleled our own not captured in the lost sheen of these pictures are the ties braided with days of mutual joy and pain that can never be rent with the blunt blade of disintegrating years

memories cannot be made to ashes dreams can be forgotten but never forsaken with feet now unfettered and motion no longer a simple vision beyond the spectacle of the naked eye we reveal that we are prepared to secure the final steps on our journey to real

so, dreamily we await our entrance into the eternity of our Renaissance

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