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West Orange High School Def·i·ni·tion

the place where we spent four
great years with friends who made
this home and faculty who helped
us discover how we mattered.

The Class of 2008



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Hanging Around

Taylor Deltz and Allison Aporta
get a rush of excitement at the
senior picnic.



Help from Our Friends

Hector Saenz and John Silvestri
show no signs of fear while
taking on a difficult assignment.



Facing the Challenge

Sean Clayton does not hesitate to
master the challenge of the
Rubix Cube.



Just Plain Fun

Fabiana Ramos has the time of
her life soaking the faculty in the
dunk tank at the senior picnic.



We may have been seen as
students when we were at
West Orange High School,
but the Class of 2008 was so
much more. We worked
together to help our
community and took pride
in the jobs we had to pay
for our weekend fun and of
course, gas! We started this
year with excitement for all
of the "senior" privileges
that waited for us and we
ended the year with nostalgic
memories of what we shared
with each other throughout
our four years of high school.
West Orange High School
may be in our past but it will
always remain for the
Class of 2008
Beyond Definition.

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Student Life

good times with friends found
both in school and beyond the
classroom walls



Syndie Bosquet, Janet Adekola, Daphney Adolphe, and Stephany Pacaud are elated to reunite after two months of summer break.



Garrett Harvest and Damon Garrett are ready to kick off the senior year with style.



Lizbeth Pilco and Isamar Noyola are excited to share their fun-filled senior year with one another.



Sonali Sharma satisfies her sweet tooth with a delicious donut; her first act as a West Orange High School senior.

Timothy Jonas starts off his first day of school with a hearty breakfast.



Senior Breakfast: (seen-yer brek-fuhst) n. a social event with food, pictures, and memories to kick off senior year

September 5, 2007 marked the end to our summers. It was time to lock up the beach houses and open up the notebooks for a new school year. This year was a different welcome back to school for our senior class though. Before starting classes, we were given something special to enjoy. Our class was welcomed back to school with a scrumptious breakfast fit for a king. The selection was so varied and tasty that students were sure to go to class satisfied. Sausage, eggs, bagels, pancakes and donuts were just a few of the

delectable selections for breakfast. Excitement filled the cafeteria on that school day as we socialized with our peers. While we enjoyed our tasty foods and beverages, we had the opportunity to purchase our '08 sweatshirts and jerseys. Pictures were taken and memories were made. Friends reunited after being away for two months and shared stories of their summers. After the summer, we were overjoyed to finally be seniors. It was an event that created a memorable first day of school.



Asaf Ibrahimian and Donovan Thomas enjoy their breakfast while waiting for their '08 Jerseys.



Natasha Gallop and Christina Boateng are enthused to begin an important year in the halls of West Orange High School.

Chelsea Flores leads her team to victory as she prepares to bump the ball to her teammate.

Nice shot! Seniors cheer her on as Meghan Rich dunks Mr. Galioto.



Are Nerlande Jean and Jasmine Atuncar Voguing? You bet they are...strike a pose!

Robert Lefkowitz, Joe Perna, Anthony Belardo, and Jeff Petigrow, get pumped during a competitive sack race.



Senior Picnic: (sēn'yer pik'nik) n.

when students close their books, pack up their bags, and take a look outside the classroom

A dazzling day under the sun with our 2008 Senior Class was the key ingredient to a wonderful and fun-filled afternoon. We sang and told jokes the entire ride there, but that was not the best part of the day. When we arrived at the picnic no one could wait to play games

and eat the food that was prepared for us. We dominated the sack races, three-legged races, and the dunk tank. Our classmates were most eager to soak our teachers in the dunk tank. Those were not the only fun activities at our senior picnic. Mr. Duca had our class grooving to the beats.

Nothing beat the outrageous music and constant dancing of our senior class. After a fun-filled day of crazy games, great music, and delicious food we trotted to the buses with looks of satisfaction on our faces. It is safe to say that our senior picnic was a wonderful success.



Kelsey Quinn and Brenna Singman show enthusiasm while cheering on their classmates in the three-legged race.

Taylor Deltz remembers her childhood days as she hangs on the jungle gym.



Johanna Diaz and Kathy Diaz laugh all the way to the finish line as they realize four legs are better than three.





Charleen Babi is wondering where her friend is hiding during hide-and-go seek.

Every baby should be a Gerber Baby, but in this case every baby should be as happy as Jennifer Holandez.



The end of summer may cause frowns, but for Krisa Varghese and Brianna Wapples, the beginning of school does just the opposite.

The first day of school can seem scary for some kids, but not for Laura Jo Rieske and Lizzy Storm.



Baby Pictures: (bey-bee pik-cherz) n. from blocks and naps to graduation caps

Kindergarten was where it all started. It was the time when we could recall the good memories of being a kid. It was also the time when recess was forever in session and lunch boxes were a fashion accessory. As time moved on, we grew up, but we never forgot what it

was like to be young. Nobody could forget waking up on Saturday mornings when we watched cartoons or when we stayed home from school because we had a tummy ache. Although all the snowmen we made melted and all the play time we had ended, we never forgot the

good times. The younger years passed, but still remained in our hearts. As the years passed on we aged, but were always young at heart. The new responsibilities and joys of finally becoming a senior could not erase the memories of our first friends.



It looks as though Gabby Porras Zamora proves that the box is always better than the toy.

Ann Marie Angelone, Allison Schoner, and Lizeth Rubiano are ready to parade around Gregory School on Halloween 1998.



Luke Manton is all smiles when he sees his mom coming along with his bottle as he wakes up from his nap.

Homecoming: (hōm'kum'ing) n. a day when a king and queen were crowned

The senior class was given the opportunity to vote for who they wanted to nominate for homecoming king and queen. Some students campaigned to get nominated, but in the end it came down to three male nominees and three female nominees. The nominees for homecoming king were Justin Worthing, Kenneth Arnold and Michael Mauriello. The court for queen was Isabella Lombardo, Sandra Joseph, and Melissa McKeon. On the brisk fall day of October 28, 2007, West Orange football fans came out to support the varsity football team.

The crowd was enthusiastic as the football team took on Passaic County Technical Institute. Both the crowd and the nominees anxiously waited for halftime when the winners were announced. After much anticipation, halftime arrived, and Kenneth Arnold was crowned king while Isabella Lombardo was crowned queen. The nominees showed great sportsmanship and congratulated the winners. The excitement and smiles were continuously shown by the winners. It was a very memorable day for the nominees and the Class of 2008.

Homecoming king, Kenneth Arnold, beams and receives a congratulatory hug from his escort, Madeline Moore.



Isabella Lombardo, excited about being announced homecoming queen, is given flowers from Mr. Alloggiamento and Bernardo Valle.

After the recognition of seniors, Stephon Tynes is escorted off the field by his grandmother.





Mike Mauriello happily walks off with his parents after the bittersweet ceremony.

Joe Perna prepares to make a hard defensive tackle.



Viktoriya Gershteyn walks off the football field with her parents after cheering loudly at the homecoming game.

Homecoming king and queen, Kenneth Arnold and Isabella Lombardo, graciously accept their crowns and take their finely earned spots in the lineage of West Orange royalty.

Sandra Joseph is overwhelmed with excitement ready to begin her night with Joe Desrosiers by her side.

Pre-prom is a great time to capture the good looks on camera, but Sarah Salazar will only pose for one more shot before she dances the night away.



Amanda Feigenbaum and Kayla Nalven are G-L-A-M-O-R-O-U-S.



Lizeth Rubiano dazzles the crowd in her fabulous prom gown.



Adrianna Ronzo and Brittany Matos are happy to experience their fun-filled prom night with one another.

The only reason Matt Frank would be sitting is because he danced till he tired himself out.



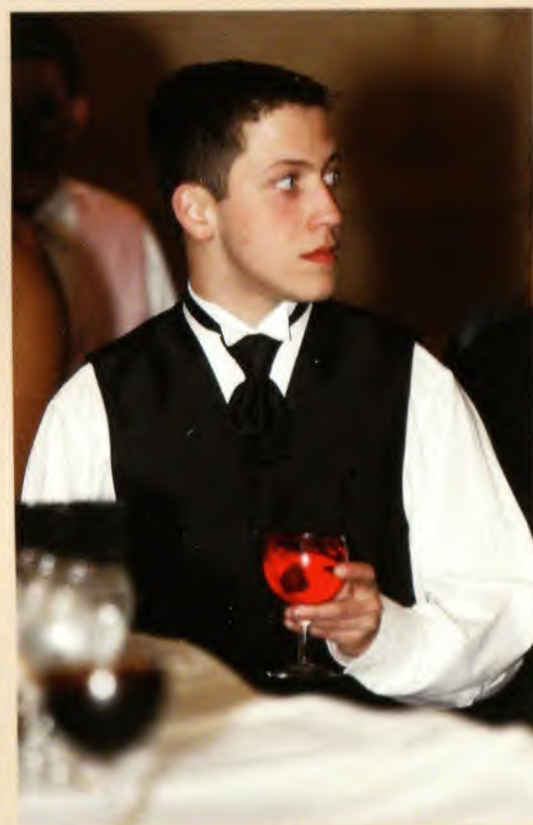
Junior Prom: (joon-yer prom) n. cherish the night

Junior Prom was certainly an unforgettable night for the Class of 2008. The gorgeous Wilshire Grand was decorated with the prom colors of champagne, ivory, and burgundy. As we arrived, smiles gleamed, cameras flashed, and feet danced. Everyone at prom looked beyond excited to start what was expected to be a wonderful evening. The cocktail hour wore on as we fueled up on appetizers before we used all that energy on the dance floor. We took pictures, exchanged "hellos" and "you look beautifuls" and then filed into the Golden Ballroom. There the entertainment and disc-jockey skills of Mr. Moore awaited us. The music was so great that the teachers chaperoning could not resist getting up and

dancing to the beats. With each passing moment, the night seemed to get better and more memorable. To satisfy all of our appetites, a delicious dinner and an amazing dessert was served. The sweetest part was when we all danced with our dates to the chosen prom song *For You I Will* by Monica. Smiles were found in every direction, our friends laughed in every corner, and we all bonded at our tables. We all enjoyed the prom so much that we were saddened when the night came to an end. The night was so amazing and could not have been better. The Class of 2008 will forever remember the glamorous night we had at Junior Prom.



Amanda Mulligan could not resist a slow dance with a good looking, Anthony Deitrick.



AJ Fusco looking stellar in his tux, gives his feet a rest after a memorable dance with his date.

Stephanie Castoro and Anthony Torrisi match up their look to add to the excitement of Homecoming.



Tommy Noonan gives his approval for a fun filled day at West Orange High School.

Matt Cicchelli and Julian Alleyne realize that just hanging out after school can be great fun.



Besides the great Italian food, Amanda Skarbnik, Courtney Black, and Dana Casalino live out their true Italian spirit in St. Mark's Square in Venice... Viva Italia!

The Acropolis may be 5,000 miles away, but it only took one shot to capture this amazing moment that Angelica Misthos and Elena Prignano experienced.



Adventures and Laughs

(ad-ven-chers and lahfs) *n*: when students drop their books and pick up their friends

Sometimes we could be quite overwhelmed with school work and forget what fun was all about. Between burying our heads in books and cramming for tomorrow's tests, it could seem pretty stressful. What made it even harder was the fact that school was five days a week, leaving only two days for the weekend. Somehow we found ways to break away from the madness to enjoy

ourselves. Some of our classmates spent a day in New York City and others cheered on their favorite sports team. Some were even lucky enough to escape to Europe. Fun was not only going out with friends or looking for things to do, it was sometimes kicking back and relaxing. Doing what we thought of as fun was the best way to remember high school.



In the city that never sleeps, Matt Larang, Sonali Sharma, Sunny Kondamudi, Cjloe Vinoya, and Chris Narine explore New York.



Ingrid Reyes, Naomi Gonzalez, Victoria Vieira, and Tiara Vanterpool take time away from the books to enjoy the sunny fall weather.

Who stole the cookies from the cookie jar? Michelle Adrien couldn't have, as she prepares to sell them.

Matt Allen is eager to serve up vanilla ice cream to a customer at Mark and Julies.



Luis Salazar calls for a "clean up in aisle 10" at Babies R'Us.

Cassandra Noelcin creates a You-Pick-Two plate for a customer at Panera Bread.



Employment: (em-ploi-muhnt) *n.* an alternative when your gas tank slowly drops to empty

Throughout the year our weekends became quite pricey. Whether we went out with friends, spent a day at the mall, or just went to an ice cream store to purchase that delectable sweetness, it all added up. There was only one way we found to avoid bankruptcy and that was to get a job. We chose jobs that we enjoyed. We took food orders, served sweets, or just casually answered the telephone. It all contributed to our upcoming weekend adventures. Not only did a job help us earn the money we needed, it helped us

become well-rounded and responsible people while we developed an incredible work ethic. We saved towards something special or something to splurge on. The best part of it was knowing that we earned it all by ourselves.



Gillian Weah and Roobino Phillemon stop to restock the candy aisle at CVS.



Yasmine Bedir helps to prepare for another birthday party at Party City.

Nicole McArdle keeps the office afloat while Dr. Levy cares for his patients.

"The Moose Says Relax." Abercrombie wins support from Anthony Deitrick as he appears cool, calm and collected.



Everyone knows skull symbols are the new style in fashion and Jake Horn stands for confidence as he brings his whole look together with his adorned belt.



West Orange High School gains a little color as Johnathan Davis and many other classmates decorate our dull hallways with their colorful sneakers.

It is not unusual to find 2008 seniors like Charleen Babi and Nnenna Obiawata keeping up with school's heavy workload by carrying their necessities in fashionably oversized bags.



Senior Style: (seen-yer stahyl) n.

letting personalities out while bringing trends in

West Orange High School was always known for its diverse student body. We embodied various ethnicities, races, religions, and languages making up the Class of 2008. More importantly, each student has their own identity. We identified ourselves by

our individual style. The Class of 2008 had multiple groups with unique fashion senses. Individual trends and future designers were always seen lingering in the hallways of West Orange High School. From head to toe, seniors knew how to put together their outfits.

Whether they went to school or went out on the weekends, the Class of 2008 always dressed to impress. Denim, dresses, shirts, or shoes, we had fashion in the bag. No other school could compare to the style of the WOHS Seniors.



Trick or Treat! Shadasha Williams and Aniysha Dennis show off their Halloween spirit in anticipation for the "spooky" night ahead of them.

Although Sahliya Desai, Farris Sanchez Livsey and Cathiana Jean Louis each exhibit different personal styles, they each share an interest in their appearance.



Zoe Cardiff and Jeanette Abreu showcase trendy black leggings with unique style to complete their looks.

Dante Bianchi and Jasmine Atuncar wait for the rush of cars to leave the parking lot before departing.

Alex Pine and friends, Amanda Skarnik, Chelsea Flores, Courtney Black, Katie DePoalo, and Kayla Nalven, decorate her 2006 Passat at the end of a cool summer day.



Robert Williamson waits patiently in the exit line that is a daily occurrence in the student parking lot.



Amanda Feigenbaum is overwhelmed with excitement after receiving her license and new car.



Regardless of the cool air, Alex Cumming relaxes next to his car at the end of the stressful school day.



Senior Rides: (sēn'yēr rīdz) n. the pride and joy of West Orange seniors

Licenses were long awaited by us as our junior year of high school approached. The Class of 2008 showed excitement to drive by the pride we showed in our cars. Each morning and afternoon we showed off our vehicles in the student parking lot. We blasted music, waved out windows, and beeped our horns so everyone knew what car we were driving. Our cars became identifiable by the unique

style that corresponded to the personality of the proud owner. We decorated our cars with bumper stickers, school spirit, or crazy interiors that defined our styles. Whether the car was new or old, big or small, we all made good use of our vehicle. We took advantage of the independence a car provided us. We will always remember our first car that made our senior year unforgettable.



Kaila DeRonde's newly waxed vehicle matches the shine of her smile.



Beep! Beep! Garrett Harvest is rolling through the parking lot.

Cloe Vinoya sacrifices the comforts of home in West Orange to offer her time and love to the impoverished children in Uganda.

It is not uncommon to find West Orange students working at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation and Molly Byer is no exception to that rule.



Olga Mutter did not think twice about trading school hours to spread holiday cheer at the Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon.



Corinne Oliver helps a customer as she rings up her purchase in the gift shop at Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation.



Community Service: (kuh-myoo-ni-tee sur-vis) n: warm hearts at work and selfless giving of time

West Orange High School always put the community first and the Class of 2008 was no exception. Our giving nature and drive to help others throughout West Orange helped develop character and pride within each of us. Many giving

students decided to take time from their busy lives and give back to the community that helped to raise many of us. Whether it was through school clubs, community affiliation, or out of the goodness of our hearts, it was certain that West

Orange High School seniors were always ready to lend a helping hand. They were always fully committed and their efforts were always appreciated. Their time spent giving back will always leave an impact that made a difference in another's life.



Matthew Pouy brightens a child's day by challenging him to a game of Stratego.

Sarah Wesley, Asia Stanislaus, Madeline Moore, Christina Shelly and Kendra Thomas commit their time to support Cancer at the Relay 4 Life Walk-a-thon.



Ryan Van Brunt, Glen Coppola and Joseph Matarazzo exhibit their EMS skills as they practice their life saving skills.

Meghan Rich lends a helping hand to the patients at the Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation.

Dante Blanche, as Dr. Einstein, has a wonderful idea to hide the body of the person he murdered in his aunt's house.

Paul Blasi and Symphony Frederique prepare for a tremendous opening night.



"Marry me?" Paul Blasi asks Elaine Belardo to take his hand in marriage.

Jessica Matto, as Martha, and Paul Rasin, as Abby, reminisce about the lives of the 12 men they have killed.



Paul Blasi, as Mortimer, learns how his two aunts murder old men with a single glass of wine.



Arsenic and Old Lace:

(är'se-nik and ōld lās) n.

faces in the spotlight

The long awaited auditions for West Orange High School's continuously successful fall drama production were a hit. Once a selected few were picked and the cast was set, the actors got down to business. Rehearsals began immediately with intense practices lasting about twenty hours, six days a week. The week before the show, our actors put all of their focus on the success of the

production. With practices until 9 PM, our actors were confident about giving an entertaining drama. Opening night gave all the cast members a fantastic rush as they realized that all of their hard work would pay off. *Arsenic and Old Lace* was a successful production that touched the hearts of the audience. *Arsenic and Old Lace* was simply the beginning to our classmates' futures of stardom.



Natasha Gallop, as Officer O'Hara portrays an aspiring writer, sharing her story with the audience.

Bravo! Bravo! The cast puts on a wonderful performance and gives the audience a good laugh.



Star Struck (stahr strahyk) n: when hearts race and jaws drop

You know that feeling when you cannot speak, your heart races, and your whole body freezes? That was what it was like when we met celebrities. Being star struck was a feeling that we never forgot. Everyone had dreams of meeting his or her favorite stars. Whether they were on screen or on stage, these performers were bound to catch any student's attention. These celebrities molded every day lifestyles and were inspirations that helped us create our individuality. Their unique styles

contributed to the fashions that were present throughout West Orange High School. Besides their guide to fashion, they taught us that the sky was the limit and to never give up on our dreams. They were a big reason as to why we strived for success and tried to achieve our goals throughout our high school years. Besides the fact that these idols were famous, they showed the true meaning of hard work and dedication to many. We waited on long lines, sat in crowded arenas and paid our way to one short

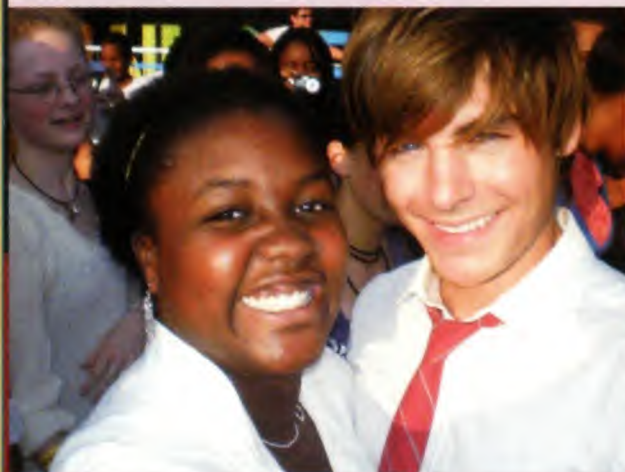
moment with fame just to have that special moment of seeing our favorite celebrity in person. For a few lucky '08 graduates, they had an opportunity to get up close and personal with the celebrity. Some even caught their star on camera, and were not ashamed to act like the paparazzi! These seniors were fortunate enough to live out their dreams of meeting their life long idol and catch them in a memorable photograph that will stay with them forever.



Alyson Straus has tears of joy meeting singer Gavin DeGraw at Zootopia.



Jessica Matta catches Broadway's *Spring Awakening* star, Jonathan Groff, before he heads back to the stage.



Christina Boateng breaks hearts all over West Orange High School when she embraces Zac Efron at the *Hairspray* premiere.



My *Super Sweet 16* star Aaron Reed only made things sweeter by posing with Devon Ross and Sandra Joseph.

John Gallagher from *Spring Awakening* takes a second away from performing, to pose with Molly Wachtel.



Fabiola Franck manages to have singer Ne-Yo put down the mic to capture this once in a lifetime moment.

Working on a movie titled *A Dangerous Place*, Denis Bosnjakovic and actress Kristen Dalton recognize that they share the same sense of style.



Bill Martin is like a little kid in a candy shop when he gets to see Justin Rodríguez's new snake, Dolly.

Allison Schoner and dog Pal love causing mischief around the neighborhood.



Alex Pine and her adorable pup Cody enjoy nothing more than each other's company after a long day at school.

Tara Quigley and feline friend Brady take a day off to relax and primp themselves.



Senior Pets: (seen-yer pëts) n. a life long companion

Amanda and Luke Mulligan love to cuddle on the sofa and watch a game of *Monday Night Football*.



Getting a new three week-old puppy or kitten was every kid's dream. The pets were adorable and extremely playful and there became equal adoration between pet and owner. Pets were always known as a man's best friend. To our Seniors of West Orange High School, our pets were more like family to us. From cats and dogs, to birds and horses, all pets were welcomed into the homes of our seniors and their families. Everyday we could hardly wait to return home from school to have our pets greet us with a playful face. We treated our pets with care and

respect. It was clear that our classmates would never trade their pets for anything else in the world. We devoted much of our lives to caring for our beloved animals, even if that meant dressing our pets in sweaters and booties during the winter. With the stress of school and difficult activities, it gave a sense of comfort to have our pets cozy up next to us. Whether we were relaxing on the couch or walking our dogs around the neighborhood, the members of the Class of 2008 enjoyed every moment together with their pals.



Madeline Moore enjoys the summer weather by taking a peaceful ride on her horse.



Dog is a man's best friend or in this case a girl's best friend. Molly Byer loves her dog Seamus.

Academic Quiz Team



Advisor: Elizabeth Manning

Anime Club



Advisor: Anthony Prasa

Art Club



Advisor: Diane Tol

Audio Visual Aide Club



Advisor: Martin Kale

Boy's Step Team



Advisor: William Farley

Chef's Club



Advisors: Nancy Donnelly
& Susan Marshall

Chess Club



Advisor: Ara Berberian

Color Guard



Advisor: Louis Hellinger

Current Events



Advisor: Scott Kuchinsky

Design Technology



Advisor: John Worobetz

Drama Club



Advisor: Sandra Van Dyke

Drill Team



Advisors: Lesley Chung
& Purvi Patel



Kaila deRonde
Color Guard

ESL Club



Advisor: Linda Ozarow

Family, Career & Community Leaders of America



Advisor: Sharon Ortiz

Fight for Green



Advisor: Tracy Reynolds
& Erika Arenger

FLES French



Advisor: Dana Peart

FLES Italian



Advisor: Kristine Massari

FLES Spanish



Advisor: Maria Montgomery

French Club



Advisor: Lisa Beth Reznik

French Honors Society



Advisor: Jean Claude Cenatus

Freshman Class Council



Advisors: Michelle Ehrlich
& Shannon Russo

Future Business Leaders of America



Advisor: Victor Paglio

Future Educators of America

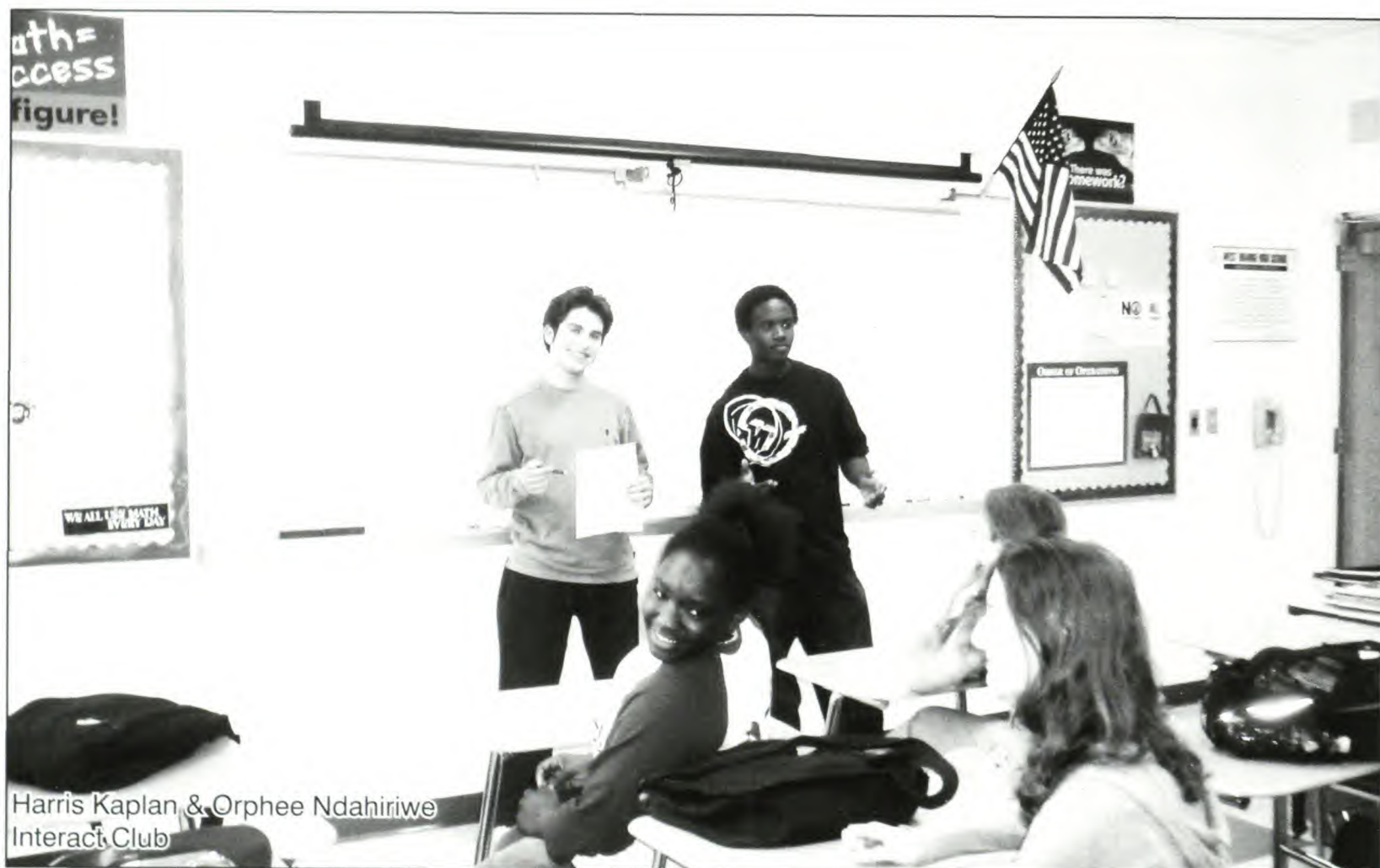


Advisor: Shannon Russo

Health Careers Club



Advisors: Marianne Diglio
& Debra Franek



Harris Kaplan & Orphee Ndahiriwe
Interact Club

Interact Club



Advisor: Lori Bollotta

Italian Club



Advisor: Vincenza Amabile

Italian Honors Society



Advisor: Kristine Massari

Jazz Band I



Advisor: Lewis Kelly

Jazz Band II



Advisor: Lisa Ann Martin

Jubilee Show Choir



Advisor: William Farley

Junior Class Council



Advisors: Loretta Holmok
& John Worobetz

Junior State of America Club



Advisor: Hope Thomas

Key Club



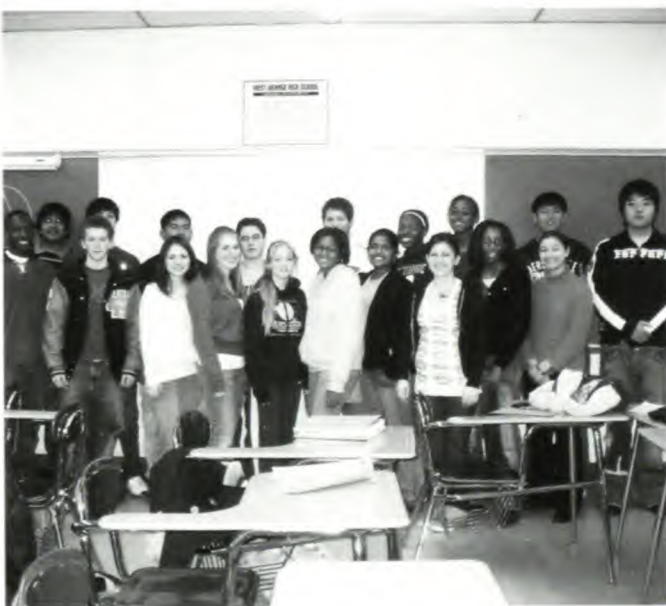
Advisors: Lauren DeMaio
& Bryan Ribardo

Literary Magazine *The Cobblestone*



Advisor: Craig Champagne

Math Honor Society *Mu Alpha Theta*



Advisors: Jessica Tybursky
& Frank Iannucci

Mock Trial



Advisor: Julie Brady

Model Congress



Advisor: Douglas Drabik

Model UN



Advisor: Rachel Ostanski

Musical Honor Society



Advisor: Erin McClure

Musical Interest Club



Advisor: Scott Kuchinsky

National Honor Society



Advisors: Louis Pallante
& Michelle Ehrlich

Newspaper *The Pioneer*



Advisor: William Ehrlich
& Megan Quinn

PEP Club



Advisor: Nicole Krulik

Photography Club



Advisor: David Vodofsky

Pit Orchestra



Advisor: Erin McClure

Royal Strings



Advisor: Margo Sokolow

Science National Honor Society



Advisors: Sonia Lauren
& Ronald Brandt

Science Team



Advisors: Albert Paganelli
& Gina Paganelli

Screenwriters Society



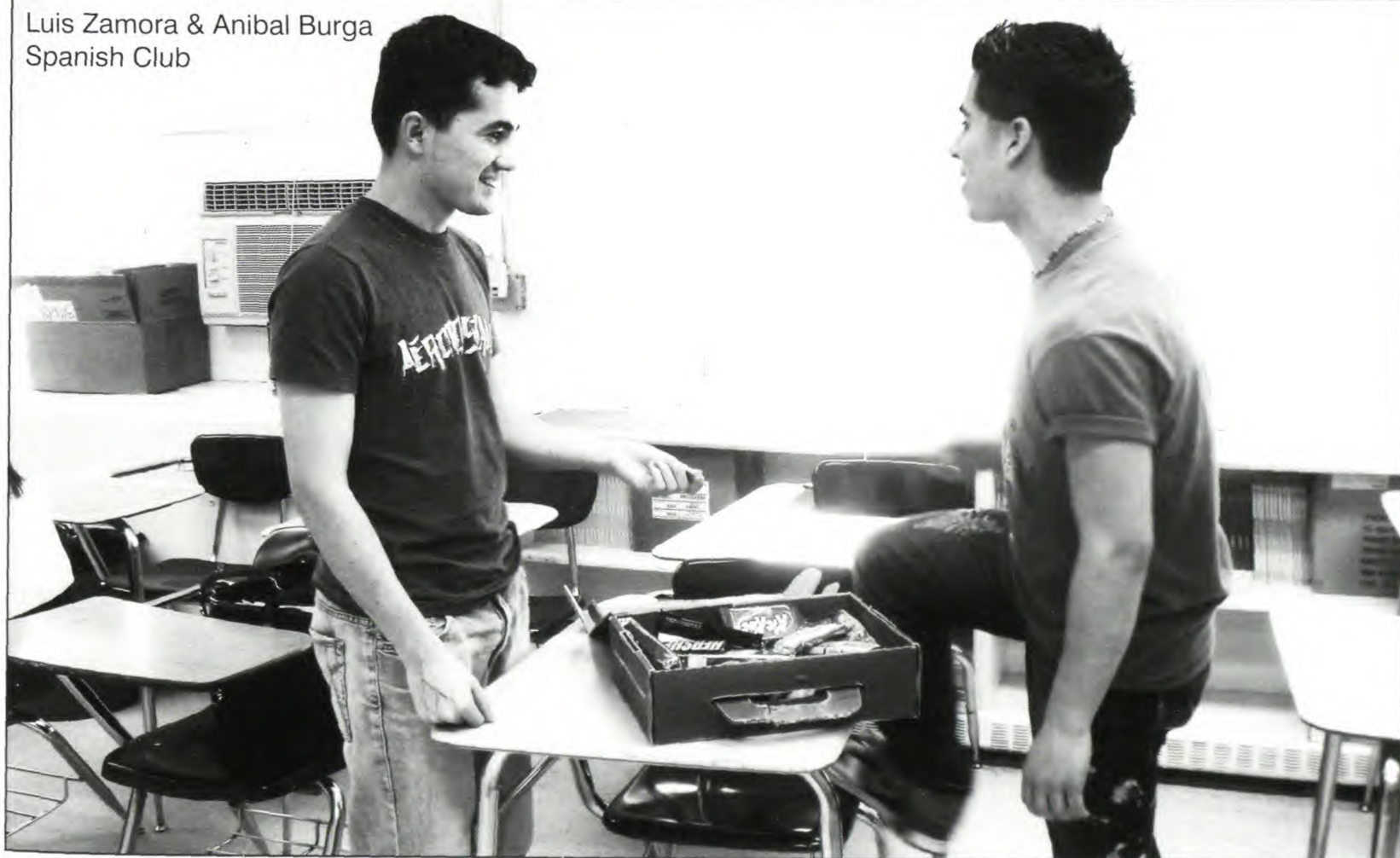
Advisor: William Bradley

Senior Class Council



Advisors: Susan Whitty
& Maria Montgomery

Luis Zamora & Anibal Burga
Spanish Club



Sophomore Class Council



Advisors: Lauren DeMaio
& Michelle Morais

Spanish Club



Advisor: Carlos Perez

Spanish Honor Society



Advisor: Begoña Viqueira

Student Council



Advisor: David Vodofsky



Academic Quiz Team

Unity Club



Advisor: David Sehr

Yearbook *The Mountaineer*



Advisor: Michelle Martino

Sew Perfect

Gillian Weah is not afraid to express her fashion sense through her unique designs and creative materials.



Can I get a lift?

Nick Munoz takes a stroll to his car before football practice to grab his equipment.



Giving Gifts

Ayesha Aly Ahmed is finishing up her first project in hopes that it will become the perfect gift.



Tell Me A Joke

Luke Manton humors Sonali Sharma after a challenging day of school.



How can we define The Class of 2008 from West Orange High School? Made up of more than 400 students, our class was unique. We made school enjoyable, weekends incredible, and vacations undefinable. It was no secret that our class left the halls of West Orange High School a bit more bland when we graduated in June 2008. Our future paths intersected and divided but one thing remained: we celebrated our diversity and knew that The Class of 2008 was *Beyond Definition*

Def·i·ni·tion

Seniors

the future leaders of our
world and the young adults
West Orange celebrates



top five favorite
teachers

1. Mr. Champagne
2. Mr. Lawrence
3. Mr. Evans
4. Mrs. Martino
5. Ms. Sweeney



Zeke Decker



Justin Abad



Melanie Abal



Eden Abebe



Sefanit Abegaz



Jeanette Abreu



Kandace Adams



Janet Adekola



Daphney Adolphe



Michelle V. Adrien



Javier Agreda



Shruti Ahlawat



Aneesa Ali



Matthew B. Allen



Julian J. Alleyne



Ayesha Aly Ahmed



Kharin Anderson



Evangeline Andres



Cesar A. Angeles



Ann Marie Angelone



Seth C. Ankrah

define senioritis



"Wanting to graduate since the first day of school."
-Alessandra Lombardo



"When you're too lazy to do anymore work, and you blame it on the stress of being a senior."
-Devon Ross



"Laziness which stems from knowing that the year actually doesn't matter."
-Kayla Nalven



Szalene Anthony



Allison Aporta



Zack H. Arenstein



Sarah Arias

top five
favorite
concerts

1. **Justin
Timberlake
Futuresex/
Lovesound**

2. **Spice Girls
Reunion
Tour**

3. **Jay-Z Hip
Hop Galaxy**

4. **La Mega
Reggae**

5. **Jingle Ball
Winter
Concert**



Kenneth C. Arnold



Cindy P. Arrieta



Claudia A. Arroyo



Kiva Ashford



David Y. Attey



Jasmine B. Atuncar



Daphney Augustin



Charleen Babi



Olivia S. J. Bacote



Seidrik Bamba



Julio Barlocco



Jerusha E. Barton



Tatiana Battle



Melissa C. Bauer



Yasmine M. Bedir



Anthony J. Belardo



Mark C. Belton



Jesse Benicasso



Fabrice Benjamin



Stephanie Bertrand



Jesse A. Bielecke

What one thing are you
going to remember
about WOHS?
.....

"The school
spirit... with the
west hand sign."



-Molly Wachtel

"The bomb
scares that we
had every other
week during
sophomore
year."



-Daphney Adolphe

"Not being able
to master the five
minutes between
classes thing.
I would be by
my locker with
friends until the
second bell."



-Amanda Skarbnik



Joanne Biennestin



Damon Binns



Courtney Black



Krestany Blair



John Blasi



Paul Blasi



Portia Board



Christina Boateng



Alexandra Polan-Clarke



Fiorella Bombau



Jerilyn A. Bonagura



Max P. Borgella



Denis Bosnjakovic



Syndie Bosquet



Giordan G. Brown



Melanie Brown



Andrew Buki



Anibal A. Burga



Khyle E. Burnham



Christopher Burr Reynaud



Darelle Burrowes



Jennifer I. Buruzie



Molly Byer



Teresa Y. Byon



Andrew S. Cabiltes

What excuses do you give people when you don't want to go somewhere?



"My fish died and I can't go out. I'm too depressed."
-Hector Saenz



"I'll be out of the country."
-Pamela Rasin



"I'm having a bad hair day and I'm too embarrassed to leave my house."
-Stephen Wallach



Isabel Cabrera



Ketler P. Cajuste



Nancy Califano



Malachi Cameron



Christina Campbell



Zoe Cardiff



Ronald Carias



Stephanie Caro



Stefan J. Carson



Dana Casalino



Gianfranco Favale

What is the worst thing about
being a senior?



"Knowing you won't see
the same people after this
year." -Luis Flores



"Hard classes! It's the
most work I've ever had."
-Isabella Lombardo



"Still getting pushed
around in the hallway!"
-Lizzy Storm



Stephanie M. Castoro



Daniel Castro



Michael Cohen



Claudia Cenatus



Matthew S. Cicchelli



Brian P. Conlon



Wadly Civil



Justine Clark



Franco E. Costa



Sean P. Clayton



Rubens Clervil



Alex S. Cumming



Daniel Castro



Michael Cohen



Jonathan S. Cohrs



Onisha A. Cole



Jason Coleman



Matthew S. Cicchelli



Brian P. Conlon



Glen A. Coppola



Melanie Abal, Flor Loja, Amy Pratt



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Aniyisa Dennis



Raymond Denson



Katie DePoalo



Kaila C. deRonde



Michael J. DeRosa



Sahlia Desai



Carl H. Dessejour



Johanna Diaz



Katherine M. Diaz



Sabina Dieguez



Anthony Dietrick

What was the dumbest
saying of the year?
.....



"You right. You
REAL right."

-Cathiana Jean-Louis



"Don't hate 08.
Or whatever
that was. It was
stupid."

-John Blasi



"That's what
SHE said."

-Darelle Burrowes



Amy Dolinko



Alexander C. Dominique



Danny Dufresne



Rosalie Dumas



Laurentine Dwamina



Timothy Egan



Zachary Ehrlich



Raiishia Elliott



Salomon C. Espinoza-Villafan



Pascal N. Estinville



Cynthia Etienne



Travis C. Ezidiegwu



David Attey



Cherica Faison



Josue Fajardo



Gianfranco Favale



Amanda Feigenbaum



Chelsea Feimster



Michael Feinberg



Raquel Feliciano



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Chelsea Nicole Flores



Luis A. Flores



Nicole Ford



Michael A. Formato



Fabiola Franck

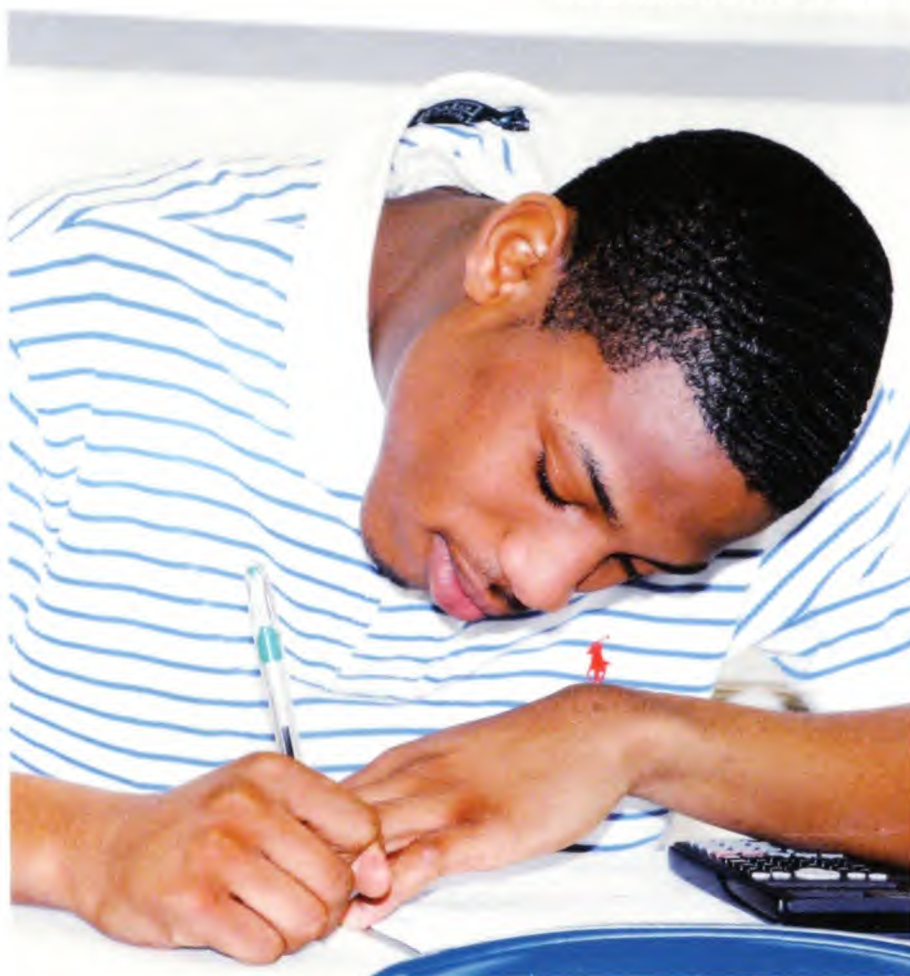


Matthew Frank



Anthony J. Fusco

Joseph Desrosiers Jr.



Natasha Gallop



Ashley Gangasarran



Damon Garrett



Stephen Gelo



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Joseph Gerald



Viktoriya A. Gershteyn



Tim Jonas



Mesfen Ghebremicael



Kyle R. Giles



Liz K. Gimenez



Robert Givasadado



Max H. Goldstein



Kaylyn S. Gomez

top five tv shows

- 1. Family Guy**
- 2. Scrubs**
- 3. Entourage**
- 4. Shot at Love**
- 5. Desperate Housewives**



Naomi G. Gonzalez



Joshua Goodman



Terry Gordon



Paul Goskowski



Bridget M. Gramarosso



Alisha Gray



Daralyn Green



Jessica Greenberg



Abraham Guallpa



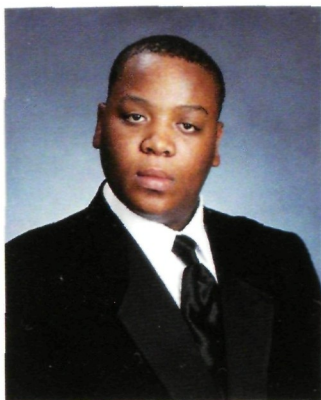
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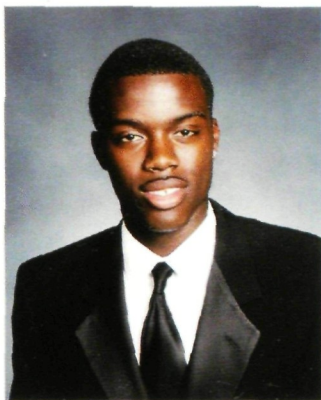
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Sally Hammer



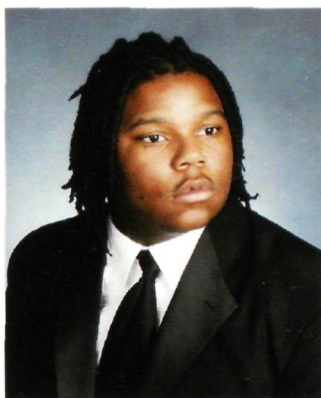
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Phillip Hassell



Andrew Hester



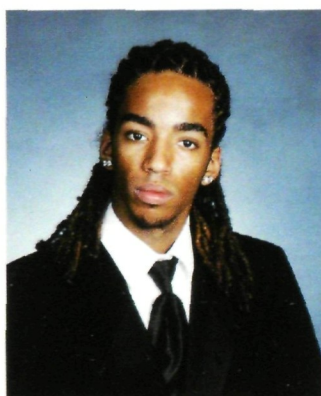
Cynthia Hilario



Jennifer Holandez



Kelsey Horan



Jacob P. Horn

What was the most meaningful assignment a teacher ever gave you in your 4 years of high school?



"We had to write to someone who has had a great impact on us, or someone we look up to, and then give them the letter."

-Janet Adekola



"In Race, Class, and Gender, we had to interview older women. My woman was 89 and she touched my heart."

-Fabiana Ramos



"Mr. Suriano had us write a letter to ourselves freshman year that we would get back senior year."

-Merav Savir

Jesse Bielecke



Stacy V. Huamani



Asaf Ibrahimian



Ashley Irizarry



Barbara Jacques



Christopher K. James



Lauren R. James



Charles Jang



Dumy Jean



Nerlande Jean



Cathiana Jean-Louis



Michelle Johnson



Phillip Johnson



Timothy J. Jonas



Alyssa Joseph



Cory Joseph



Sandra Joseph



Sara Jungreis



Victor Jurado



Harris S. Kaplan



Sean Kelly

If you had \$100 to spend,
how would you spend it?



"I'd buy boots. I'm good as long as I have something on my feet."

-Donovan Thomas



"I'd send it to Africa for all the kids who don't have everything that I do."

-Jasmine Atuncar



"I'd buy some stocks to make another hundred dollars."

-George Tsai



"I would go skydiving."

-Jerel Ross

What dreams do you have
for the world of tomorrow?

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"Bring Nemo's
mom back
to life."



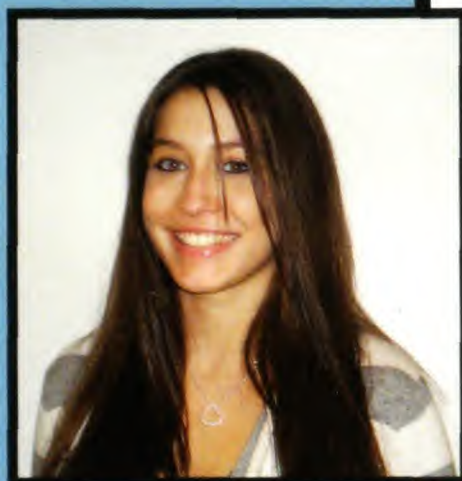
-Chris Narine

"Stop
inequalities.
Racism and
discrimination
are ignorance."



-Liz Rubiano

"A world
where designer
clothes are
cheap."



-Nicole McArdle



Marie Kernizan



Matthew Kerwin



Nitin Kondamudi



Joo Y. Kwon



Matthew C. Larang



Min Lee



Robert M. Lefkowitz



Shaquan Lewis



Gilmer Leyva



Edgar A. Linares



Tatijana Lindsey



Freddy Lliguicota



Enrique Lobato



Flor Loja



Alessandra Lombardo



Cristina M. Lopez



Juan Lopez



Natalia M. Louzan



James Luciano

We were all a part of trends and fads during high school. Of the ones you fell victim to, which embarrasses you most?



"Uggs. But I love them!"

-Asia Stanislaus



"Nothing. I'm proud of who I am."

-Jonathan Rodriguez



"Wearing pajama pants to school."

-Daphney Augustin



"Socks with Adidas sandals."

-Meghan Rich



Zachary E. Lyons



Mennat Mahmoud



Demetrios Makrikostas



Alex Malpelli



Luke M. Manton



Pamela Marte



William C. Martin



Florencia Martinez



Luis Martinez



Joseph M. Matarazzo



Tom Mathew



Brittany Matos



Jessica Matta



Michael V. Mauriello



Nicole McArdle

top five favorite dances

- 1. Soulja Boy**
- 2. Swing That**
- 3. Wu-Tang**
- 4. Cha-Cha Slide**
- 5. Jump On It**



Teresa Byon



Erin McCune



Melissa McKeon



Michael R. McShane



Amber McWilliams

What is one quote by which you
try to live?



"If good things lasted
forever, would we
appreciate how
precious they are?"
-Bill Watterson.

Nolan Sheppard



"A 91 year old once told
me, 'If you want to live
long, accept happiness
in your life everyday
and live by the rule
of a smile.'"

Nnenna Obiakwata



"Do unto others as you
would have them
do unto you."
-Jesus

Charles Jang



"You can never be old
and wise if you're
not young and crazy."
-Unknown

Szalene Anthony



Sydell K. Mejia



Danielle Melton



Ellis R. Mensah



Shirley Mensah



Jecika Merzius



Shantavia L. Mickens



Janora Mikell



Jennifer Milord



Angelica Zoe Misthos



Neha S. Mistry



Gianpaolo Monica



Anthony Montalva



Madeline Moore



Shaneil A. Morales



Christina Morgan



Amanda Lynn Mulligan



Rodney Ragoonath, Mark Jordan Polon



Tatiana Battle



Olga Mutter



Kayla M. Nalven



Chris Narine



Orphee Ndahiriwe



Joseph Negash



Mia Kay Nelson



Joseph A. Neto



Cassandra Noelcin



Kandace Adams



Thomas Noonan



Isamar Noyola



Nathalie Sangosse



Wilmer Noyola



Carlos Nunez



Ruben D. Nunez



Nnenna Obiakwata



Lance A. Ogunwale



Nkechele Okafor

top five
favorite movies

1. ***Superbad***
2. ***Knocked Up***
3. ***The Notebook***
4. ***300***
5. ***Pirates of the Caribbean***



Onyinye Okosa



Corinne Oliver



Augustine Onwubuya



Nicole D. Ortiz



Bruce T. Osborne



Merav Savir and Denise Dwamina



Stéphanie Pacaud



Laura H. Paley



Christian Pando



Akta J. Patel



Bhakti H. Patel



Pratik Patel



Jacob Paulose

What is your biggest pet peeve
and why?



"I don't like hypocrites. People should live by what they believe."

-Krisa Varghese



"American society. It's greedy and inhumane."

-Alex Cumming



"People who judge you when they don't know you. It's self explanatory."

-Elena Vogt



"When teachers don't erase the whole board. It just irks me."

-Jennifer Milord



Veronica P. Perdomo



Federico A. Perez



Maria Noel Perez



Joseph Perna



Jeffrey Petigrow



Bernado Philemon



Roobino Philemon



Lizbeth Pilco



Alexandra Pine



Andrew Pintado



Jesse Bacote



Jorge L. Pinzon



Alexandra Polan-Clarke



Mark Jordan Polon



Cynthia V. Porras



Matthew S. Pouy



Danielle Pratola



Nicole Ford



Amy Pratt



Ethan T. Pravetz



Elena L. Prignano



Priscilla Puca



Isabel Cabrera, Franco Costa



Thomas Pucciani



Azureé Purefoy

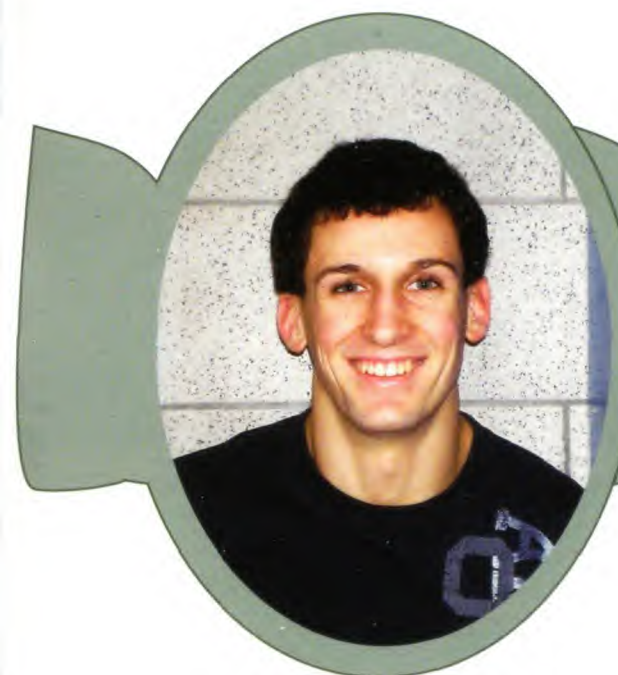


Evan D. Quentzel



Tara Quigley

What was the highlight of your senior year?



"Being named captain of the wrestling team."

- Anthony Dietrick



"Getting my class rank."

-Obi Onwubuya



"Soccer Season."

- Josue Fajardo



Kelsey P. Quinn



Sarah A. Rabke



Yvonne Fernandez



Michael Racaniello



Rodney R. Ragoonath



Bianca Ramirez



Fabiana Ramos



Pamela Rasin



Guy Ratki

top five favorite
vacation spots

1. Florida
2. The Shore
3. California
4. Bahamas
5. Carribean



Ingrid Reyes



Teyana Reyes



Victor Reynaga



Meghan Rich



Leandra Richards



Laura Jo Rieske



Laura Rivas



Humberto R. Robles



Jonathan C. Rodriguez



Justin M. Rodriguez



Adriana Roisenvit



Christian G. Rojas





Bianca Roland



Nicholas P. Romano



Leandro A. Romero



Adrienna C. Ronzo



Ruth Rose



Devon E. Ross



Jennifer Taylor



Jerel Ross



Erik W. Rowan



Lizeth A. Rubiano



Mekonnen Rutty



Adam Sabban



Luis E. Salazar



Sarah Salazar



Farris L. Sanchez-Livsey



Terrance E. Sanders



Asaf Ibrahimian



Nathalie E. Sangosse



Merav Savir



Allison Schoner



Ja' Quana Scott



Leon Sederwall



Raguraman Selvakumar



Sarie Senophat



Rodny Severe



Sonali Sharma



Oñay Sheard



Danielle Shears



Nolan F. Sheppard



Jonathan A. Silba



Christopher A. Simpson



Brenna R. Singman

If you could change one thing about
this school, what would it be?



"Swiping to get into the
bathrooms. I feel like
a prisoner!"

-Jennifer Buruzie



"The limitations of lunch
periods. We have a
courtyard. Why can't
we go out there? I hate
being inside all day."

-Bridget Gramarosso



"Too many cliques and
groups. People aren't
pushed enough to make
new friends."

-Anthony Belardo



"I would wish we didn't
have to have a pass
to go outside of the
classroom."

-Gabby Zamora

Eva Andres



top five favorite hobbies

1. Writing/
Reading
2. Shopping
3. Playing Sports
4. Hanging Out
5. Dancing



Amanda Kate Skarbnik



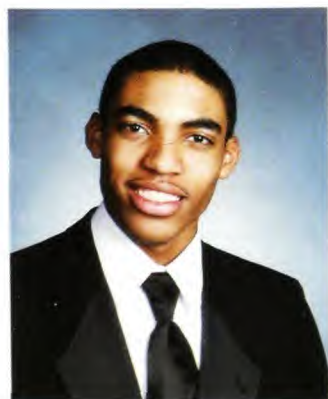
Stephanie D. Smith



Charles R. Snyder



Jean Souffrant



Travis P. St. Louis



Asia M. Stanislaus



Kevin Sterling



Elizabeth Storm

top five
videogames

1. Halo

2. Madden

**3. Guitar
Hero**

**4. Call of
Duty**

**5. Super
Mario**



Alyson Straus



Stephany D. Sueldo



Jennifer Takacs



Henry P. Tamay Lema



Jennifer Taylor



Morgan Taylor



Benyam Teklegzi



Doodley Momperous



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Chéz Thomas



Donovan A. Thomas



Kendra L. Thomas



Larry R. Thomas



Paula Thomas



Tjaz D. Thomas



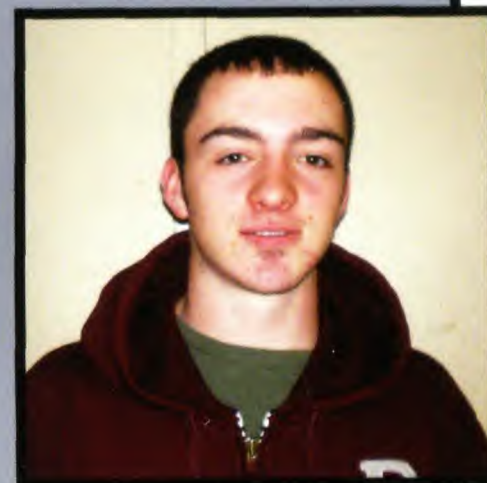
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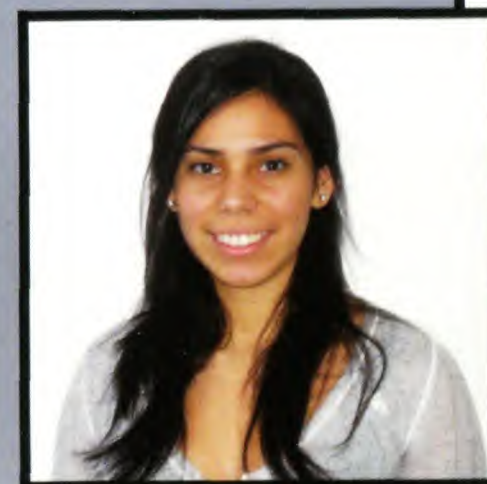
"How non-hatians
would celebrate
Hatian Flag Day."

-Fabiola Franck



"When
Mr. Champagne
jumped on top
of his desk and
started singing."

-Matt Pouy



"Freshman year
because I met a
lot of people and
started in varsity
track. It was
my best year at
WOHS."

-Beatriz Gonzalez



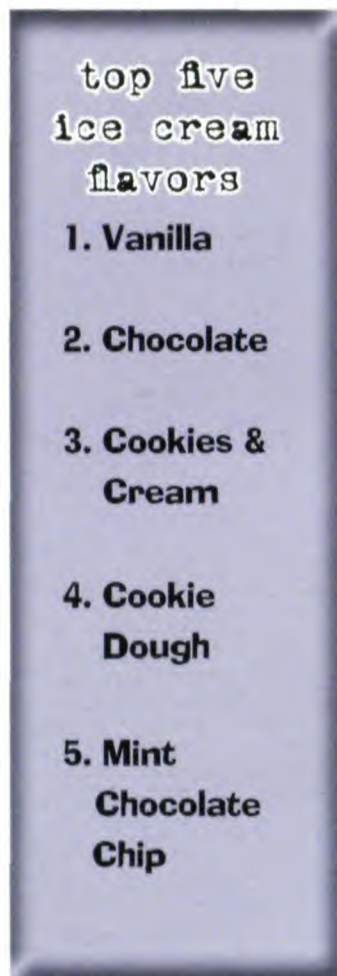
Luiza Ellaine Torres



Anthony Torrissi



Natasha Gallop



Sapphire Toussaint



Joseph Trembley



Rachel M. Tricarico



George Tsai



Qaadir Tudor



Stephon Tynes



Christina Tyson



Uchenna Ubozoh

Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now?



"In Mexico working as a missionary doctor."

-Alexis Okosa



"In California with my own clothing line."

-Malachi Cameron



"Working as an aircraft mechanic."

-Seidrik Bamba



"Singing at the Met."

-Taylor Deltz



Bernardo G. Valle



Ryen Van Brunt



Tiara J. Vanterpool



Alexander Varadi



Stephany Vargas



Krisa S. Varghese



Zarina Vax



Victoria Vieira



Nelson R. Villanueva



Bettina N. Vineque

**top five favorite
sports teams**

- 1. New York Yankees**
- 2. New Jersey Devils**
- 3. New York Giants**
- 4. Barcelona Soccer Team**
- 5. New York Jets**



Cjloe Vinoya



Beverly Vital



Dave Voltaire



Molly R. Wachtel

What is the most important quality
in a friend and why?



"Trust--if he or she is not trustworthy, I might as well find an enemy."
-Tom Mathew



"Honesty--you need someone to tell you the truth whether you're right or wrong."
-Isamar Noyola



"Acceptance--Being able to deal with all the slight differences between people will solve everything."
-Christian Pando



Paul M. Walcott



Shendrelle Walker



Stephen Wallach



Brianna Wapples



Tiara Vanterpool, Jerilyn Bonagura, Matthew Allen



Gillian T. Weah



Sarah M. Wesley



David J. Williams



Shadasha Williams

Imagine that you are told you have one week to live. How will you spend your last week?



"Eating at Bagel Box, Deli Guy, Burger King, Fortissimo, and Dunkin' Donuts."

-Jecika Merzius



"On a beach in Aruba with my family."

-Brittany Finneran



"I would apologize to everyone I was ever mean to."

-Priscilla Puca



Tracy Williams



Tyffaneé Woods



Justin Worthing



Havel N. Wright



Elorm K. Yador



Quintin Yarrell



Tae Y. Yu



Luis D. Zamora



Gabriela Zamora-Porras



Xiao Dan Zheng

top five actors

- 1. Will Smith
- 2. Denzel Washington
- 3. Johnny Depp
- 4. Angelina Jolie
- 5. Halle Berry



Viktoriya Gershteyn and Corinne Oliver

Bump! Set! Spike!

Madeline Moore demonstrates perfect form while she prepares to "bump" the ball in an attempt to gain the advantage.



Personal Victory

Anthony Torrisi and Stefan Montouth succeed in defending the Mountaineer territory.



Bring in the Music

Andrew Cabillet drops his baritone during a visual in the middle of the first movement of the award winning Marching Mountaineers's show.



GOOOOOOO!!!

Olga Mutter does not hesitate to switch direction, avoiding an opponent and advancing one step closer to the coveted goal.




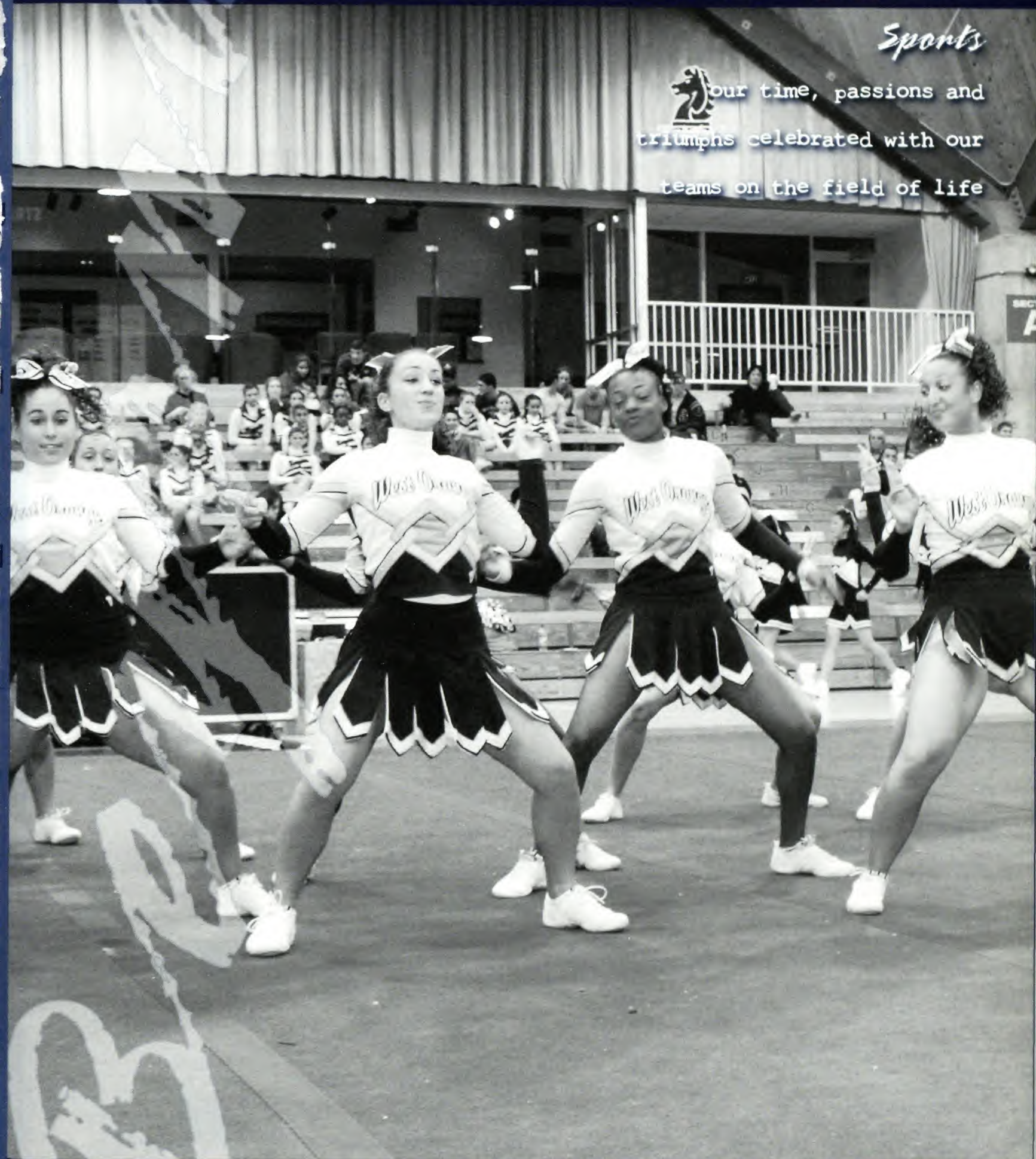
The roar of the crowd and the sweet taste of victory is what bred the fierce competitive drive in the athletes of The Class of 2008. We devoted a lot of our spare time to improving our individual skills in order to contribute to the success of our team. Victories defined our seasons and defeats fueled our desire to improve. And through the smiles, sweat and tears experienced we formed strong friendships with our teammates and unbreakable bonds with the coaches who consistently encouraged us. Our final season, the time to be leaders, existed for only a short time in our lives but it will forever remain

Beyond Definition.

Def·i·ni·tion

Sports

 our time, passions and
triumphs celebrated with our
teams on the field of life



Definition



*A victory comes
with every
falling
leaf*



Fall Sports

Joe Perna, Stephon Tynes, and Khaleel Ford hold Orange's offensive line, preventing them from scoring.



Stefan Montouth prepares to hold the opponent so West Orange can keep its lead.



Justin Worthing breaks away from the line determined to catch a touchdown pass.



Football: (foot-bawl) *n.* a dedicated team that understands the importance of strength and honor

Our senior class was fortunate enough to be a part of West Orange High School Football. During each week every member of the football team awaited the weekends. Showing their pride, they wore their jerseys to school the days before the games. Game day was an enthusiastic day filled with school spirit. No one could compare to the West Orange High School football players who worked tirelessly, day and night, all year round. Summer practices all day long, then practice everyday after school starting in September and then lifting during the off-season were this team's top priorities. The physical aspect was not the entirety of the team's pride. WEST was a way of life, a state of mind, and most importantly, a family. With "father" Coach Jacob, the team never felt a sense of neglect. The fans were more than dedicated during the season as well. We attended the games faithfully and cheered on our team no matter what the outcome was. We spent both hot afternoons and cold autumn nights in the bleachers, wearing blue and white and making as much noise as we could. Our football team will never forget the lessons they learned and the success they achieved during the season lead by the seniors of the Class of 2008.

Victor Reynaga smiles on the sidelines after successfully kicking a field goal.



Anthony Torrisi watches his teammates finalize the play.



The football team's 22 seniors have their game faces on even before the clock starts ticking.



With a ton of adrenaline, Mike Mauriello gets in position to bring the opponent down.

Jonathan Silba leads his team to victory as he passes the defender and prepares to kick the ball into the goal.



Edgar Linares rapidly dribbles the ball down the field towards the opponent's goal.



Gianfranco Favale shows off his brilliant kick during a home game.



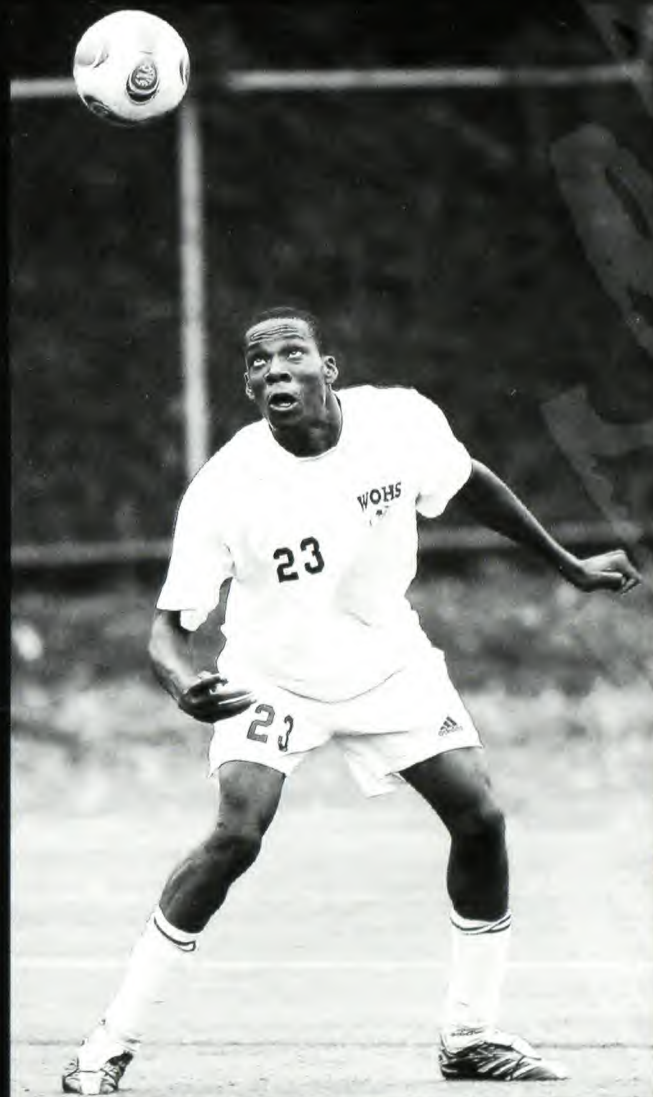
Bernardo Valle hurries down the field in an attempt to steal the ball from the other team.

Boys Soccer: (bois sok-er) *n.* the team that recognizes how shooting the ball and defending the goal can lead to victory

The 2007 West Orange High School Boys Soccer Team was a highly supported team. Usually one of the best teams at WOHS, the boys team once again proved its worthiness. With an ending record of 12-9-2 they were surely proud of their performances. Although not every victory was an easy one, the team showed its strength and hard work continuously. With an aggressive offense and protective defense the team united to generate victory after victory. Throughout all four years of high school, our senior class was involved with our soccer boys. From counties to states, West Orange High School fans were there every step of the way to support the team. Our undying devotion to the team gave them confidence to put their all in every game they played. Chests were painted, horns were blown, and cheers were chanted. Hearing our fans encourage them throughout every game got their adrenaline rushing and made all the exhausting work worth it. Difficult practices from summer to fall with off season training were just a few of the ingredients that made the Boys Soccer Team unstoppable. The team made a huge turnaround midway through the season, when it won numerous games in a row and made it to state sectionals. The Class of 2008 will never forget the victorious memories given to us by our outstanding soccer boys.



Nelson Villanueva runs to block the ball from being passed to an opponent.



Travis Ezidiegwu aggressively heads the ball away from the opponent's reach.

The senior girls are all smiles pre-game, but as soon as the whistle blows they put on their most intimidating faces.



As she dribbles up the field, Amanda Feigenbaum does not let any defender stop her.



Lizzy Storm receives the ball and prepares to set up a goal.

Girls Soccer: (gurls sok-er) n. Making great plays in order to reach their goals

With newfound dedication and a work ethic that could mean nothing but improvement, the Girls Soccer Team set out to break all the records that were previously set. Eager and competitive soccer players filled the field this previous season. Seven seniors helped lead the team to a victorious season. They passed, dribbled, and scored their way to success. Everyday after school they laced up their cleats and slid on their shin guards to help prepare them for their opponents. The ladies started out with an outstanding 4-0 record for their first four games. The girls challenged the league, shutting out teams like Mount St. Dominic and West Milford. They finished with a glorious 9-8-1 record. They had "No Practice Days" which they treated as their team motto. They played everyday as if it were a game day and left no room for error. Their extreme determination helped take them to the first round of counties and the first round of states. They also had a great group of people standing behind them throughout the season. Their friends and families were always found in the stands cheering while the girls gave it their all. The senior girls were greatly admired and seen as role models by their underclassmen teammates. They always encouraged the underclassmen to have no regrets and to play their hardest because that is what led them to their very successful 2007 season.



No one gets by defender Melissa McKeon! She boots the ball halfway up the field.



Sarah Salazar knows that getting the ball off the ground will get the play going.



Allison Aporta runs with full speed away from the opposing defender to gain ball control.



Using her fancy footwork, Olga Mutter is unstoppable on the field.

Madeline Moore uses her strength and concentration to perfectly send the ball over the net.



Alisha Gray keeps her form perfect as she prepares to bump the ball.



Sally Hammer never lets the ball hit the floor.



The seniors smile, confident that they will win their last game against Orange.

Volleyball: (vol-ee-bawl) *n.* combining concentration and energy to stand tall and dig deep

The Girls Volleyball Team bumped their way to victory with a 10-11 record. Captains Sally Hammer, Madeline Moore, and Junior Naima Barnes helped them along the way. Although the volleyball team is the only indoor team during the fall season, they really made themselves stand out. This team bumped, set, and spiked their way to numerous victories. Their powerful serves helped to accomplish many aces on the court as well. The girls practiced during the end of the summer and all during the fall. Over the summer, the team attended a week long camp that enhanced their skills. They also had great motivation from their teammates. All of the girls demonstrated true sportsmanship and camaraderie throughout the season. When a game day came, these girls *Got Low* and had a perfect form to bump on the court. They then got their hands ready to *Set* the ball up high. And finally, they positioned themselves to get ready to spike the ball for a powerful spike onto the opposing team's side. These three steps may seem simple to most, but *it just looks easy to those who weren't there when it was being earned*. But, this team is not solely based on just hitting a ball; they also trained rigorously before a game day came. They did touches, sprints, wall sits and many other conditioning drills to train. These girls developed incredible skills in this great sport during their four years of high school. Since this team worked so hard together, they all helped achieve one thing: success.



Junior Naima Barnes sets the ball to a teammate who spikes it at the opposing team.

Keeping a close eye on the ball, Janet Adekola reaches high to spike the ball over the net.



Alexis Okasa has to *Get Low* to bump the ball to her teammate.

Girls Tennis: (gurls ten-is) *n.* serving up success while pursuing an ace

From the start our Girls Tennis Team knew that they were going to have a wonderful season. With their irreplaceable friendships and inevitable strength, the team completed their season with an overall successful outcome. With an even amount of wins and losses our girls agreed that they had a satisfactory season. With intense practices and hard earned victories, the tennis team was well appreciated by the Class of 2008. In addition to their time on the court, our girls enjoyed one another's company more than playing the game. Their powerful bond was the key ingredient to their chemistry on the court. During every match the girls continuously supported one another. They cheered, yelled out helpful tips, and most importantly kept their teammates' passion alive when the match was not going so smoothly. The crack of the tennis ball colliding with the racket was sweet music to the ears of our team. The devotion our girls portrayed throughout the season was impeccable. They were present for every practice and every match. The senior girls will never lose touch with the team that inspired them to strive to the top.

Match point! Alexis Miller celebrates another victory.



No ball gets by Junior Elise Powers as she returns the serve.



Junior Cynthia Christiano keeps her eye on the ball and swings with perfection.



Eva Andres makes a flawless connection with the ball that allows her to score.



Junior Mavis Britwum hustles to not allow her opponent to serve an ace.



The girls tennis team volleys to victory with their rackets and dedication.

Boys Cross Country: (bois kraws kuhn-tree) *n.* always running forward, never looking back

Through rigorous training and extreme dedication, the 2007 Boys Cross Country Team truly stood out. Lacing up and stretching out is only a small part of what this team did. Throughout the season they built up their endurance and stamina to help them cross the finish line. Their goals were to set fast paces that would beat the competition and to help each other by never letting their team spirit down. They had to stock up on running sneakers, gym shorts and water bottles. Daily practices consisted of long and tiring runs. The courses were filled with the steepest hills, the rockiest woods, and the muddiest tracks. However, the boys never let these obstacles phase them. They were able to bring home numerous wins for the team and a sense of personal accomplishments for themselves. Any spectator could tell by the wide smiles the boys had after races that they all shared an extreme passion for the sport. It was clearly evident that their dedication and pride led them to their glorious victories. After a well done season, these boys were recognized and commended for all their tremendous triumphs.



Junior Ben Kaplan focuses solely on keeping a steady pace.



Tim Jonas can see the light at the end of the tunnel as he approaches the finish line.

Junior James Burroughs already looks promising with a strong start



Junior Emanuel Tewelde takes long strides towards the end of the race.



The Boys Cross Country team of 2007 takes great pride in their success.

Girls Cross Country: (gurls kraws kuhn-tree) n. running as individuals and coming together as a team at the finish line

The 2007 Girls Cross Country Team had an extremely successful season. They started their training during the scorching heat of the summer and ran all the way through the brisk winds of fall. Their running sneakers were not the only things that helped these girls to victory. Their motivation helped them accomplish running over 500 miles total during their season. Their competitive edge is what helped them reach their goal. Although the practices were long and rigorous, they helped make the girls stronger athletes. They had many practices to better their pace and times. These practices consisted of running long distances to neighboring towns. When meets arrived they traveled to Delbarton in Morristown to compete for first place against other opponents. They ran up the steepest hills and through the rockiest terrains to reach their destination. It may have seemed like a challenge at the time, but in the end it was all worth while. Their extreme efforts were what made them a strong and honorable team.



Junior Shontel Clarke knows that keeping a steady pace will lead her to outrun her opponents.



Led by Coach Suriano, the Girls Cross Country team is proud of its successful season.



Cjloe Vinoya picks up tremendous speed when she sees the finish line.



Junior Catrice Austen runs slow at first to save her energy for the last leg of the race.



Don't sweat it! Junior Megan Tan tries her best to cross the finish line.

Courtney Black leads Stephanie Castoro and Vicky Gershteyn into the first cheer of the game.

The senior cheerleaders take a break during half time to hang out and enjoy each other's company.



Shaneil Morales gets the crowd to cheer along with the squad.



The girls show off their terrific stunting abilities at a competition at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Cheerleading: (cheer-lee-ding) n. the real show on the sidelines

During our four years at West Orange High School, we always had an impressive cheerleading squad. They always kept the crowds alive with their enthusiastic cheers and breathtaking routines. The girls continuously surprised our class with awesome choreography that engaged their audiences. The team, led by a strong group of 13 seniors, started its hard work in August and continued cheering through March. During competition season the girls became intense. With dedication, extended practices, and whole hearts, our cheerleaders brought a trophy home every year. They maintained three state championships and an overall cheer trophy for first place. Our girls will always have a place in the halls of West Orange High School and the seniors of 2008 will be missed.



Ashley Irizarry shows the crowd how to get "rowdie" during competition.



"Go, Mountaineers!" Dana Casalino, Katie DePoalo, junior Gabby Giovine and Alyson Straus cheer in unison.

Amanda Skarbnik, Corinne Oliver, Annmarie Angelone and Jecika Merzcius put on a great show for the school during the football game against Wayne Valley.

Drum major Matt Pouy salutes the crowd before beginning the outstanding half time performance.



Aneesa Ali is highly determined to keep the pit crew's rhythm flawless.



Nothing gets the crowd going like the beat of the powerful drum line.



Andrew Cabltes feels a rush of adrenaline as he is frozen in position to start off the performance.

Marching Band: (märch-ing band) *n.* the beat of West Orange High School

Our West Orange High School Marching Band was a magnificent group of talented individuals that dominated the field. In 2007, they took tremendous pride in their demanding schedule and continuous victories. Our band would practice five to six times a week. Their intensive practices lasted from three to five hours each day. Our Marching Mountaineers worked as hard as they possibly could in order to assure themselves a glorious victory. Competition after competition, our band brought home numerous first place trophies. Winning first place at the Piscataway High School competition was the beginning of a winning streak for the Marching Mountaineer season. Competing was not their sole purpose though. Marching band was an important aspect to our football games. The band kept our cheerleaders active and the fans singing, dancing and chanting. The Class of 2008 will always remember the music that filled their souls.



Tim Egan stands tall as he plays the baritone saxophone and stays in step.

After months of practices, Sean Davis is proud to show off his skills during the halftime performance.



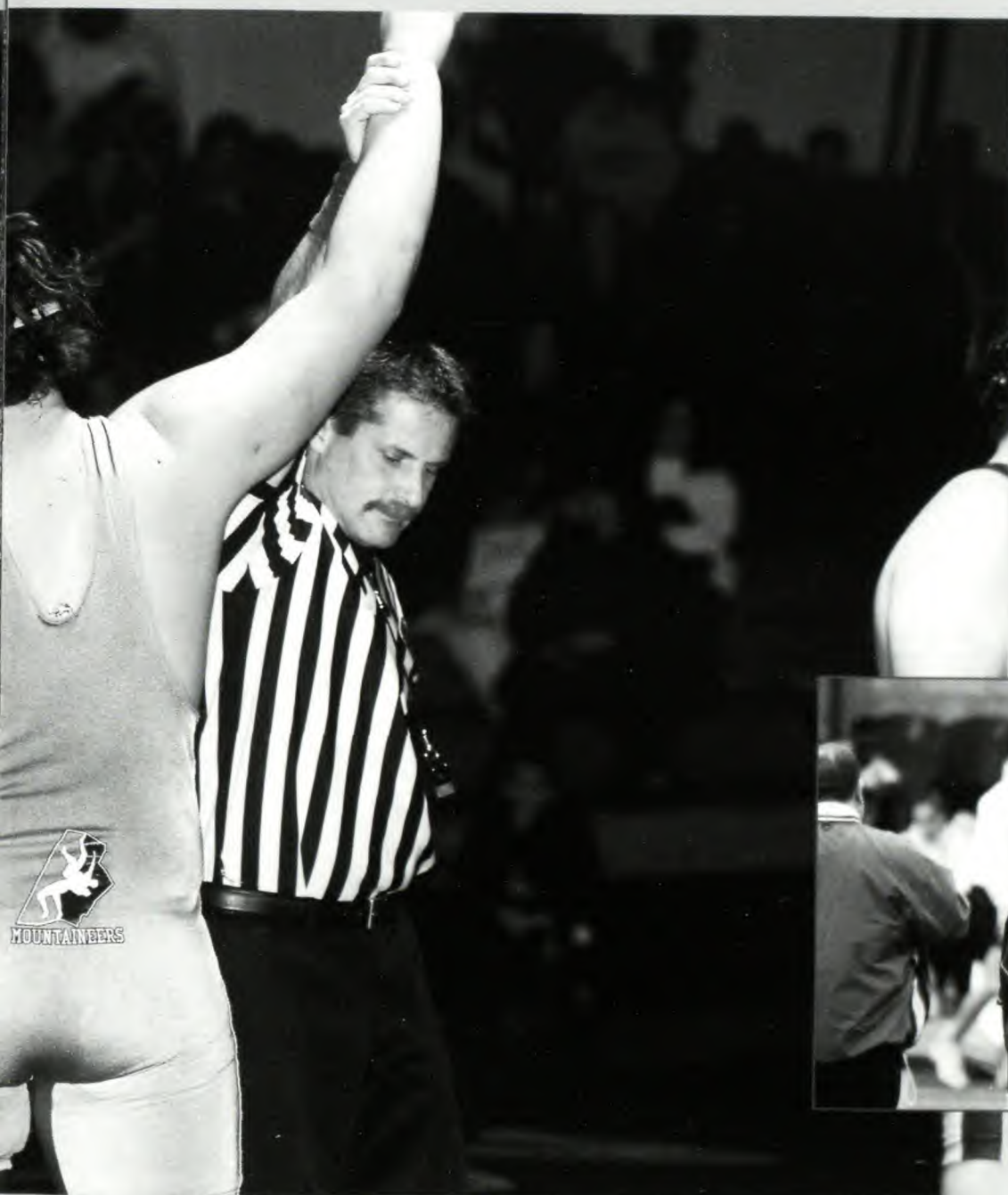
Amy Pratt shows off her talent by waving the colorful flag gracefully through the air.

Raquel Feliciano and Kaila deRonde focus on perfecting their rhythm on the xylophone.

Definition



*Spirits soar
as the
temperature
drops*



Winter Sports

Boys Basketball (bois bas-ket-ball) *n.* willpower and passion that reveal the courage to rule the court

Led by Captains Damon Garrett and junior Russ Thompson, the West Orange 2007-2008 Boys Basketball Team exceeded their potential in their 11-12 season. The boys started off the year with one of their most proud victories of the season. They managed to beat one of their opponents, Wayne Valley High School, with a score that put the losing team to shame. Not only did the boys dominate Wayne Valley, but they were also successful in a rival game against Orange High School. The boys were unstoppable and felt the chemistry spark every time they set foot on the court. These victories were not a coincidence; however, our boys put their entire heart, soul, time, and physical capacity into each practice and game. The boys practiced 6 days a week for two to three hours at a time. In addition to this hectic practice schedule, the boys battled teams on the court roughly three times a week. Their dedication and endless teamwork on and off the floor brought them far in the Holiday Tournament where the boys defeated Nutley in their first game and Clifton for first place. All of their successes were based on exceptional connection and teamwork. The Class of 2008 could not be more pleased by the status of our Mountaineer basketball players.

Kenneth Arnold sets himself for a cross court pass.



Captain Damon Garrett and Coach Cacciagne discuss strategies to beat West Milford.

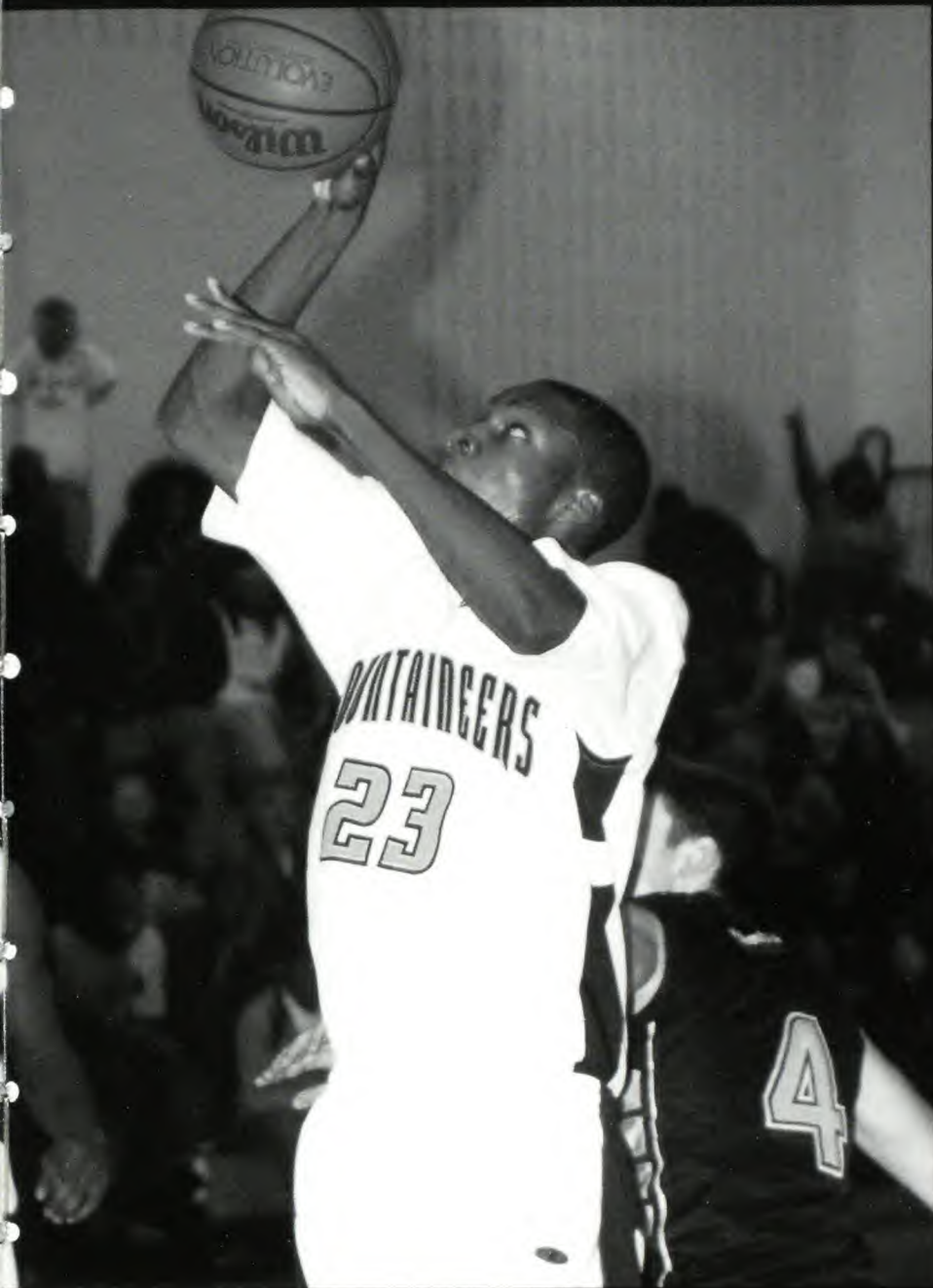


Obi Onwubuya makes his teammates proud after gaining possession and then perfectly sinking the basketball for 2 more points.



Senior basketball players take time from their pre-game warm ups to get into game mode.

Travis Ezidiegwu reaches high for the basket to increase the lead.



Garrett Harvest soars above and beyond to fight an opponent for possession of the ball.



Leon Sederwall gets ready to *swish* the ball in the net for a three point shot.



Junior captain Russ Thompson dribbles on the run as he prepares to shoot a lay up.

Junior Vanessa Tobar plants her feet and aims to score a perfect 3 pointer.

Sophomore Anna Fucci dribbles up the court, determined to pass her opponent and put the ball through the hoop.



Denise Dwamina leaps toward the basket to shoot a lay up.



The Girls Basketball team displays its close bond in a picture before their game.

Girls Basketball (gurls bas-ket-ball) *n.* a mixture of talent and pride equals a recipe for unparalleled teamwork and camaraderie

This year the Girls Basketball Team had an extraordinary 2007-2008 season. Eager to learn new skills, they developed into an exceptional team. They practiced daily and went through intense plays and routines that allowed them to master the game. The girls showed their strength by working together to win against their rivals. Their determination allowed them to exceed their limits. With the help of senior captain Denise Dwamina and junior captain Gwen Abreu, the end result was a record of 12-11. They proved their passion by training hard and keeping their spot in the Holiday Tournament, again, for the third year in a row. This year the girls participated in the Essex County Tournament and were qualified for the States. During games encouragement from fellow teammates was heard throughout the gym. However, the girls were not alone. The crowd proved to be great spectators as they supported the girls in every game. The bleachers were always filled with friends and family who had no reservations showing their love for the players. Regardless of a loss or win, the girls remained faithful to the team by not giving up. The girls started off as a growing team and ended up as a strong family.



Junior Gwen Abreu jumps high above the defender while fighting for a rebound.



Junior Nnena Nwafor aggressively dribbles past her opponent, keeping the ball out of her reach.

Tim Jonas and junior Lars Bamba accelerate past the other racers as they round the bend.



Peter Fairmont knows the importance of perfect form, as he runs hard to complete his final lap.



Justin Worthing gets up all the endurance he has to keep ahead of another runner and push through to the finish line.

Boys Winter Track (bois win-ter trak) *n.* pursuing victory by staying up to speed and finishing strong

From sprints to hurdles, the 2007-2008 Boys Winter Track Team reached new heights as they sought to achieve their goals and achieve a level of perfection. Despite the brisk winter weather, the boys sprinted through the season, setting records wherever they went. The normally busy and cramped hallways of WOHS became the team's practice area after school hours where they spent countless hours preparing for their weekly meets and competitions. They participated in various tournaments around the state including Essex County Relays in which they placed third and Northern Hills Conference in which they placed second. Under the leadership and guidance of Coach "Pic," they were able to accomplish much more than they ever imagined as they tested their limits and met their true potential. The team's determination and commitment led them through a very successful season.

Taking long strides, sophomore Curtis Richburg has a far lead in the final lap of his race.



Junior Benny Kaplan keeps a strong lead as he approaches the finish line.



Ellis Mensah paces himself well in a baton relay, knowing that the key to victory is holding on tight and running fast.



Sprinting off the starting line, junior Amir Planes has his eye on first place.

Girls Winter Track (gurls win-ter trak) n.

a burst of energy that lights a fire for speed and heats up the track

The word "track" derives from the Greek word "athlon" meaning "contest". The Girls Winter Track Team accomplished an abundance of victory and success throughout the 2007-2008 season. The vigorous training consisted of three hour practices everyday after school, including Saturdays, as well as meets until 11:00 at night. The team, which was composed of runners, throwers, and jumpers truly made themselves stand out. The Girls Winter Track Team finished third in the Essex County Relay, fourth in the Northern Hills Conference and fourth in the Essex County Individual Tournament. With their continuous advancement, eight girls qualified for the Eastern Championship and senior Alisha Gray qualified for the National Championship. The united team made many breakthroughs throughout the season, which led to many triumphs.

Jecika Merzius pushes herself during the last leg of the race.



Melanie Brown prepares to throw a flawless shot put.



Janet Adekola throws the shotput with great force, hoping to make her mark at the top of the line-up.



Sarah Wesley propels herself effortlessly over the bar to clear the jump.

Madeline Moore throws the shotput forcefully to take a good position on the leader board.



Sarah Salazar focuses diligently on keeping her lead in the race.

Junior Elizabeth Ajamu skillfully clears the hurdle at a meet in Jersey City.

Tommy Pucciani skates through the opposing teams offense towards the goal.



Varsity captain Justin Rodriguez is not about to stop at one goal as he sets up for another.



Skating at full speed, Anthony Belardo is unstoppable when going towards the goal.



Behind the fun times and laughs, this team has the strength and endurance to take down any team on the ice.

Hockey: (hok-ee) *n.* defying the odds by taking the ice and uniting as one

This year's 2007-2008 West Orange Ice Hockey Team was led by a strong line of 18 seniors. With a varsity experience already had by all, the seniors were ready for a successful season. Once it began, the players kept the wins coming, and they finished with a 10-11-2 record. The team began preparing for the hockey season by running and getting in shape by late October. When the season officially began, the team had intense dry land practices and fast-paced ice practices. All this practice paid off when the boys got wins under their belts especially dominating teams such as Millburn and Livingston. The hockey team placed third in the Holiday Tournament early in the season, giving the team's morale a boost. When the regular season ended, the boys placed fourth seed for the Kelley Cup Conference play-offs. With the majority of the team being seniors and leaving the team, they had a very proud final year on the ice.



Co-captain Andy Buki strategizes as he meets his challenger at a face-off.

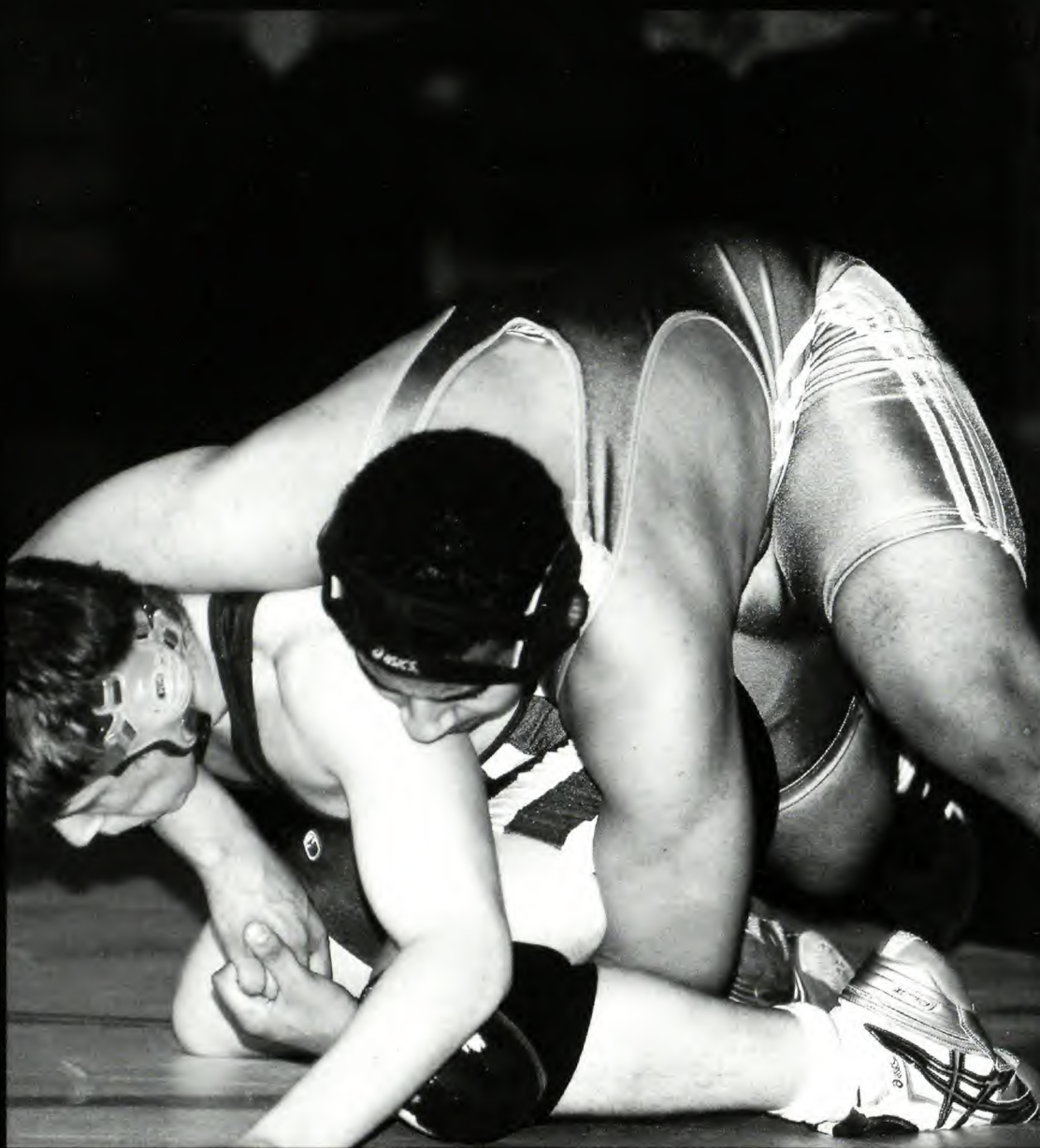


A hard check and aggressiveness is all that Erik Rowan needs to put the puck in the goal.

Goalie Jonny Coors gets in position to prevent the puck from gliding over the goal line.



Paul Haas locks up his challenger in a far side cradle.



Junior Troy Landsberg rides out his opponent for the victory.



The wrestling team gathers on the mat before the match to get their adrenaline rushing.

Jeff Petigrow attempts to turk the bottom leg with hopes for some back points.



Wrestling: (res-ling) *n.* fierce determination and discipline foster undeniable athleticism and respect

Dating back as early as the 704 B.C. Olympic games in Ancient Greece, wrestling has always been the purest form of competition. Wrestling consists of a physical engagement between two unarmed persons striving to gain control over their opponent. Completing an outstanding season, the 2007-2008 West Orange High School wrestlers proved their strength and endurance, ending the season with 15 wins and 6 six losses. The boys worked hard for their victories, and after losing ten seniors last year, there were a lot of fresh faces on the varsity team. Perseverance and determination got the team through intense daily practices. From running laps in the hallways to practicing moves, the team, together, vastly improved their physical techniques including cradles, reversals, escapes, take downs and the ultimate goal of pinning. The boys never gave up without a fight. Although during matches there was only one teammate on the mat at a time, everyone worked towards one common goal of receiving the highest points possible. Under the guidance of four coaches and four seniors, the Mountaineers wrestling team transformed from a competitive team to an achieving family.



Seniors Paul Haas, Jeff Petigrow, Anthony Dietrick, and Phil Johnson share laughs at a Saturday morning practice.

Junior Hakim Williams powerfully works a wrist in half.



Phil Johnson defends a single leg take down.

Anthony Dietrick cranks the power half for the fall.

Andrew Cabiltes gets closer and closer to perfecting his form.



Brian Conlon locks his eyes on the pins as he concentrates on his grip.



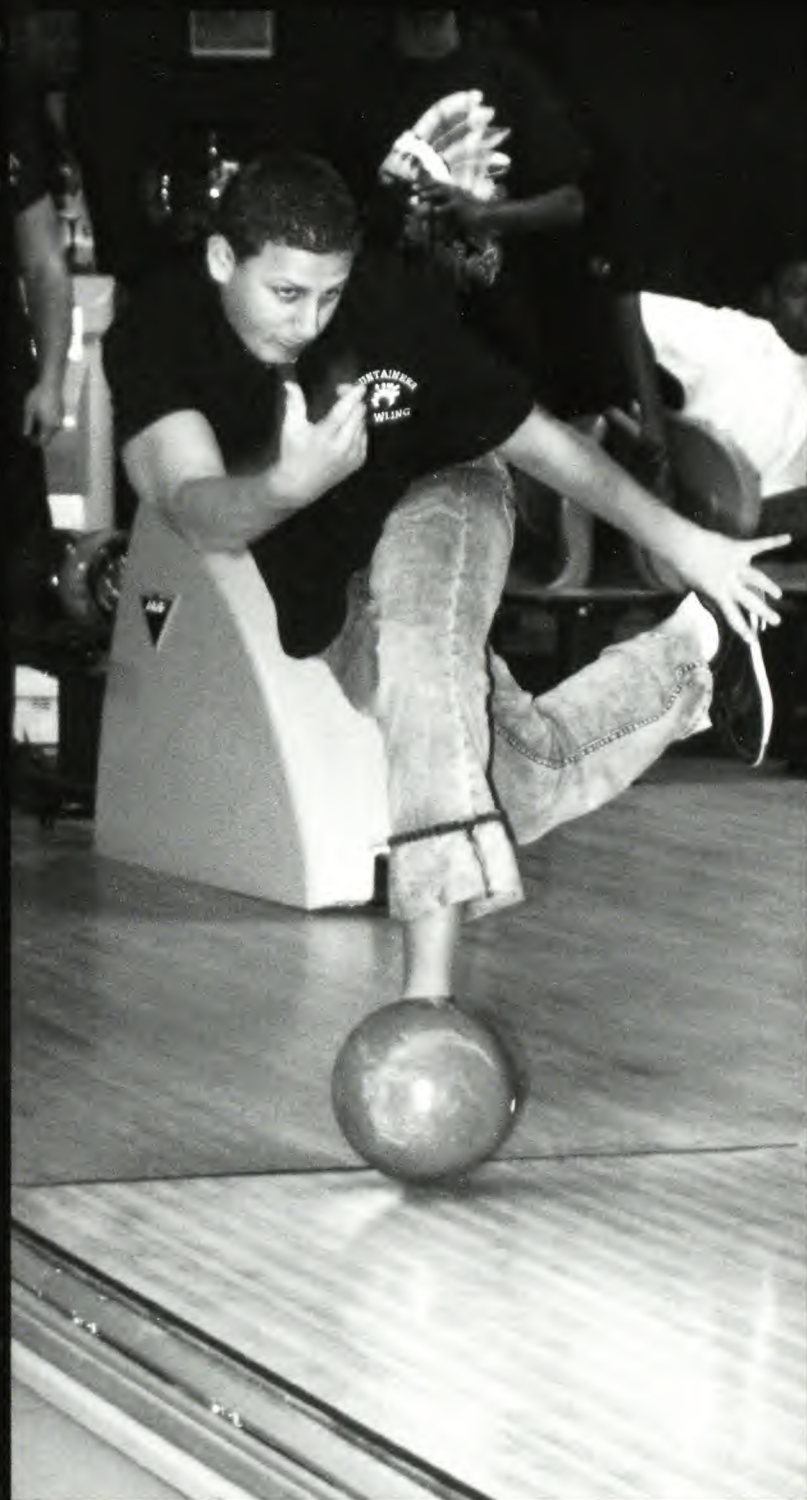
Sophomore Matt Orban tries his best to achieve a strike while focusing on his stance.



Joe Mattarazzo releases the ball, confident that he will land a strike.

Bowling: (boh-ling) *n.* the thunder of falling pins indicates a striking season

Never did you hear the uproar of teammates cheering for a strike unless you experienced a West Orange High School bowling match. Coach Alvine trained our bowlers through intense practices that paid off as games turned into wins and teammates into most valuable players. Team members showed extreme focus and demonstrated the "perfect grip" as the monitors flashed strikes and spares. Senior captains Terrance Sanders, Joe Matarazzo and Andrew Cabiltes led the team as they leaped to the top, losing only one game. It took absolute concentration and precision to fill up the snazzy bowling shoes of our graduated seniors that were left for new-comers. West Orange High School was privileged with a successful 2008 Bowling Team that showed great determination to get to the top and great persistence to remain there.



Terrance Sanders cannot wait to hear the thunder of the falling pins.



Coach Alvine stands with the Senior kegglers before the match.

Evan Quentzel demonstrates the form of a professional kegler.

Boys Swimming (bois swim-ing) *n.* every deep breath allows for another exhilarating stroke towards success

The 2007-2008 Boys Swimming Team was filled with motivation and pushed to test their limits this season. These boys were faced with the challenge of overcoming a lack of swimmers on the team. However, they were able to overcome this hardship and lower their personal record times considerably in their perspective events. Their coach and captains led them to try their hardest and excel in events and work hard on their techniques. The boys worked hard through to the end of the season pulling out all they had to strive towards greatness. This season the boys chose to step up to a challenge that they did not refuse based on the disadvantages they faced. They competed with a positive attitude believing if they tried hard they could make it. Swimming to them was not only something to do after school, it was the combination of friends who shared a love of the sport. This love in turn made them a family that competed against others as well as themselves.



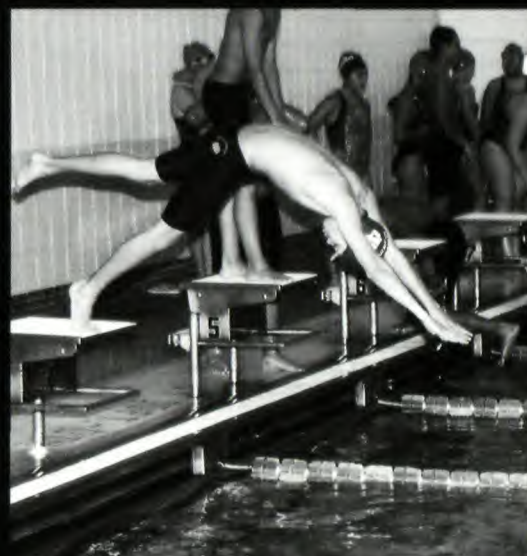
After a tiring day of swimming, Robert Houdlette takes his final breast-stroke lap nice and slow.



Alex Malpelli focuses on the finish line right before the start of his race.



Does he have fins?! That Matt Kerwin can't be beat!!



Exploding from the platform, Alex Veradi knows the finish line is his ultimate goal!



Marvin Piggot takes a deep breath in between strokes during his free-style race.

Girls Swimming: (gurls swim-ing) *n.* with the help of their close companionship and intense workouts, this fellowship of amphibious fighters owns the lanes

The 2007-2008 Girls Swim Team showed great promise for the upcoming season, with every event starting with the free style and ending with the butterfly stroke. They achieved incredible personal times, some even topping precedents made by the best of previous years. Two records were broken this year in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:02:21 as well as the WOHS record for the 200 Medley Relay with a shattering time of 2:05:81. Motivated by their coach and co-captains, the girls were able to achieve their personal bests in the most grueling events. The upcoming swimmers on the team were on their way to the top. Despite the lack of female swimmers on the team this season, WOHS left their mark at competitions including the Northern Hills Conference Championship at William Patterson University, The Essex County High School Swimming Championships, and the NJ High School Individual State Championships. Overall the season ended with high morale and great sportsmanship with a win-lose score of 3 to 8. For these girls a competitive after school swim turned into a record-making close knit family excelling at the sport they love the most.



With an explosive start, captain Kayla Nalven plunges into the lane to begin her race.

Junior Meredith Wright perfectly swims her back stroke, reaching for the wall to beat her opponent.



Who better to be proud of a victory than the winner herself? Sally Hammer is excited about completing her race first.



Swimming forward at full force, captain Stephanie Smith swims with momentum to beat her previous time.



Junior Alyssa Ringel takes a quick breath while maintaining her composure during her free style.

Definition



*the final whistle
blows as the
sun sets*



Spring Sports

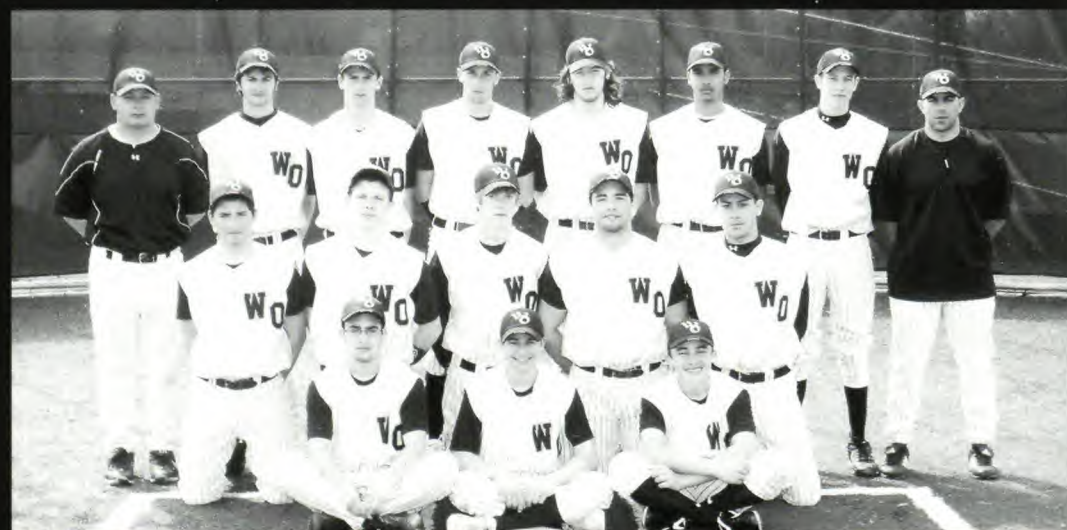
Boys Baseball (bois-beys-bawl) *n.* players that won't settle for anything less than a scoreboard filled with strikeouts and grand slams

Baseball has always been America's most beloved past time. Whether we were watching the New York Yankees or more importantly, the West Orange Mountaineers, baseball games were a vital source of enjoyment for our 2008 senior class. Our WOHS Baseball Team continuously demonstrated their indestructible chemistry on and off the baseball diamond. With every pitch and opposing swing, the Mountaineer boys were one step ahead of their opponents. The boys were not only focused during competitive games, they also conveyed their commitment during intense practices. With three to four hour practices about six days a week, the boys were prepared to dominate their competition. Each practice made our WOHS baseball players physically fit, mentally focused on the team, and created an incredible bond between the players. These beneficial practices prepared our team for an extremely difficult and complicated schedule. The West Orange Mountaineers kept the school proud by beating some of their top rivals. We knew it was going to be a struggle for our boys, but they held their own and played with their whole hearts in every game. Our high school could not have asked for a more determined baseball team. We will forever remember the amazing performances made in the four years of WOHS baseball.

Captain Joe Perna connects with the ball, drives it to center field, and makes it to second base for a double.



Pitcher Andy Buki throws a fast ball for his third strike.



The 2008 Varsity Baseball Team put their game faces on as they take a quick photo showing their close bond.

Captain Sean Kelly steps up to plate determined to hit the ball out of the park.



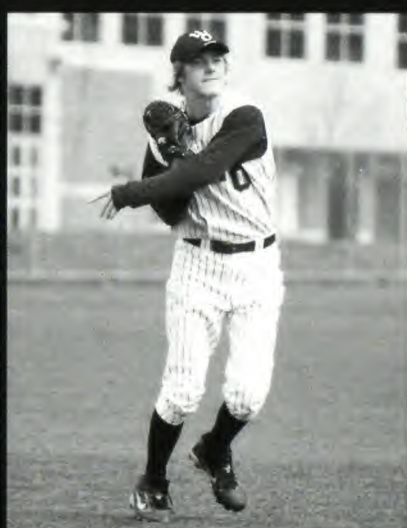
Assistant Coach Tiseo stands with the players discussing how to maintain the lead.



Captain Anthony Belardo attacks a ground ball at second base and sends it hard to first.

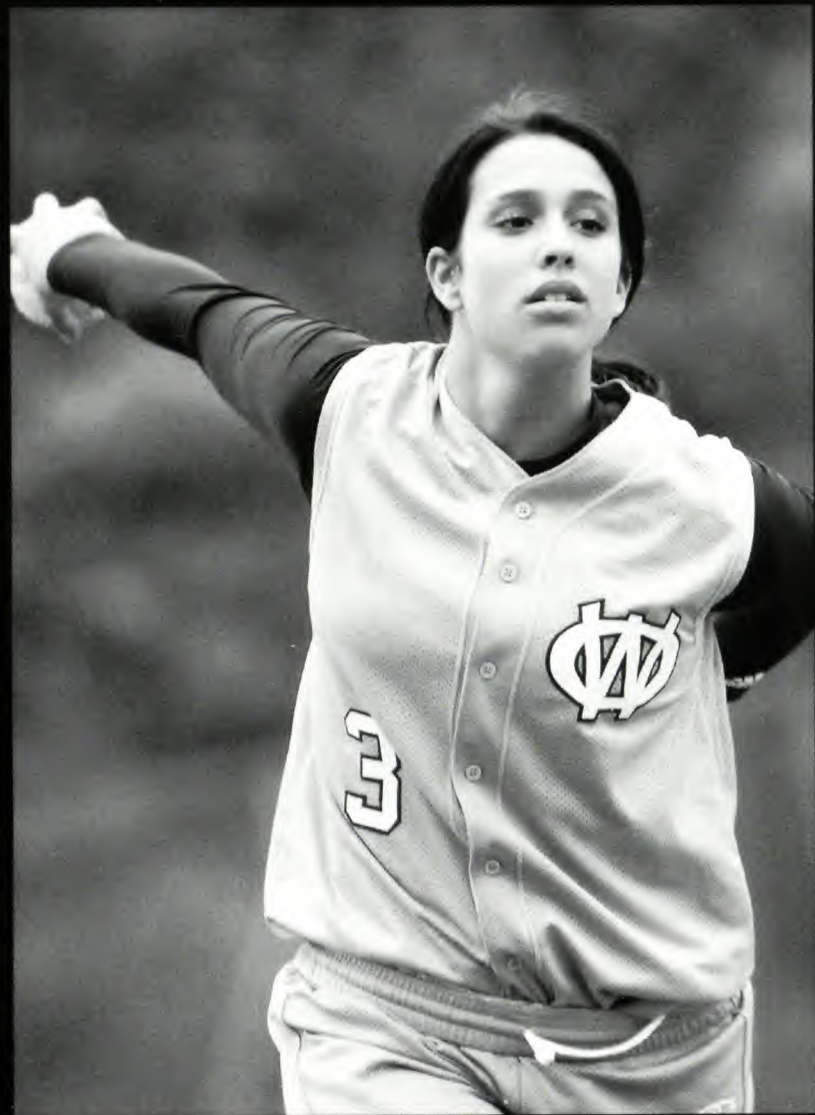


Starting catcher Phil Johnson focuses while he awaits the pitch signal from Coach Zichella.



Jesse Bielecke warms up to relieve the starting pitcher in the last few innings.

With fierce concentration, Captain Dia DeAngelis delivers a fast ball for yet another strike.



Sophomore Emily Rich connects with the ball for a double.



Allison Aporta brings the infield in for a team break before beginning the 4th inning.



Brittany Finneran scoops the bunt to make the out at first.



Allison Aporta awaits the perfect pitch to drive.

Girls Softball: (gurls sawft-bawl) *n.* uniting concentration and courage to hit hard and secure the win

The 2008 Softball Team improved a great deal from last season. This showed early in the season when in one of its first scrimmages, the girls beat Verona, who was ahead of them in the New Jersey Standings last year. This year they brought up two outstanding freshmen to join the varsity team who were great assets to the already winning team. In addition, the team was lead by four strong seniors who dedicated much of high school to playing softball. Also this season, the team entered into several more tournaments, playing equally successful teams. With longer practices and harder work, the team expected to have its best season so far, and their determination to be better took them farther in the season. The Softball Team worked together to improve and had hopes to make states in 2008. The girls continued their efforts, which made the true West Orange competitors in them stand out.



Chelsea Flores winds up a hard throw while turning a double play.



With a strong lead against Columbia, Mountaineers Captain Dia De Angelis, Junior Gwen Abreu and Junior Grace Tirella take a break from the action.



Junior Gina Piserchio slides into second base. SAFE!

Captain Matt Allen keeps an eye on his fellow attackmen to see if he can assist in making a goal.

Junior defender Ralph Charles pushes through his opponents to get the ground ball and run to clear it.



Sophomore Aleks Berman takes a hard shot at the goal in an attempt to take the lead.



The boys lacrosse team displays their close bond in a picture before their game.

Lacrosse (luh-kraws) *n.* Catching then cradling to the goal while passing all obstacles and maintaining confidence

After a long awaited season, the 2008 Lacrosse Team was ready to gear up and hit the turf. Quickness and speed were two highly prized qualities within this team. With a strong group of seniors on the team, the games were fast-paced and full of action. The game required and rewarded coordination and agility, not brawn. Since the team mastered abilities to throw, catch and scoop the ball, it became evident to see how much their hard work truly paid off. The team performed long sprints, up and down the field with abrupt starts and stops, precision passes and dodges on a daily basis. They mastered the ability to maneuver a ball into the opposing team's goal with a webbed pouch crosse. This popular and widely played sport attracted many fans to all of their games. With all their strenuous work and clear passion for the game, it was no surprise that the team came out victorious. These boys had the experience to discover, learn, participate in, enjoy, and ultimately embrace the shared passion of lacrosse.



Junior Captain Shane Mershon runs towards the center of the field to meet his teammates for a pre-game pep talk.



Defender John Rodriguez prepares to catch the ball across the field to an awaiting middle.

Boys Spring Track (bois spring trak) *n.* throwing, stretching, and sprinting one hundred percent towards the best while envisioning the award just feet away

The arrival of spring brought the 2008 Boys Spring Track Team to extraordinary new heights. From soaring at record speed past their opponents in 4x400 relays to pole vaulting high into the vast blue skies, the team was very successful this season. Their team was based on dedication and hard work, qualities that Coach Piccatagio expected from each and every single teammate. They participated in various events such as the Essex County Tournament, which was hosted by West Orange High School this year. Their agility and strength was put to the test weekly at the championship meets held every Saturday. Though spring fever was in the air, the boys never gave up. They pushed themselves to the limit, and they met their goals as they brought the team to success.



Keeping a steady pace throughout his race, sophomore Joshua Martin stays motivated until the final stride.

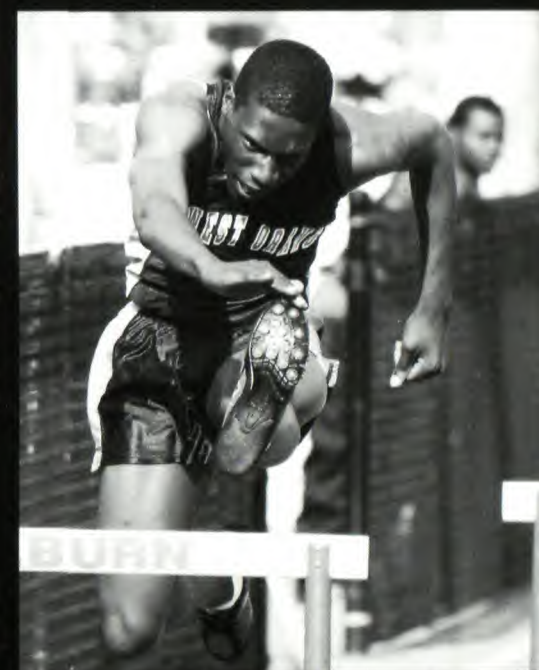


Justin Worthing keeps speed with his opponent.



John Blasi exerts a bolt of energy while running towards the pole-vaulting pit.

Sophomore Curtis Richburg furiously runs towards the finish line to beat his best time.



Sophomore Russell Laguerre gracefully hurls himself over the hurdle to put himself in first place.



Junior Paul Lombardo propels himself effortlessly over the bar to clear the jump.

Janiece Muirhead leaps over the hurdle as she leads the race against Milburn.

Throwing the javelin 65 feet, junior Emily Carlson beats her own record.



Janet Adekola takes a big step forward before releasing the javelin with all her might.



Sarah Salazar uses her strong leg muscles to push pass the other runners at the end of the 100 meter race.

Girls Spring Track: (gurls spring trak) n. incorporating discipline and endurance to reach past pain and stride towards the finish line

The Girls Spring Team for the 2008 season achieved their personal best and proved themselves as a team West Orange High School was proud to call our own. With a complete team of hardworking, dedicated athletes, competitions such as the Northern Hills State meets and the weekly championship meets were successes. The girls team again proved themselves in a fierce competition at the Penn Relays. The 4 x 100 relay team competed there, leaving a long lasting impression on future competitors. The freshmen and sophomore teams gave a promising view of future seasons. This year they hosted the Essex County Tournament and let their hard work show in their scores and times. These dedicated girls showed excellence in April's championship meet by striving for their best and pushing past pain to move towards the best. For months these girls trained to succeed in their respective events. Time and time again, they claimed their title as the hardworking, dedicated WOHS track and field team.



On her last of 3 throws, freshman Nia Barnes throws the javelin far enough to advance to the next set.



Juniors Catrice Austin and Megan Tan warm up for the long meet ahead of them.

With maximum speed, Rebecca Couper heads down the runway and prepares to leap over the cross bar.

Golf (gawlf) *n.* a drive of determination that leads to numerous birdies and flawless putts

Golf is not just a game of perfecting one's swing, but also a sport of determination, agility, and focus. The 2008 Golf Team was a strong group of boys, each possessing the qualities required of them. The time and effort they put in at practices showed in their matches and helped them have a tremendously successful season. Whether it was perfecting their drive or their stance, or hitting an excellent putt, the golf team's efforts were always apparent. When it came time for matches, each individual player was focused on being below par on the hole. They drove the ball up the fairway, hit the ball on the green, and putt when close enough to the hole. Although each person played individually, golf is a team sport and confidence in their fellow teammates was what made the group's diligence so strong. The team's momentum and commitment really proved that they are the epitome of a successful golf program.



Junior CJ Waldron practices his putt before the match begins.



Luke Manton watches as the ball lands on the green.



Paul Goskowski sets up to drive the ball down the fairway.

What could be better than a hole-in-one? Andrew Cabiltes is satisfied with his golfing performance.



Not only impressive on the course, the 2008 Golf Team looks impressive while standing tall for a team photo.

Charles Jang slams the ball over the net for the win.



Joo Kwon plays an unexpected drop shot, tricking his opponent.



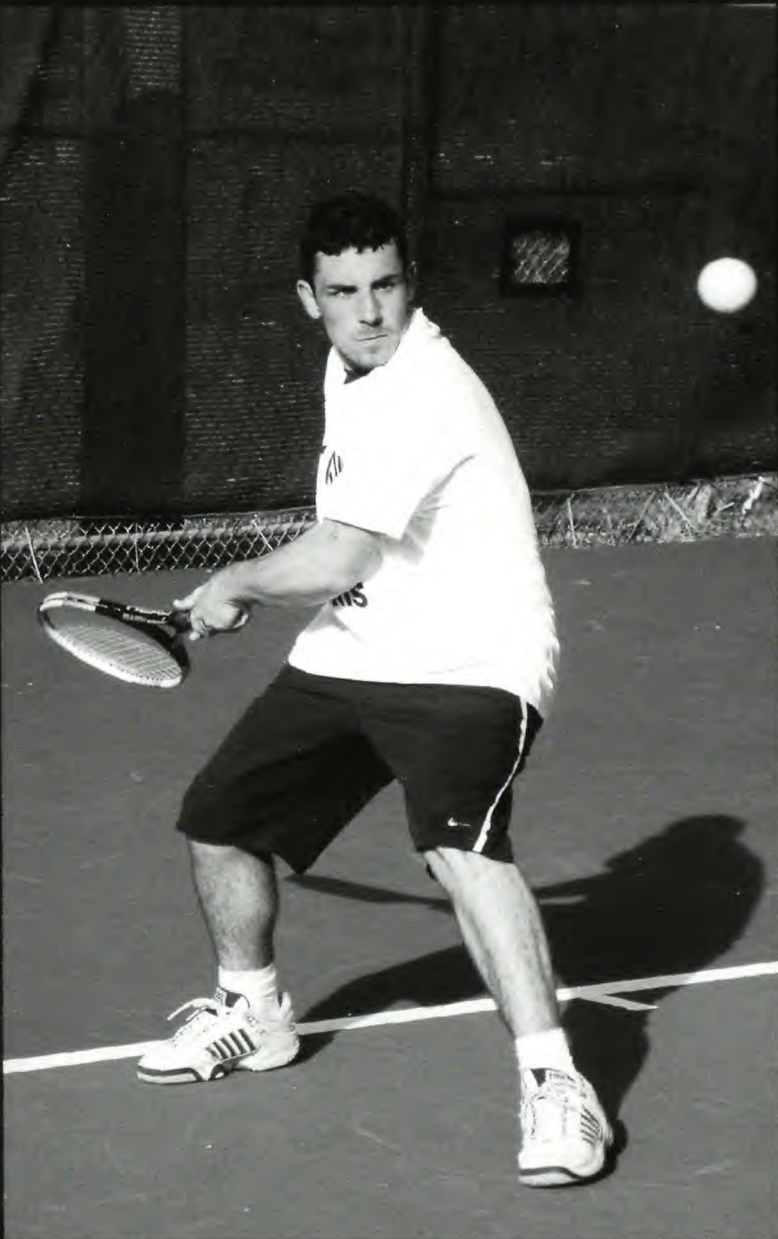
Ragu Selvakumar knows the secret to the perfect ace.



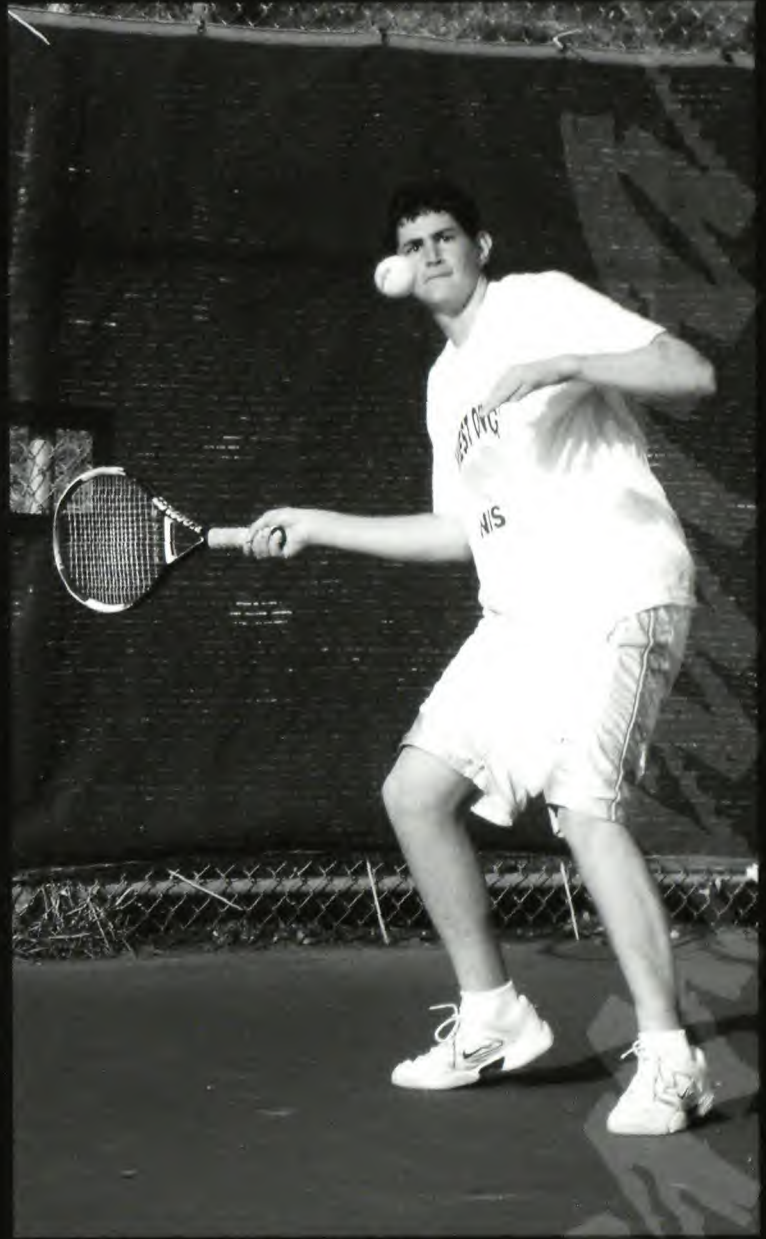
The senior boys are proud of all of their accomplishments during their high school tennis careers.

Boys Tennis (bois ten-is) *n.* attacking the challenge while meeting individual goals that lead to team victories

Ever been to a tennis match where backhands and forehands were performed flawlessly? If not, you should have introduced yourself to a West Orange High School Boys' tennis match. The boys endured vigorous practices that allowed them to master their abilities. The team proudly took home first place in the Essex County Consolation Tournament. Much acknowledgement was given to the varsity coach, Jay Gitter, and junior varsity coach, Erica De Palo, who guided the players on the right path towards victory and encouraged them to push for their best. The boys supported one another through their lowest and highest points with the team leadership from senior captains Adam Sabban and Sean Davis. Their focus and ambition showed through as spectators heard the "thwack" of their serves and returns echoed throughout the tennis court. Although the 2008 West Orange High School Boys Tennis Team scores changed increasingly, their humble sportsmanship remained consistent.



Sean Davis focuses with great determination and never lets the ball leave his sight.



Adam Sabban aggressively strikes the ball into his opponents court.

Tall Guy in a Little Sack

"You can do it Mr. Lawrence!" Mr. Zichella cheers for his colleague as Mr. Lawrence dares to compete against the students.



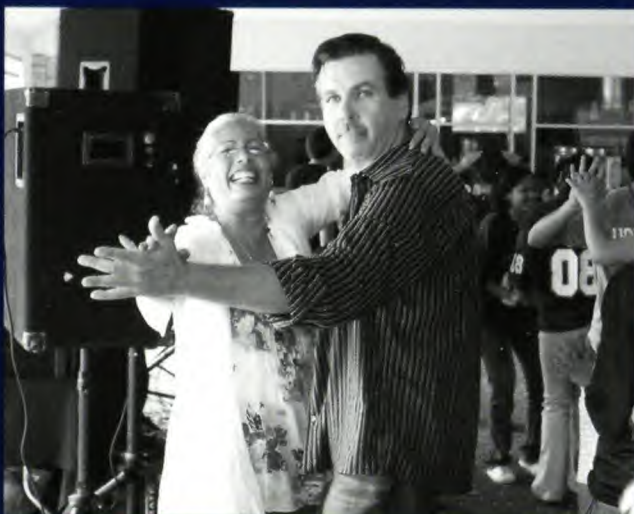
Constant Encouragement

Mr. Chanda shows Michael Mauriello a quick trick to help jog his memory while taking a semester ending exam.



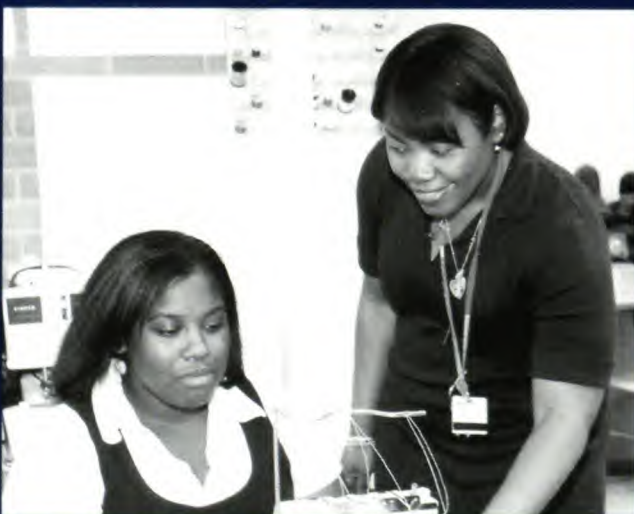
Shall We Dance?

Mr. Duca takes a break from the mic to dazzle Mrs. Feliciano with his suave dance moves.



How Can I Help?

Ms. Ortiz gladly lends a helping hand to Azuree Purefoy who is working to perfect the zigzag stitch on her newest fashion accessory.



We were lucky to have them and thus we recognized their devotion. The members of The Class of 2008 realized the dedication of the faculty members early on in our high school careers. In fact, the faculty members were the catalyst for much of the change that occurred in each of us over our four years of high school. With constant encouragement and direction, we were able to shape our likes and dislikes and start building the paths for our futures. With unending thanks and remembrance, our teachers were certainly

Beyond Definition.

Def·i·ni·tion

Faculty

the people who devoted their
lives to teaching us and
encouraged our spirits



Board of Education and District Administration:

(bohrrd uhv ej-oo-key-shuhn and dis-trikt ad-min-uh-strey-shuhn) *n.* the individuals responsible for creating the link between education and community



Jerry P. Tarnoff
Superintendent



Dr. Donna Rando Ed.D
Assistant Superintendent



Mark Kenney
School Business
Administrator



Steven Kehayes
Director of
Technology and
Administrative Services



Anne Marie Caste
Director of Student
Support Services



Carmine Iacullo III
Webmaster
Computer Technician



Karen Tarnoff
District Test Coordinator

Paul Petigrow and Michelle Casalino are preparing the material that will be covered at the January 2008 Board of Education meeting.



Paul Petigrow
Board of Education
President



Corrine Kyle
Board of Education
Vice President



Megan Brill



Michelle Casalino



Kathryn M. Tague

Superintendent Jerry Tarnoff welcomes listeners to the meeting.



Assistant Superintendent Donna Rando and board members Kathryn Tague and Corrine Kyle stand up to salute the flag.



The Board of Education members convene to discuss school issues.

Administration and Professional Staff:

(ad-min-uh-strey-shuhn and pruh-fesh-uh-nl staf) n. the leaders of our school who work tirelessly in an effort to make West Orange High School a home for its students



Arthur J. Alloggiamento
Principal



Kimberly Juirdano, ED.D
Assistant Principal



Hayden Moore
Assistant Principal



Eric Price
Assistant Principal



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ANNETTE DADE, STUDENT MANAGEMENT
LOUIS DELLA PIA, STUDENT MANAGEMENT
PATRICK GALANTE, STUDENT MANAGEMENT

Dear Members of the Graduating Class of 2008

By the time this letter is published, you will be nearly leaving our school ready for the next chapter in your life. Hopefully, you will be extending your education beyond our doors entering college or a post secondary institution. Over the years, many WOHS graduates have returned to visit. They always comment to me that they were well prepared for the rigorous work that they are now experiencing. I am hopeful that you will feel the same and that the competencies you developed at WOHS were helpful "Beyond Definition".

By graduating from our school you have demonstrated a plethora of cognitive skills among which were writing, presenting, analyzing and problem solving. You have demonstrated many social skills in dealing with your peers, teachers and other members of the educational community. You will continue to use these and further refine these as you continue to meet new and exciting challenges ahead.

In choosing a career path, you should identify any area that interests you, an area that you are passionate about, something that you absolutely "love". Set your dream in that area and establish goals to reach your dream. Henry David Thoreau wrote: "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you imagined." As graduates of WOHS, you can go confidently. Keep focused, keep determined and keep persevering. You can and will be successful.

My very best wishes to you for a wonderful life. May you successfully follow your heart. May life be kind to you and may you enjoy good health, experience much happiness, good fortune and success.

Sincerely,

Arthur J. Alloggiamento



Louis Della Pia
Dean



Patrick Galante
Dean



David Doty
Athletic Director



Karen Perry
Supervisor of
Alternative Education



Stephan Zichella
ISS Coordinator



Amedeo Chirichiello
Student Assistance Counselor



Carla Helb
Student Assistance Counselor



Christine Borkowski
CSN, RN



Nancy Feldman
CSN, RN



John Morella
School Resource Officer



Michelle Nagle
School Resource Officer

All are feeling well here! Brianna Wapples receives a clean bill of health from Nurse Borkowski.



After questioning Mr. Della Pia about attendance regulations, Lance Ongunwale asks to discuss his absences.

Guidance: (*gahyd-ns*) *n.* leading us towards our future and giving us advice to succeed in the upcoming chapter of our lives



Thomas Shea
Supervisor



Aldo Casale



Lesley Chung



Margaret Fahey



Madelin Fernandez-Perez



Mr. Pallante gives advice to Victor Reynaga before he enters the school college fair.



Kathleen Flynn-Kay



Kathryn Furey



Tiffany Goodson



Rebecca Martin



Christine Nesbitt



Louis Pallante

Ms. Fernandez-Perez and Alyssa Joseph discuss various colleges of interest.



[----- HE SAID]

We asked Mr. Shea, "describe the Class of 2008 in one word."



He replied, "I think the perfect word to describe this class is energetic!"

SHE SAID -----]

We asked Ms. Martin, "what is your hidden talent?"

She replied, "My hidden talent is knitting!"



Mr. Casale advises Bruce Osbourne about the college application process.

English: (ing-lish) *n.* teachers leading the way through an invigorating journey of literature, composition, and creative thoughts via the path of verse and prose



Michael Romeo
Supervisor



Kathryn Baran



Craig Champagne



Erica De Palo



Michelle Ehrlich



William Ehrlich



Mr. Champagne is expressing the importance of literature to Nitin Kondamudi.



Scott Kuchinsky



Michelle Martino



Megan Quinn



Bryan Ribardo



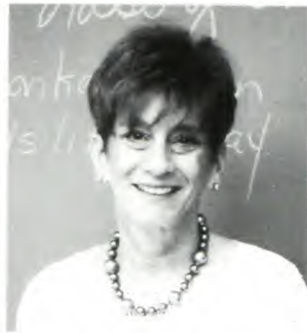
Tynia Thomassie



William Tuers



Victor Alcindor



Joanne Andrasko



Lynn Haims



Kathryn Kim



Mary Ann McGonigle



Charlene Muldrow



Jennifer Ryden



Joseph Suriano



Sandra Van Dyke



Rita Wojchik

[----- HE SAID]

We asked Sir. Ehrlich, "in your best Shakespearean voice, describe a time you thought your lady loved you, but later discovered she did not."



He replieth, "Forsooth, me thinks the lady lies."

[SHE SAID -----]

We asked Lady Thomassie, in her best Shakespearean voice, to "describe how it felt when you learned that you were no longer in love."

She replieth, "Oh what fools we mortals be!"



Dr. Haims is happy to help Katherine Diaz with a classroom assignment.

Mathematics: (math-uh-mat-iks) *n.* finding the solutions to difficult equations, while adding countless memories with the teachers who inspire their students



Constance Calandrino
Supervisor



Dara Brevard



Katelyn Busby



Barbara Ciccaglione



Kerri Coyne



Karen Davis



Ms. Whitty's dedication to her students is clearly reflected by the understanding eyes of Tracy Williams and Pam Rasin.



Linda Goetz



Frank Iannucci, Jr.



Mark Maniscalco



Michelle McGowan



Lynne Steinberg



Jessica Tybursky



Leslie Bagen



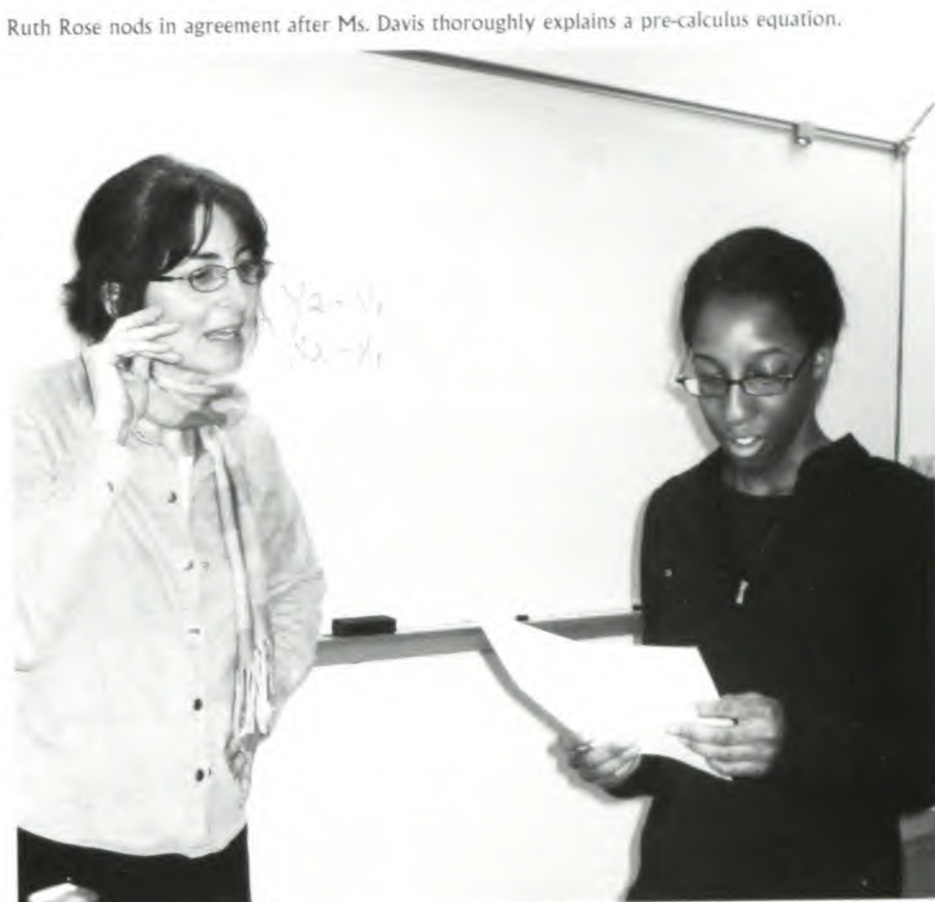
Jennifer Blanding



Michael De Barbieri



Thomas Gargiulo



Elizabeth Kelleher



Chelsea Lauer

[HE SAID]

We asked Mr. Iannucci, "what was the most creative excuse he had received from a student?"

He replied, "The student said he just moved into a new house and his homework got lost in all the confusion. For the time being I believed him but eventually I found out that he really did not move."



Zak Rudzitskiy



George Speer

[SHE SAID]

We asked Ms. Busby, "what would be the first thing she would do if she ruled the world?"

She replied, "I would give more money to education."



Carolyn Verderamo



Susan Whitty



History: (his-tuh-ree) *n.* sharing the knowledge of past events with students to elicit positive change in the future.

Ms. De Maio and Karam Thapar discuss the important events of past centuries in Individual in Society.



Eric Price
Supervisor



Ara Berberian



William Bradley



Julie Brady



Lauren De Maio



Douglas Drabik



Christopher Evans



Michael Figueiredo



Timothy Miskimon



Michele Morais



Rachel Ostanski



Melanie Raab



Alan Reeder

Mr. Evans and Travis St. Louis share a laugh during an entertaining Race Class Gender class period.



[----- HE SAID]

We asked Mr. Bradley, "who do you think has the greatest influence in the United States culture today and why?"



He replied, "Thomas Edison because he not only influenced how we light our homes, he influenced our culture and what we learn."

[SHE SAID -----]

We asked Ms. Manning the same question we asked Mr. Bradley about United States culture.



She answered, "Oprah because she uses her talk show for good works."



Kathleen Grotto



Marc Lawrence



Elizabeth Manning



Tracey Reynolds



David Sehr



Robbin Sweeney



Ms. Morais informs her students about an upcoming project pertaining to the role of women in society.

Science: (sahy-uh ns) *n.* identifying a problem, experimenting, theorizing, and coming to a conclusion.

Mrs. Paganelli and Morgan Taylor set up a fly lab together in AP Biology.



Deborah Krause Ed. D
Supervisor



Marianne Diglio



Daniel Duca



Keith Frey



Mark Kirchenbauer



Krishnagopal Mandal
Ph.D.



Robert Middleton



Brad Mitchell



Frank Newman



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Georgina Paganelli



Patricia Poore



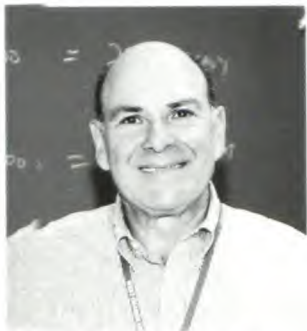
Paul Tavarone



Hope Thomas



Ronald Zeltner



Ronald Brandt



Robert Chanda

[-----

HE SAID]

We asked Mr. Chanda, "did you always want to be a science teacher?"



He responded, "No, I wanted to do something outdoors like be a park ranger."



Peter Ficuciello



Debra Franek

[SHE SAID

-----]

We asked Ms. Poore, "what is the most interesting thing you have ever seen on TV and actually tried at home?"

She answered, " Transcendental meditation; it really does relax you and get rid of a lot of stress."



Sonia Lauren



Michael Lawrence
Ph.D.



Mr. Ficuciello and Joe Trembly analyze data after a tedious lab during Environmental Science.

World Language and E.S.L.:

(wurld lang-gwij and ee es el n. a cultural and verbal understanding that expands our horizons and leads to a new world view



Edwin Acevedo
Supervisor World Languages



Michele Daniels
Supervisor ESL



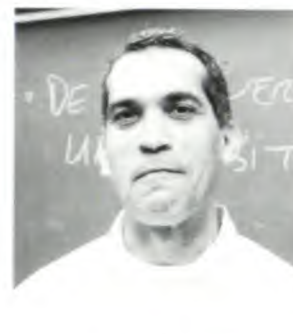
Brenda Avila



Parnell Beaubrun



Maria Blanco



Honorino Carrera



Jean Claude Cenatus



Rosa Guzman



Max Jean-Baptiste



Li Li Lin



Isabel Macowski



Kristine Massari



Nkechele Okafor works with Ms. Lin on an exercise to help learn her Chinese characters.



Dana Peart



Carlos Perez



Dafne Rodriguez



Juan Roncero



Vincenza Amabile



Erika Arenger



Olympia de Pinto



Raquel Feliciano



Ms. Viquiera looks up Spanish vocabulary with Jennifer Buruzie, Amanda Feigenbaum, and Luis Zamora.



Maria Montgomery



Linda Ozarow

[----- HE SAID]



Eileen Quirk



Lisa Beth Reznik



We asked Mr. Cenatus what he likes most about French.

He answered, "I like the intimate connection between French and English."

[SHE SAID -----]



Begoña Viqueira



Ann Zaijer

We asked Ms. Amabile, "what are the five most important things in your life."

She said, "The five most important things in my life right now are family, health, career, culture, and communicating with students to make them better people."



Physical Education: (fiz-i-kuhl ej-oo-key-shuhn) *n.* fostering active participation in class to inspire changes directed towards healthy living

Move over LeBron James! Quincy Heckstall and Mr. Urbanski race to see who can shoot the most baskets with perfect form in one minute.



Bridget Amirr



Keith Appello



James Galioto



Diane Hochstuhl
Athletic Secretary



Diane Mitchell



Claire Moss



Meredith Schwartz



Margaret Theobald



Danielle Tracy



William Urbanski



Steven Vander Ploeg



Kevin Alvine

With help and encouragement from Ms. Theobald, Hector Saenz applies Automated External Defibrillator simulation pads in CPR class.



Ozzie Diaz



Marcella Fusco

[----- HE SAID]

We asked Mr. Diaz, "what sports or clubs he was involved with in high school."



John Jacob



Robert Kuczmarski
Site Mgr



He replied, "I was involved in football, baseball, the physics club, and the yearbook club."



Peter Ohanyan



Eugene Palatianos
Athletic Trainer

[SHE SAID -----]

We asked Ms. Moss, "if she could be any vegetable what would she be and why?"



Anthony Vitale



Cathryn Welter



She answered, "A carrot because you are what you eat."

Technical and Vocational-

(tek-ni-kuhl nd voh-key-shun-nl) n.

learning a skill or trade to lead us towards our future jobs or a beloved hobby.



David Bensen
Supervisor



Christopher Banta



Natasha Gialanella



Anne Hanson



Peter Harrington



Loretta Holmok



Russell Luculano



Mr. Prasa commends his students on a well done assignment in Graphic Communications class.

[----- HE SAID]

We asked Mr. Banta, "if you could change one thing in your life, what would it be?"



He answered, "I would be in control of everything."

[SHE SAID -----]

We asked Ms. Ortiz, "if you could go back in time and change anything, what would it be?"



She answered, "I would have started teaching sooner."



Cynthia Critelli



Ryan Del Guercio



Nancy Donnelly



Cheryl Dunlap



Joyce Friedman



Marvin Kron



Susan Marshall



Sharon Ortiz



Victor Paglio



Sally Paland



Anthony Prasa



Deborah Sharkey



Kimberly Szalkai



David Vodofsky



Dora Wong-Macias



John Worobetz



As class progresses, Mr. Harrington points out some last minute instructions to Darrelle Burrowes

Fine Arts and LMC: (*fahyn
ahrts nd el em see*) *n.* the expression
of creativity and imagination
to foster the talents present in
each student



Louis Quagliato
Supervisor



April Clark



Martin Kale
Media Coordinator



Lewis Kelly



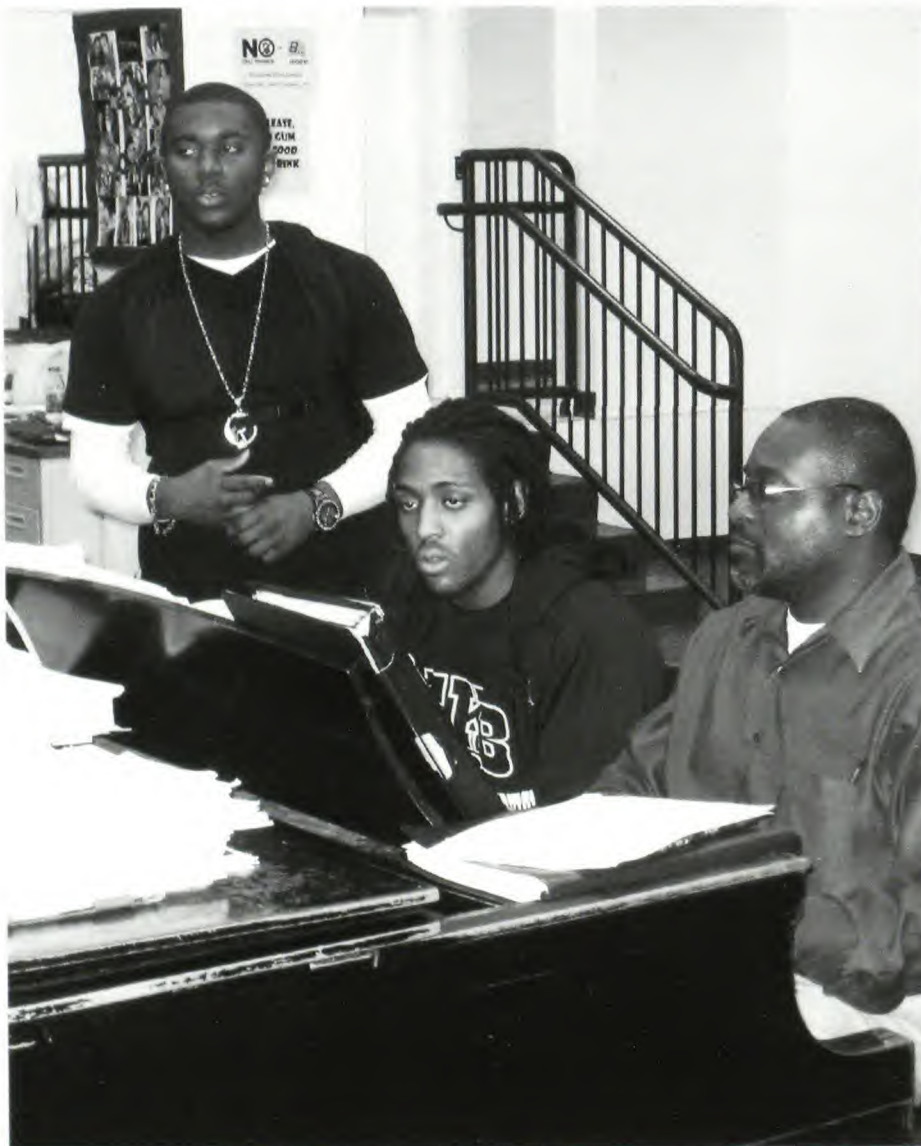
Jennifer Kitchen



Nicole Krulik



Nicholas Marmo



Mr. Farley keys in Damon Garrett and Quintin Yarrell on his piano during Boys Chamber Choir.



Jamie Podhurst



Cynthia Rowberg



Susan Titelbaum
Library Media Specialist



Diane Tol



Carrie Vasquez



Heather Young



Catherine Evanik
Library Media Specialist



William Farely

[----- HE SAID]

We asked Mr. Marmo, "if you could change one thing about school, what would it be?"



He said, "I would make T.V. 36 class every period."



Erin McClure



Fran Neceskas
Library Media Supervisor

[SHE SAID -----]

Most teenagers rely on music to get them through the day; we asked Mrs. Sokolow what she defines as music.



Margo Sokolow



Christine Sweet

She said, "Organized sound is how I would define the beauty of music."



Sarah Salazar demonstrates her steady hand while painting a clay project in Ms. Podhurst's class.

Special Education and Basic Skills: (*spesh- uhl ej-oo-key-shuhn ānd bey-sik skills*) n. inspiring determination and positive individuality

[----- HE SAID]

We asked Mr. Cacciabarne "what
superlative he won in high school?"



He replied, "I actually
won class clown!"

[SHE SAID -----]

We asked Ms. Aldworth, "if she could go
anywhere in the world, where would she
go and why?"

She replied, "I would go
to Hong Kong because my
son lives there and I've
never been there before."



Joanne Pollara
Supervisor



Elizabeth Maddalena
Coordinator



Jodie Goldstein
Transition Coordinator



Jan Kamper
Social Worker



Ana Shaw
Social Worker



Connie Salimbeno
LDT



Eileen Cardone



Michele Clancy



Brian Cohen



Craig Forte



Marcia Grivalsky



Mayda Kale



Christine O'Neill



Gina Paradiso



Purvi Patel



Peter Pantalena
Speech Therapist



Zoila Hernandez
Occupational Therapist



Lee Cohen
School Psychologist



Nicole Handler
School Psychologist



Dawn Ribeiro
School Psychologist



Patricia Aldworth



Jessica Billingsby



Lori Bollota



Gail Bowsher



Mark Cacciabarne



Jeanette De Palma



Janis De Rosa



Kelly Dower



Anthony Edelstein



Michael Fess



Michael J. Lawrence



Simona Lieberman



Chuck Manzo



Kevan Murphy



Madonna Nwako



Anthony Perconti



Krista Romanyshyn



Shannon Russo



Matthew Salzman



Jo Ann Zobitz

Support Services: (suh-pawrt sur-vises) *n.* working to maintain order and provide a foundation to build a better community through patience and understanding



Thomas Bamber



Fred Barnwell



Silverio Bastiao



Cynthia Bohri



Joseph Chango



Judith Damiano



Christina De Marco



Diane Dixon-Aboulnaja



Ruysdael Georges



Daniel Gosselink



James Holik



Gloria Manus



Dennis Mc Garrity



Thomas Rubinetti



Raquel Sardiña



Helaine Scharfstein



Christine Shahadi



Steven Simon



Karen Venchkoski



Rebecca Weinstein



Security Staff



Conforti Office Staff



Pleasant Valley Way Office Staff



Library Media Center and Health Office Staff



Guidance Office Staff



Custodial Staff



Cafeteria Staff

I Love Your Smile

Pearly whites are their business. The caring people at Milestone Orthodontics make sure their clients have perfect grins.



Helping Hands

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation is a vibrant part of the West Orange Community. Many members of The Class of 2008 volunteer here in an effort to help those in need.



Did I Hear You Say Lunch?

Who says we have to stay on campus? The Deli Guy proves to be irresistible to hungry seniors in search of a delicious lunch.



Come Together

The J.C.C. is a great place for so many activities. Whether you choose to work out or hang out, you will always see a friendly face at The J.C.C.



The place where we lived; the place we called home; the place where we carved memories - whatever the title, West Orange was this place for the members of The Class of 2008. We appreciated the hard work of the small business owners of our community. We recognized the commitment they made to our community and the opportunities they provided for each of us searching for our first "real" job. It was because of these community leaders, businesses, and charitable organizations that we were able to create the memories captured on the following pages and recognize each of them as *Beyond Definition.*

Def·i·ni·tion

Business

our community and the people
who work here to make West
Orange the perfect place for
our memories



2008 Patrons

The Misthos Family
 The Cavalli Family
 The Alexander Family
 The Racamato Family
 Bernice Irizarry (Class of '87)
 Nestor Delvalle (Class of '88)
 Kathy Rooney
 Stewart Schub
 Mildred and Dean Irizarry
 Donna, Luis, and Samantha Elias
 Debbie and Riley Watts
 Tom and Nicole DePoalo
 Henry and Gwenn Krumholz
 David and Doriz Krumholz
 Dominick and Theresa DePoalo
 Robert Watts
 Fred DePoalo
 Ms. Carolyn Tonic Robinson
 Derrick and Shawn Graham
 Michael and Theresa Thomas
 Brenda Cline and Sons
 Rev. John and Dorinda Thomason
 Brianna Wapples
 Mr. and Mrs. John A. Prignano
 Grandma Lucy Prignano
 Dawn Fidali
 Coach Greg Schiano
 William Hall
 Yia Yia Catherine Paskalides
 Mrs. & Mrs. James Paskalides
 Abraham Thomas and Family
 Julie John (Class of '00)
 Jobby John (Class of '05)
 Eapen Mathen and Family
 Jacob Peter and Family
 Mathew Mathai and Family
 Abraham George and Family
 Kristie Varghese
 Grandma and Pop Lofcan
 Sr. Friday Bingo Table #1
 Uncle John and Aunt Cheryl
 John and Virginia Wolozyrn

Uncle Rocky and Aunt Dolores Fierra
 Special Friend Marge Saggese
 Michael Castoro
 Elizabeth Manning
 Adriana Pariona
 Jamie Podhurst
 Ms. Young and Ms. Tol
 Jennifer Kitchen
 April Clark
 Marianne Williamson
 Anthony and Patsy Casalino
 Carmen and Marilyn Campanelli
 Vanderhoof Transportation
 Edith and Fred Babi
 Stacey Babi (Class of '06)
 The Fondufe Family
 Tynia Thomassie
 Kathleen Fung (Class of '06)
 Vanderhoof Family
 Joan Pine
 Bernie Pine
 Lindsay Pine ('04)
 The Werner Family
 Lindsay Werner
 Cody Pine
 The Pine Family
 Emilia Calderon
 The Almonte Family
 Esther Calderon
 Donato Calderon
 The Sapio Family
 Michael and Jackie Finneran
 John Mauriello
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 Kevin, Carolann, Michelle, Melissa, & Steve
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 Gary and Patricia Kittell
 The Feigenbaum Family
 The Shanahan Family
 June and Harold Fischer
 Larry, Tami, Ryan, and Erica Prince
 The Cavallaro Family
 The Cardoza Family
 The Leff Family

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 Brendan J. Lynch (MHS '82)
 Luke Manton
 The DelPlato Family
 The Quigley Family
 John and Robert Quigley
 Allison Schoner
 Craig Schoner
 Cindy Schoner
 Chrissie Schoner
 Betty Schoner
 Cliff Schoner
 Pal Schoner
 The Williams Family (Class of '04 & '05)
 The Mulligan Family (Class of '05, '08, '09)
 The Taftro Family
 Hannah Ellson (Class of '07)
 Michelle Adrien
 Daphney Augustin
 Nerlande Jean
 Fabiola Franck
 The Jean-Louis Family (Class of '03, '04, '06, '08)
 Aaron Flores
 Kate Flores
 Tony Flores
 Lindsay Flores
 A.J. Flores
 The Flores Family
 Nahed Bedir
 Yasmine Bedir
 Neha Mistry
 Amy Dolinko
 The Skarbnik Family
 John Skarbnik
 Jane Skarbnik
 Carly Skarbnik ('02)
 Amy Skarbnik ('05)
 Penny Skarbnik
 Clover Skarbnik



Nuestro corazon se llena de gozo al saber que cumples una etapa mas en tu vida. Tienes el poder en tus manos, un mundo por delante, la juventud y energia para lograr las metas que te propongas y el apoyo y amor de tu familia que tanto te quiere. Que Dios te bendiga, te cuide y te conserve y te conceda la felicidad y sabiduria necesarias para afrontar el mundo con el futuro.

Todo nuestro amor!

*Pepe, Adriana, Jacque,
Jenn y
Coqui*



Melissa Bauer

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*We're looking forward to
hearing great things about
you in the future.*

*Love,
Grandma & Grandpa*



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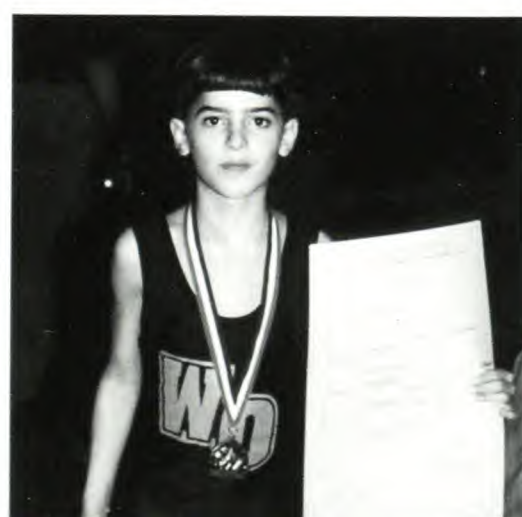
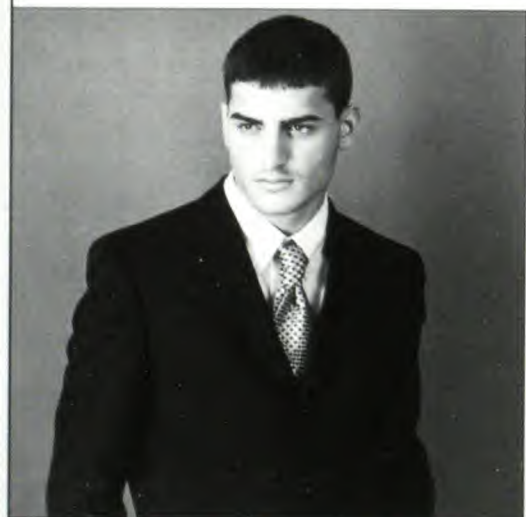
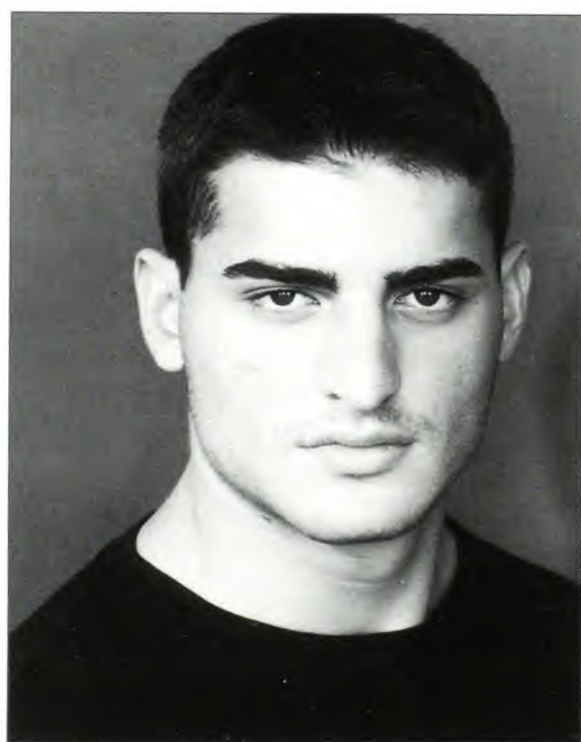
Verito:

Tenés todas las cualidades para salir adelante y lograr todos tus sueños. Estamos y estaremos siempre apollandote y sintiendonos orgullosos de ti.

**Te amamos
Papi, Mami, Sil, y Coco**



Jeffrey,
You are that
special person who
will light a fire
in others.
Congratulations
Love,
Mom, Dad, and
brothers Lawrence
and Daniel





Congratulations
Fabiola
I Always believed
in you
Love,
Grandma Ya-Ya



I Give all the honor to God for helping me raise my daughter, who grew up to be a beautiful young lady both inside and out. A young lady who fears God and is blessed with multiple talents. She is not afraid to face any challenges that God has given her. She's also a people person. I wish you all the blessings that God has for you.

Congratulations,
I love you so much (Je T'aime)
Your Mommy, Paulette Franck



Fabiola,
Since you were eight years old, I have the honor and pleasure to be a part of your life. Watching you grow up to be such a beautiful young lady has been a rewarding experience for me. You have unique qualities Fabi, a special vibrant personality that exuberates in everything you do and everyone you meet! God bless you and all of your accomplishments! Continue to succeed in all of your goals. Fabiola, always feel sure of the love, support, and respect we have for you!

Love,
Ms. Adrienne



Wow! Fabi, I am so proud of you. You have grown so much over the years. I have nothing but good things to say about you. It's an honor to be your brother, and I just want to wish you all the best.

Love,
Ricardo



I can't believe how fast you grew up. I used to look down at you, now I look up to you. You accomplished so much in years. Keep smiling and continue to be true to yourself. You inspire me to go after my goals and not let hurdles stand in my way. I truly believe that the world is not ready for you because you are the most multitalented young woman I've ever known.

Love,
Tahina



Fabbie....from the womb to ponytails
...to chocolate cakes to longer ponytails
....to vocal loveliness to more ponytails
...and now this :)

Do I really need to tell you how proud I am of you? Though you have so few years under your belt, I've had the pleasure of witnessing a level of charity and wisdom in you that many can only hope to attain in their lifetime. You have filled the pages of your life thus far with love, loss, faith, strength, talent and Fabbie-lousness. :) I thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this best seller entitled "Fabiola" just make sure that I'm on the jacket when it hits the shelves and you can quote me on this!

"Fabiola is on Fire...Burn It Up!!!

Love You Lil Sis
Me :)

Jessica Lynne

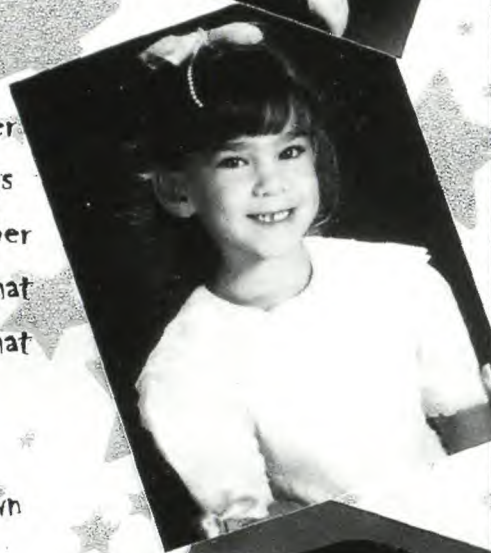
I remember when you were small, how I'd read you fairy tale after fairy tale with all their happy endings. I loved sitting with you, holding you close as you waited for what would happen next.

As you write your own stories out in the world, I hope each chapter makes you happier than the one before. I hope that when things get complicated or challenging you'll remember how strong and talented you are and know that you have what it takes to handle anything that might come along.

Jessica, you're an original. You have your own special way of doing things, looking at the world. By being who you are, you bring excitement to life. You stand by your values, view life from your own fresh perspective, and invigorate the people around you. You are truly amazing, and I hope that you'll always, always feel the deep love, support, and pride that are with you today and every day, and as the years go by, our love for you only grows deeper.

Remember, there wouldn't be a heaven full of stars if we were all meant to wish on the same one. There will never be a dream exactly like your own, follow it!

Love,
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Dear Amanda,
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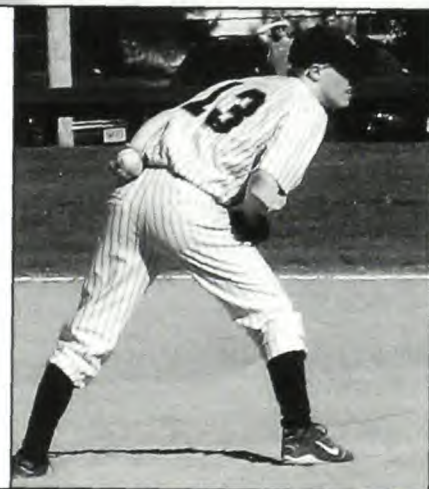
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Katie
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 We are so proud of you.
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 Be sure to believe
 in yourself.
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 Love,
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Dear Jerilyn,

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Congratulations on your graduation. You are my heart.

Grandma



Dean,

I am very proud of my big brother
and I'll be waiting for you to come
home from college to walk me!



Love, Ori

P.S Mom and Dad are so
proud of you too!!!!



Dearest Amanda,

There is no one in the world as special as you are. We Love You!

Love, Mommy, Daddy, Matthew, Ryan & Luke



*Congratulations Tracy!
You always make us proud.
With Love,
Mom, Dad, and Samantha*





Dear Jerilyn,



*You fill our hearts with love, song,
and laughter. We are so very
proud of you. Remember to
dream, believe, and dance to
life's many melodies.*

*We love you
more than you
could know!*

*Mom, Dad,
Kris and
Matt*



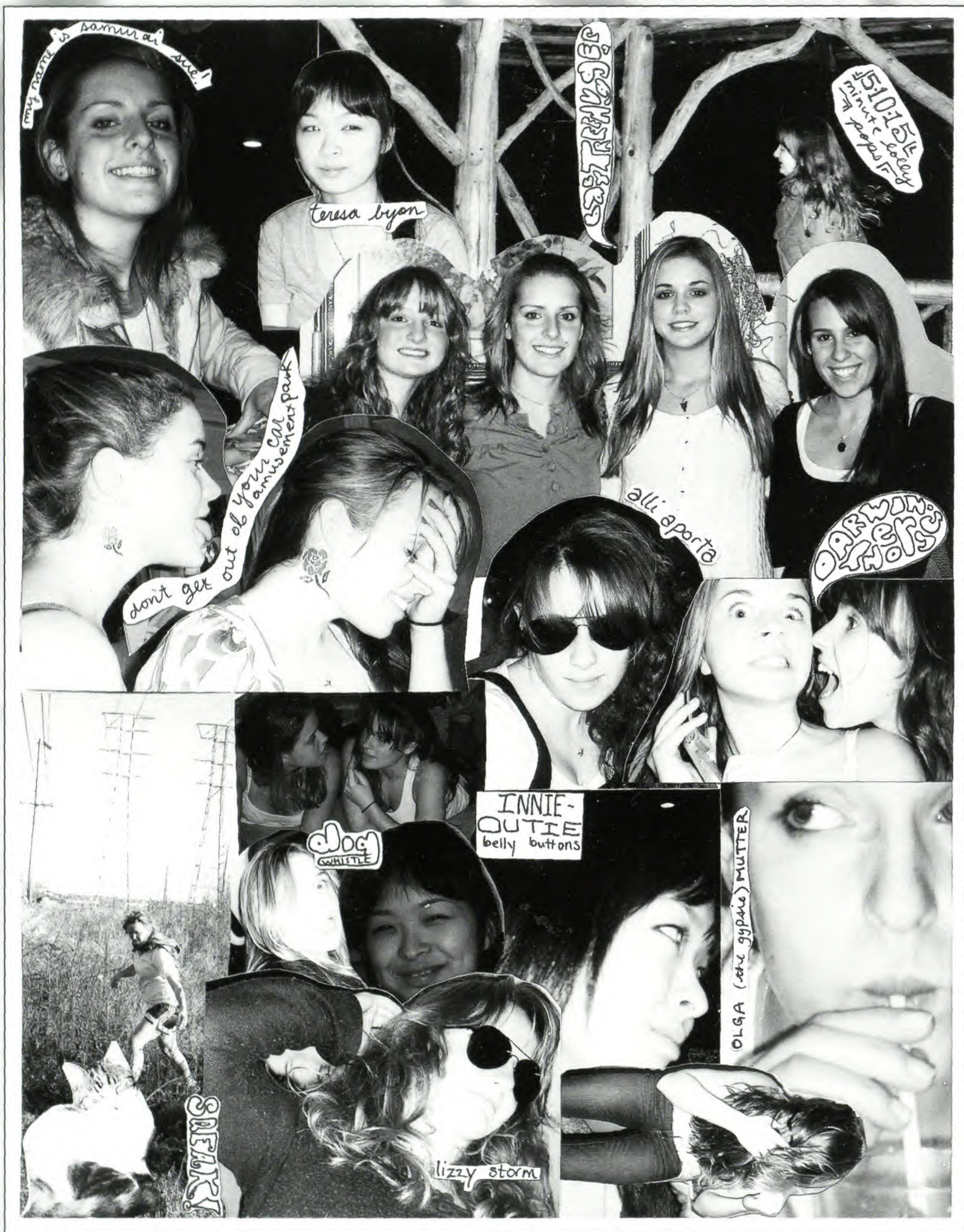
Dear Taylor Rose,

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,
 You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,
 May you never take one single breath for granted,
 GOD forbid love ever leave you empty handed,
 I hope you still feel small when you stand by the ocean,
 Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens
 Promise me you'll give faith a fighting chance
 And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance
 I hope you dance....I hope you dance
 I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance
 Never settle for the path of least resistance
 Living might mean taking chances
 but they're worth takin',

Lovin' might be a mistake but it's worth makin',
 Don't let some hell bent heart leave you bitter,
 When you come close to sellin' out reconsider
 Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance
 I hope you dance...I hope you dance
 (Time is a wheel in constant motion
 always rolling us along,
 Tell me who wants to look back on their years
 and wonder where those years have gone.)
 I hope you still feel small
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 Tell me who wants to look back on
 their years and wonder where those
 years have gone.)
 -Lee Ann Womack

With all our love and deepest wishes
 that you will continue to add new
 steps to YOUR dance
 throughout the years ahead.
 Mom, Dad, Jesse, and Grandma





Jerel Trent Ross

**Congratulations on a significant milestone
on your life's journey. We are so proud of you!
We pray that the Lord will continue to light
your path and bless you always.**

KEEP A DREAM IN YOUR HEART

A dream is your door to tomorrow, a secret reflection of
you, a threshold that leads to a wonderful future where
nothing's too good to be true

A dream is a beautiful vision that looks beyond what you
can see, then lifts you and guides you and grows strong
inside you to help you be all you can be

A dream is a daring adventure, a journey to carry you far
for when you can hold a dream in your heart, you surely
can reach any star!

Good Luck In College!

*Love Always,
Mommy, Daddy, Jayla & Janell*



Dear Corinne,
It's hard to believe our little girl
is graduating from high school.

You're a special blessing that
has brought great joy and happiness into our lives. At 6 years old, you amazed our family
with the paper towel pillows you sewed for everyone. Now you are headed for a career in
fashion design. We are so proud of the young lady you've become. We are excited for your
future, knowing that God has blessed you with this talent. You are such a hard worker; we
know you will be able to achieve whatever goals you set for yourself.

We love you so so much and more than that!!!

Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Nolan!

"1% inspiration, 99% perspiration"
Go challenge the world as you have challenged us!



The best of luck to you and all your friends in the
Class of 2008!

With much love and pride,
Mom '76, Dad and Evan '05
Mama and Pop,
Jeff '88, Tamara and Ben



To Corinne-

My baby sister and my friend,

I am so proud of you.
I love you!

Love, Sissy

(My Catda, forever the fashionista!) →





*"He has showed you, O man, what is
good,
And what does the Lord require of
you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your
God." – Micah 6:8*

Our dear Ruth,

*We thank God for you. You have worked very hard,
and your industry, diligence, and perseverance have
paid off! You have reached a milestone on your
journey through life, and we are so proud of you. No
matter what successes or challenges may come your
way, our prayer is that you will always remember
what matters most in life. It's nothing more than
Your commitment to Truth – to seeking Him first,
living His life, and passing it on. So forward to an
exciting life! We love you.*

*Much love,
Mom, Dad, Stephen, Deborah, and David.*

*Love and best wishes from Grandma, Uncle Livy, and Darry;;
Aunt Joan, Michele, and Nicole; Uncle Keith, Aunt Veronica,
Akil and Kemi; Uncle Beris and Aunt Faye; Uncle Basil; Miss
Myrtle, and Aunt Mitzie.*



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GRANDMA AND GRAMMY**

Melissa,

*We are so proud of you and all you have
accomplished in all your endeavors.
Go out and help build a better world.*

*You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any
direction you choose. You're
on your own, and you know
what you know.*

*And you will be the gal who'll
decide where you'll go.*

Oh the places you'll go.

(Dr. Seuss, Oh The Places You'll Go)

We know you'll go wonderful places.

*Much Love,
Mom and Dad*

Dear Jerusha,

*Congratulations on your
acceptance to the Johns Hopkins
University Class of 2012. We know
this is a dream come true for you.
May all your dreams come true!*

*All our love,
Your Mother, Father,
& sister, Rachel*

**Anthony,
Great job.
Congratulations
Love,
Zach ('03)**



Tara and Laura Jo - Class of 2008
We love you! ... It's a Class of 1985 Thing!

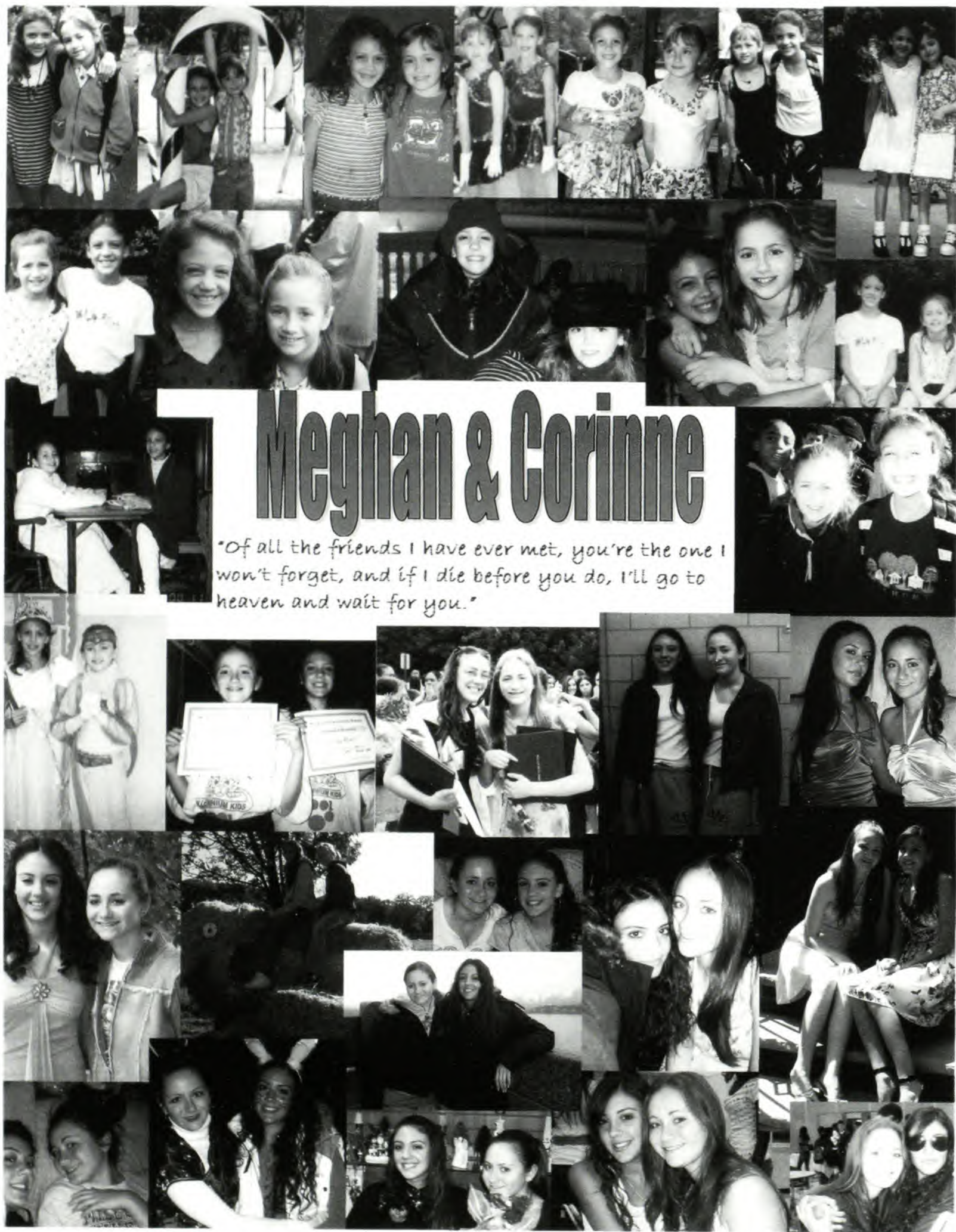


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Sandra Jay





Brenna,



Congratulations to you and the Class of 2008!

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Congratulations Anthony!

May all your dreams and goals come true!
Love Mom & Dad



Dear Tatiana,

Finally, after all your hard work, the day has come. Many congratulations, graduate! We are very proud of you and we hope that the years ahead are successful and fulfilling. We hope you receive all the good fortune you deserve.

With Love,
Richard, Matilde & Junior



Dear Granddaughter,

I'm very proud of you that you are graduating from high school. May God bless you and give you more knowledge. May all of your dreams come true. We love you very much.
Grandma Silvia &
Uncle Howard

Congratulations Tatiana!

It's hard to believe you are graduating from high school, and going into college. This is only the beginning of what you would like to be and do for your future career. Always be positive of yourself & your dreams. Be sure of what you want and go for it. We will support you all the way and be at your side. We are very proud of you! You made it! We love you very much!

Mom & Dad

Congratulations Tati!

We are very proud of you. You always know how to make us laugh. May angels always be around you, as you continue to do great things.

We love you very much.
Jessie '01, Sameer and Adam.

Tatiana,

I can't believe its time for us to let you fly on your own. Now seeing you graduate from high school. Wow! You have grown to a young woman with lots of talent of full of surprises. I wish you the best now and forever in whatever you choose to be in the future. Reach for the stars, and never LET ANYONE JUDGE YOU.

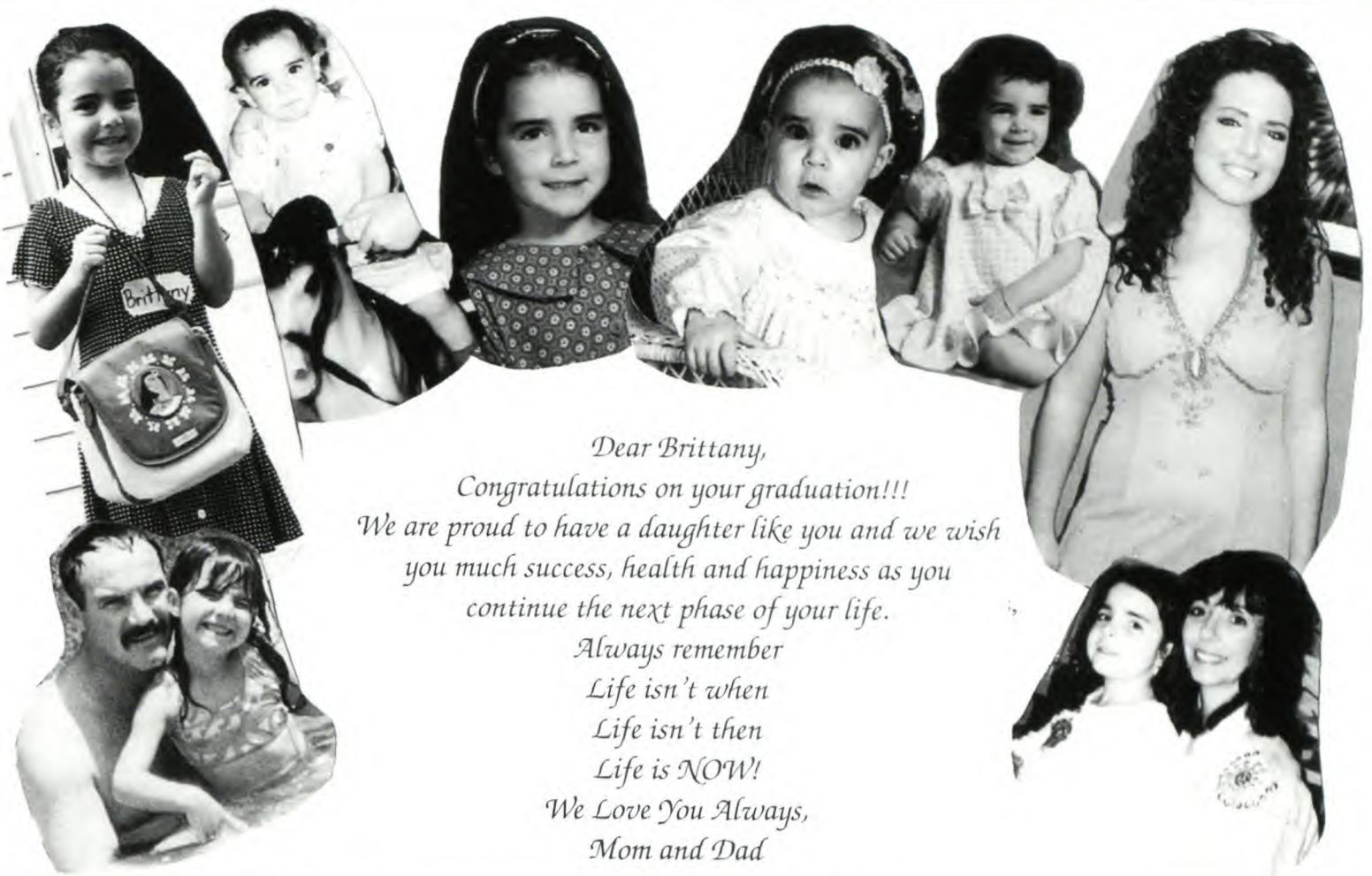
I'm very proud of you.

Congratulations.

Love,

Tia, Johanna and Efren





Dear Brittany,
 Congratulations on your graduation!!!
 We are proud to have a daughter like you and we wish
 you much success, health and happiness as you
 continue the next phase of your life.

Always remember
 Life isn't when
 Life isn't then
 Life is NOW!
 We Love You Always,
 Mom and Dad



Chelsea,
 We are so proud of you in
 all you have accomplished!!
 You are so special to us.
 WE LOVE YOU and know
 that you will do great at SU.

Love, Dad, Mom, AJ,
 Lindsay, and Aaron





Allison,

If people offer their help or wisdom as you go through life, accept it gratefully. You can learn much from those who have gone before you.

But never be afraid or hesitant to step off the accepted path and head off in your own direction, if your heart tells you that it's the right way for you.

Always believe that you will ultimately succeed at whatever you do, and never forget the value of persistence, discipline, and determination.

You are meant to be whatever you dream of becoming. Edmund O'Neill

We are very proud of you and wish you happiness, love, and success in all you do.

*Love always,
Dad, Mom, Matt, Jesse, Christopher, and Deuce*





*Kayla,
We are so very proud of
you! You continually
amaze us. We love you
always and forever!
Mom, Dad and Josh*



MDW-Sandy G- Scout chase- 12/1/07 - Locked in the bathroom- OA- stereo- "you take this!"
 -"I'm gonna miss you ****- esther Kaplan- reason I swim- who knew!- E With a K - sunburn



Pam Sally Kayla

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Till Forever*

Best Friends



Bill,

**Of all the places we've been to,
I know you had so much fun at the
Hockey Hall of Fame in Canada,
(as you equally enjoyed Disneyworld!)
I know you'll treasure all the fun times
and great experiences with your family.**

**Now a new chapter in your life
is waiting to be written,
with new friends and faces,
new places to explore and enjoy!**

**Congratulations and good
luck as you start your college life!**

**All our love,
Mom, Dad, Mignon and Dan**





Congratulations Ashley!

From your first word "apple" we knew we had something special. It has been a joy watching you grow into the beautiful young lady you have become, remember that hard work leads to success. Never underestimate your greatness and have faith in yourself, and always walk with your head up. May you achieve everything your heart desires. We love you dearly and will always be here for you.



Love,
oxox Mommy, Daddy, Amanda & Jordan oxox

ashley





To my beautiful daughter Alisha, A.K.A mama,
Butta words can't express the joy
and happiness you've given me.
I am most proud, and grateful that
you are my daughter.
I couldn't have asked for a better daughter than you.
This is a very special time in your life,
so please make the most of it.
I know that you can do anything you put
your mind, body, and soul to.
I'd like to congratulate you in all your
achievements now and in the future,
stay true to yourself always.

I love you now and forever.
Your Mom "2008"



Congratulations
to Our Beautiful
Daughter
Dana

The years have passed
so quickly!
We are extremely proud of
the young
woman that you have
become. We will
miss you so much
next year while
you are away at
school!

We Love You,

Daddy, Mommy, Anthony
& Joey





May the good Lord be with you down every road you roam
And may sunshine and happiness surround you when you're far from home
And may you grow to be proud, dignified, and true
And do unto others as you would have done to you
Be courageous and be brave
And in my heart you'll always stay *forever young.* rod stewart



Tara,

Congratulations on all you've accomplished.

We love you!

Love,

Mom, Dad & Conor
(and Murphy, Brady & Jeff)





Congratulations Dia!
We wish you health, happiness
and success in whatever path you choose! We are so proud of you!
Love Mom & Dad



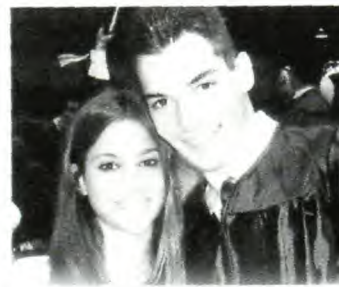


*...And when you finally fly away
I'll be hoping that I served you well
For all the wisdom of a lifetime
No one can ever tell.
But whatever road you choose
I'm right behind you, win or lose.
And in my heart you'll always stay
Forever Young.*

Courtney,

*You've always made us proud.
We all love you so much.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Michael, John, Laura and Tori*



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Best wishes to our

Amanda Kate

A daughter means such precious thoughts - so many come to mind
 Like the magic that she adds to life which cannot be defined,
 A daughter is always thought about and so often spoken of
 For she is very close to heart because a daughter means... love.

Love always,
 Dad, Mom, Carly, Amy, Penny & Clover

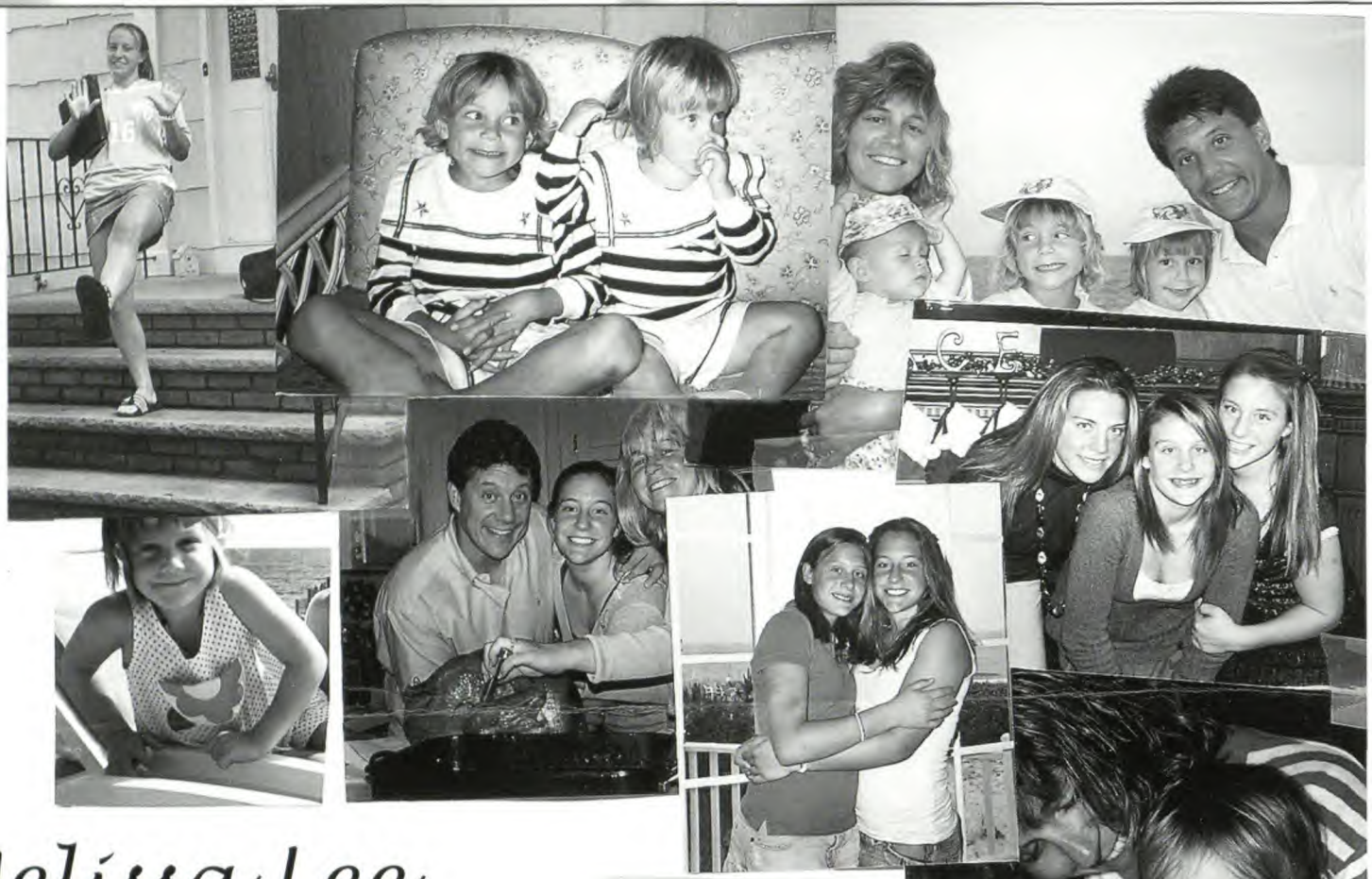




Chelsea. Amanda. Alex. Amanda

*High Five. MU&TBTs. Pocca. Equiano. Sal.
HOV. Gazebo. the 78'. Ay Sweetheart.
Midgetville. Love Song. Krauzers.
I'm In My Car. Like, Seriously?. Giants.
Lightning Storms. Apples to Apples.
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Beyonce. Themed Parties. Curry Lane.
RIP Donald. Portugese Festival. Water
bottle of death. Wildwood. Fun Party.*

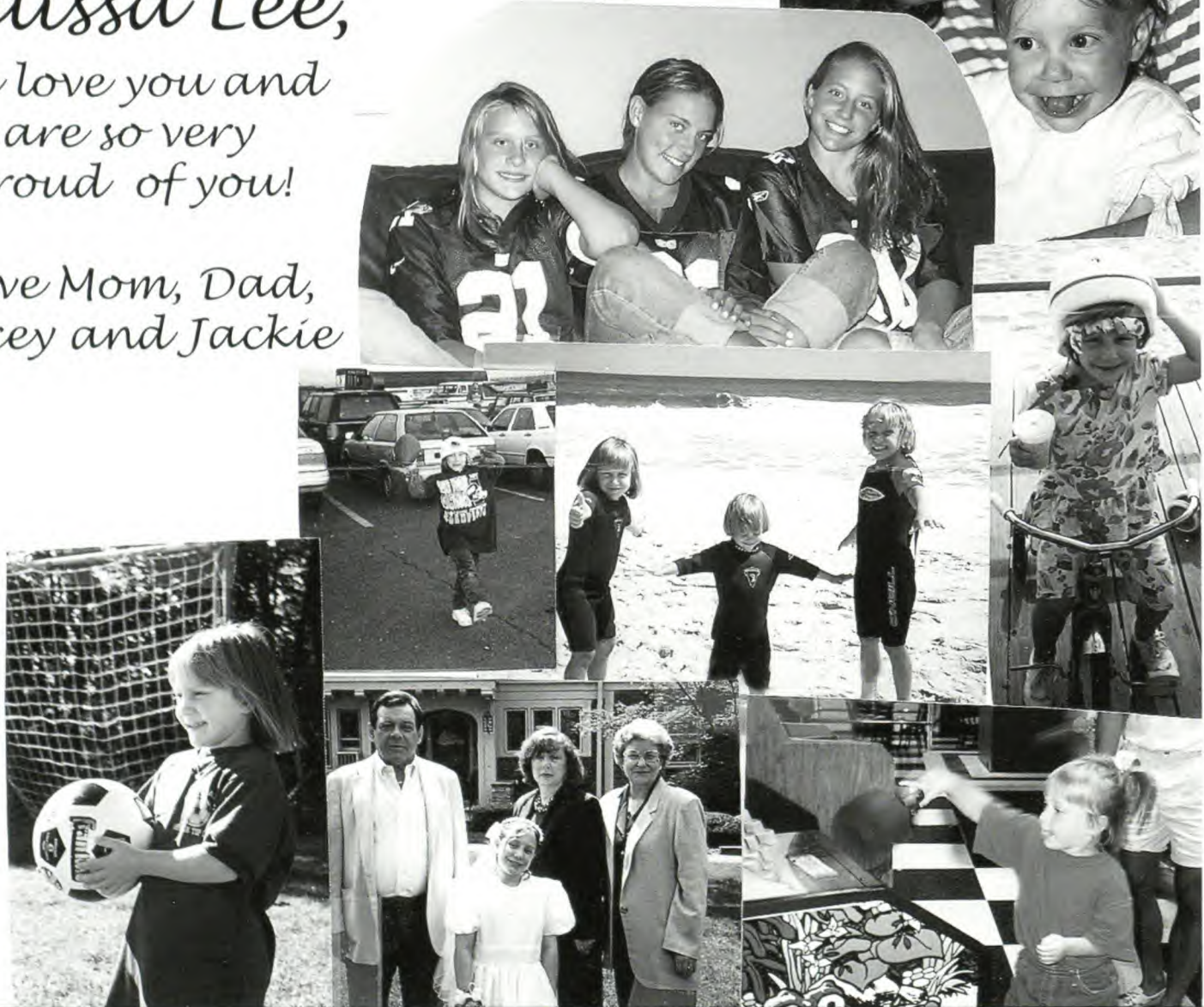




Melissa Lee,

*We love you and
are so very
proud of you!*

*Love Mom, Dad,
Lacey and Jackie*





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*The West Orange Music
Boosters Congratulate All
The 2008 Music Seniors
On Their Graduation.*





Jerel Trent Ross

*Congratulations on a significant milestone
on your life's journey, We are so proud of you!
We pray that the Lord will continue to light
your path and bless you always.*

Peace & Love

*Mom, Dad, Jayla, Janell, Nana, Big Ross,
all your Uncles, Aunts, Cousins & Friends.*



Alex

May all your future journeys and adventures bring you the happiness and love that you have given us. We are so proud of your and your accomplishments.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Lindsay, and Cody



**Congratulations to The Gimmee Jimmy's Girls
Laura, Chelsea, Amanda, Alex and Allison**

**Wishing you much success
in all of your future endeavors**

Fondly, Michael

To The Class of 2008



As you finish looking through the pages of the 2008 edition of *The Mountaineer*, we hope you enjoyed what you saw. We worked tirelessly throughout the year to capture the true essence of our class. What is unique about us? What is outstanding? For each member of our graduating class the answers differ and so we celebrate that knowing there is no one definition for the members of The West Orange High School Class of 2008. As we leave these hallways and we seek out new paths, the *Mountaineer* staff would like to say, "Good Luck." Remember to always celebrate and exemplify the qualities that make you *Beyond Definition*.



Mr. Tavarone,
You are so very missed here
in West Orange.
You make us proud to be Americans.
Many wishes for your
speedy and safe return.
Thank you for all you do.
Kindly,
Your Students, Friends & Family
at West Orange High School





Mr. Tuers,
We just met you and then we had
to say, "See you soon."
We are so grateful to you for all the hard
work you do to ensure our safety at home.
You are an American hero.
See you when you get back.
Kindly,
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at West Orange High School



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