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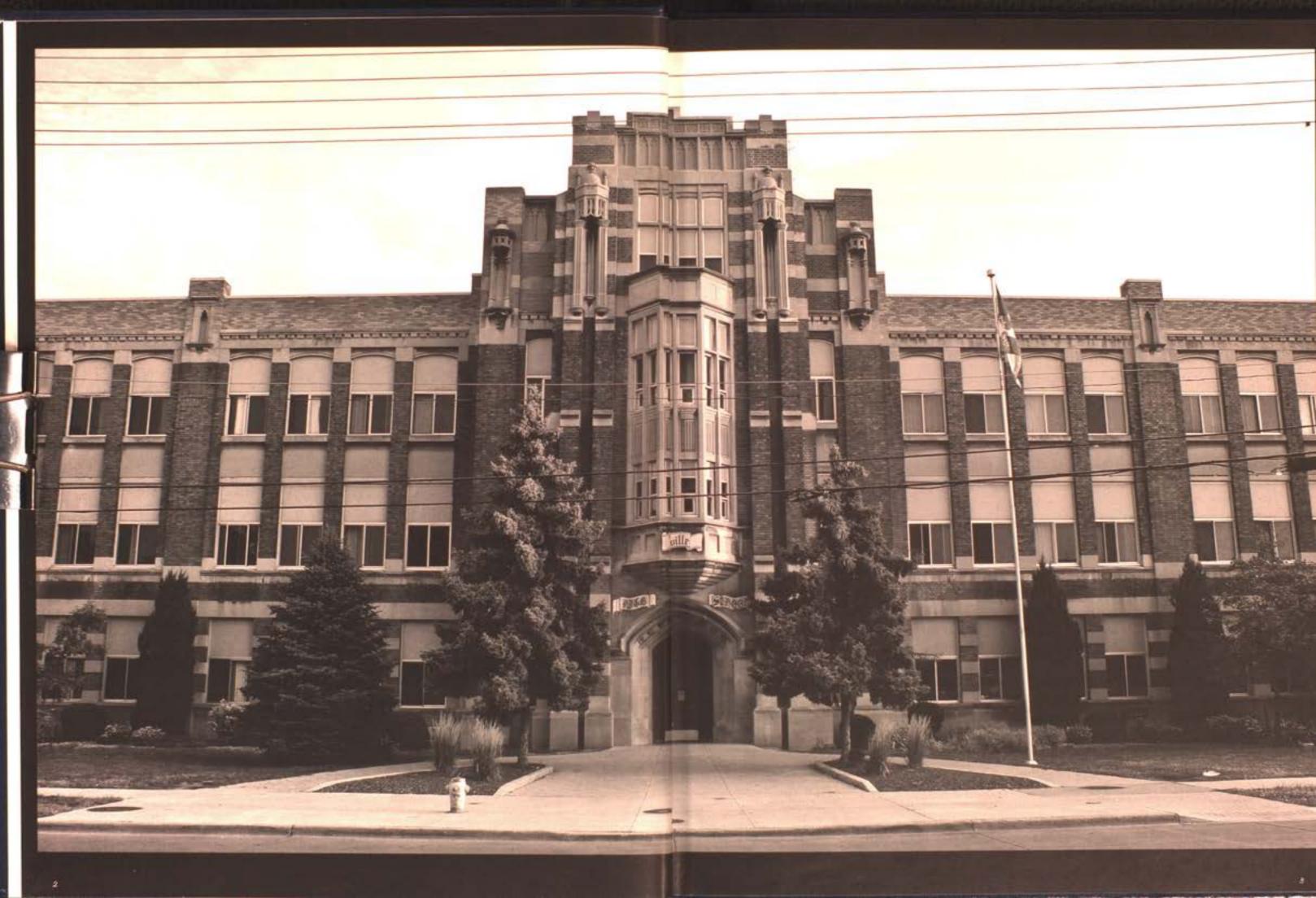














PRINCIPAL ADDRESS PRIME MINISTER ADDRESS



What a year it has been! We are fortunate enough to have celebrated our 90th year at Walkerville Collegiate Institute this year. The reunion was an incredible success and was attended by over a thousand alumni who shared great stories and memories about their days at Walkerville. An amazing display of Tartan pride and school spirit! This year our WCCA program performed Phantom of the Opera. The musical was outstanding to say the least! The talent that our students have continues to amaze me. A special thank you to all of the staff who worked tirelessly with the students to help them reach their potential. They say it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a whole school and community to support a production like Phantom and we managed to do that this year.

In addition to all of that, we had some great accomplishments in athletics. We went to SWOSSAA for Curling and came home with a silver medal. Way to go team! Thanks so much to all of the coaches, volunteers, parents and players for all of the effort and dedication. We are fortunate to have so many opportunities to play so many sports at our school.

Everyone worked very hard this year and our academic achievements certainly showed that. This could not be accomplished without the extra time, support and caring provided by our staff. I am so grateful to have such an incredible, dedicated and professional staff. It is because of you that our students are able to set their expectations so high and achieve them.

Finally, thanks to the students for a GREAT year. You helped create an environment in our school where students feel safe to come and learn each and every day. You are welcoming and accepting and make everyone feel comfortable with who they are as an individual. Thank you for being who you are.

Looking forward to the 2012-13 school year!

Mrs. Houston Principal Theres a lot I could tell you about the facts of Walkerville Collegiate Institute. In 50 years, youre not going to remember that Walkerville was originally built in 1922 with a population of 195 students. Youre not going to remember that the first principals name was Mr. Robert Meade. And youre certainly not going to remember that the Walkerville Pipe Band was provincially recognized in 1929. What you are going to remember, however, are the experiences. Youll remember the time that you slept at the school overnight to support mental health awareness or the impoverished children in Africa, or the time you spent making popcorn for what felt like seven hours at the Capitol Theatre for the WCCA production of Phantom of the Opera. Maybe youll remember that one spot you and your friends ate in the halls, in the cafeteria, or in any of the surrounding food places during lunch. You might remember the time that Speaker of the House was stuck in a locker and you watched a silly instructional video on how to open your locker lock and save her. Or maybe youll remember the time you saw a guy walk around with a pyramid on his head next to a student who was immaculately dressed as a Star Wars character for Halloween& and didn't give it a second glance. Then theres the stairs that, regardless of your personal level of fitness, never seemed to end and left you panting by the third floor. And how could you possibly forget the WCI announcement team, featuring a particular students claim to fame a remarkably similar exclamation of the Kool-Aid Mans oh yeah! every morning? The fact of the matter is that everyone who has passed

through the Walkerville halls has their own personalized experience; what you just read was only the tip of the iceberg because the reality is there are far too many of those special experiences and moments to think of, let alone list. But the memories of those experiences will shape and define you; theyll chip away at the mould that makes you unique and will craft you for years to come. And better yet? Youll remember the people with whom you shared those experiences with the people that made those experiences happen. So maybe the time you tripped down the stairs and embarrassed yourself was a horrible experience you never want to remember, but whos to say you wont meet the senior student that helped pick your books up. 10, 20, 30 years from now? Whos to say you wont see your old locker buddy treating you in the clinic, fixing your car, reporting live news from somewhere across the globe or in front of the big screen?

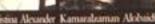
The number one rule at Walkerville is all in the motto: nil sine labor, nothing without work. As Tartans we dont believe in luck or chance, we believe in controlling our own fate, in getting where we want to be by our hands and our hands alone; we believe in making our own experiences and manufacturing our successes. We never sit and watch other people pass us by simply because were too lazy, too bored, or too apathetic. No matter what year you graduate in, no matter who your friends are or where you intend to go in life, if you went to Walkerville, youll remember the most important lesson any teacher could ever instill in you nothing without work.

Theres a lot I could tell you about Walkerville Collegiate Institute. In the end, not the facts of the building that matter. Its the experience you've created.

> Peter House Prime Ministe











































































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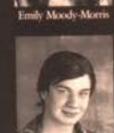






















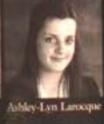


















































































































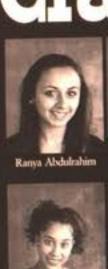
















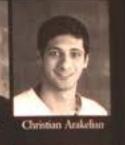






























































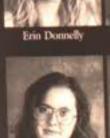
































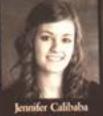
















































































































































































































































































































































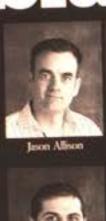








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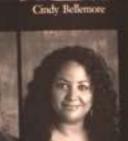








































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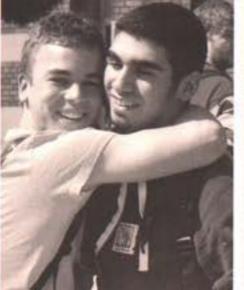






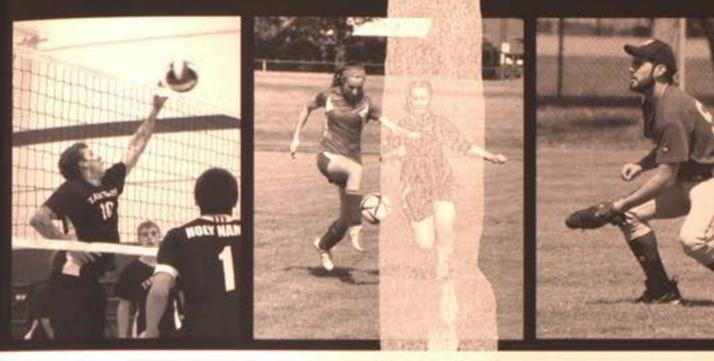












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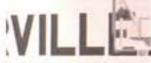




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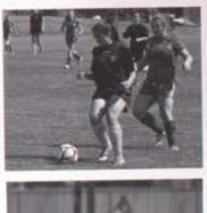
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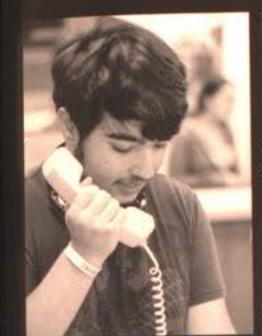












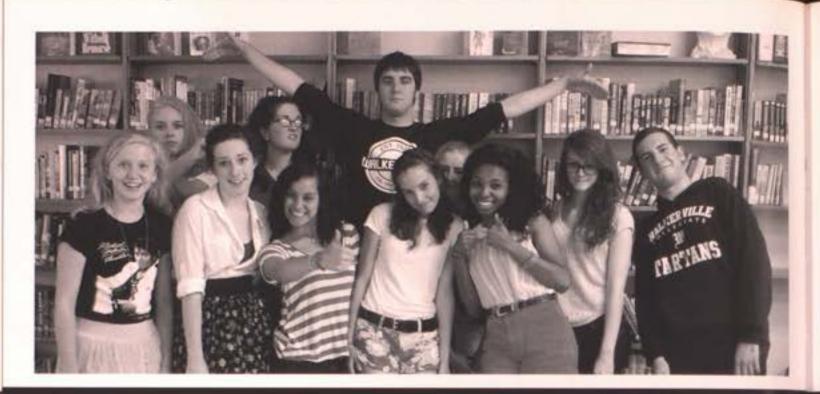




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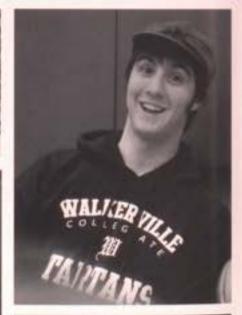


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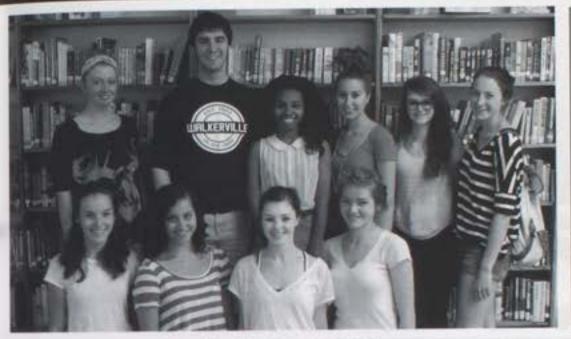








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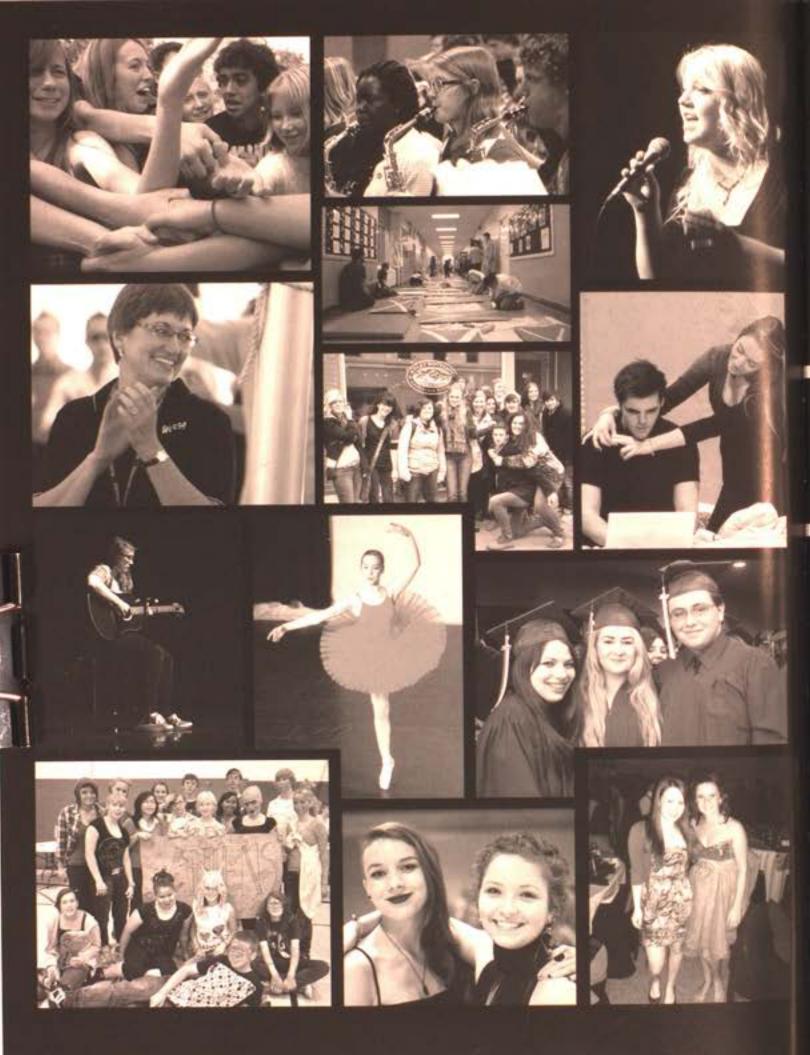




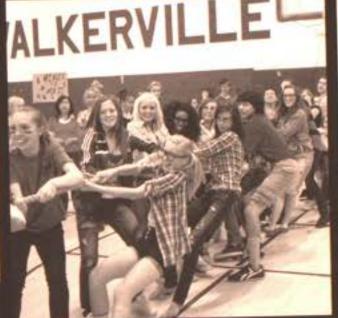














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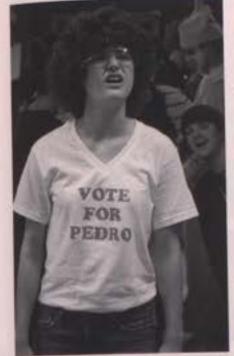




























































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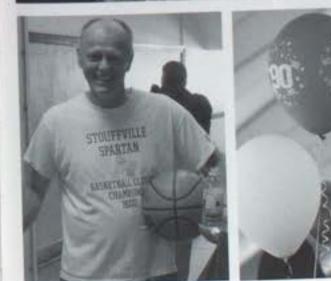


























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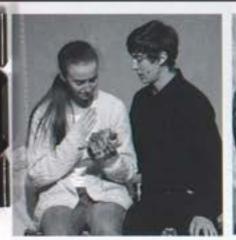






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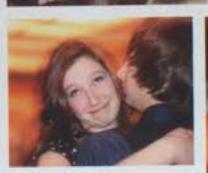
















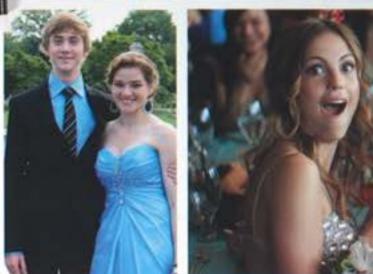




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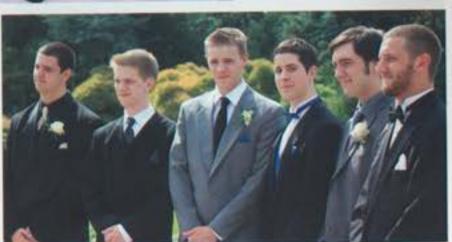














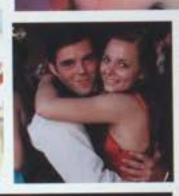








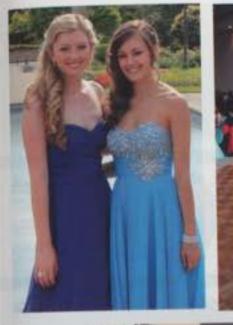










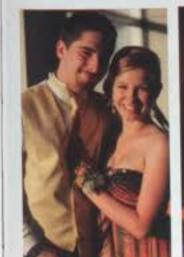






















GRADUATION

Good evening graduates, teachers, family and friends. Tonight we are gathered here to celebrate the 2012 graduating class of Walkerville Collegiate Institute. Graduates, if you were not here at 5:20 tonight and it's your third late this semester I would expect a call home. Luckily, since it's graduation I don't think you'll get a detention.

On behalf of my classmates, I would like to begin by expressing a sincere thank you to everyone who has come here tonight to celebrate our achievements. Whether you are here tonight as a parent, family member, teacher, mentor, leader or friend of one of tonights graduates, please accept our deepest gratitude. Your love, dedication, professionalism, guidance and support have brought us to this very stage, and, to you, we express our deepest appreciation.

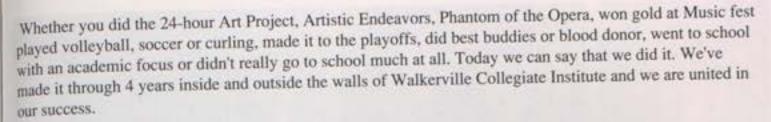
To be elected as the Class Valedictorian is a tremendous honor and I thank you for this privilege. Through Facebook, Tumblr, YouTube, Tweeting, texting and old fashion face-to-face conversations, I have had the opportunity to hear about what high school has meant to you. Tonight, Id like to share with you some of the input our classmates have said to



me along with my own thoughts and, if all goes well, we should be done in an hour or two. Just kidding.

I have realized a lot can happen in four years. A group of people can spend four years of their lives living, laughing, loving and learning together in an experience so unique that no other group could quite identify with it. We entered high school as naive adolescents, some more so than others, with no idea what to expect. We were thrown into a whirlwind of change trying to talk to and meet as many people as we possibly could. Even though we all come from different walks of life with different dreams and aspirations, when we first walked into Walkerville, we were united in the fact that we all had to awkwardly transition from the safety of childhood into the harsh reality of high school. We had to figure out who we were and what kind of people we wanted to become as we moved forward into this next chapter of our lives.

After that first period of uncertain madness in the 9th grade numerous groups emerged like the drama kids, the party kids, the smokers, band kids, art kids, dancers and the jocks (as few as they might be at our school.) However this year as we matured, we came to realize the superficiality of cliques didn't matter.



It is often stated that the end of high school is the beginning of the rest of our lives. I don't agree. We have learned about ourselves as individuals and made friendships that we'll never find anything like again. We have already started real life and a few times it's thrown things at us that we've had no idea how to handle. We have lived and learned and with the support from the people around us during these tough 4 years we've grown and changed into the adults that we are becoming today. We have already begun our lives. Now we're simply going forward to take the next step.

I know for a fact when I think back on my life, that next step always felt like it was so far into the future that it would never come, but now It's here in front of us. We would not have been able to get here without the help and support of our family, friends and teachers. The staff and teachers at our school are exceptional. It was comforting to know that there was always someone there to help sort things out if we needed them. They have guided us through countless classes and we take with us the valuable advice and life lessons they have shared.

We are here today because we have earned it, and because we handed in our community hours. As we move forward, take all of the knowledge you've accumulated in your time here with you, whether that's Cornell notes, learning goals, self motivation, good work habits, not to bring mace to school, how to audition for the football team or how to get to the drama room from the third floor. The curriculum here taught us knowledge, the teachers taught us wisdom however, the education we've absorbed wasn't just about what we learned in the classroom. We now know that people change and move on as life does and you have to change and move with them keeping yourself open to inspiration, forgiveness and the eagerness to learn. Today we have taken so many different paths to reach this stage tonight. No two of our high school experiences are the same and they have all affected us differently but we are united no matter what happened before this or what is to come. We are and always will be the graduating class of 2012. Some of us may grow apart and continue our own ways whether that means post-secondary education, a year off to travel the world, going right into the workplace or another year at Walkerville. One thing is true though- our lives will never be the same again. We will never gather as a full group of people who so deeply influenced each other's lives throughout these 4 years. I would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done for us whether we've shared good memories or simply smiled at each other in the hallway. If you had not been a part of our class all of our journeys here would have been very different.

If you can, try to remember the school motto. Nothing Without Work. Passion and work ethic can get you wherever you want to go in life. Spend your life focusing on the positive, beautiful things that inspire you, and surround yourself with people who can support you. Develop relationships with your future classmates, coworkers, friends, family members and teachers no matter what direction life takes you and your journey through life will be richer. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors, I hope you find what you're looking for. So let's go. We can take on the world, going forward putting our best interest into our dreams to enrich ourselves, our families, our community and our world.

Abyal Cooke Valedictorian









































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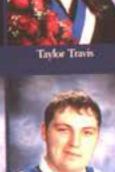




















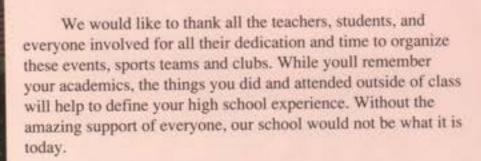


WORD FROM THE EDITORS

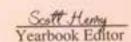
There are many words that we could pick to describe this year; stressful, amazing, crazy, DEADLINE oriented, and of course spirited. Today as we right this, we put another yearbook under our belts, and start mentally preparing for the next. It was a fantastic year! and there's no simple way of putting it. The yearbook definitely proves our school's motto: Nothing without work. We had a very dedicated group of yearbook members. We would like to personally thank each and everyone of them for all their help and commitment this year. Most importantly we would like to thank Mrs. Gale for all her help and support through this process. Its not easy, its not simple, but its the yearbook and we want to deliver the very best for our fellow classmates.

Working on the yearbook gave us a new perspective of how diverse this school truly is. We showcased Phantom of the Opera, raked leaves to show what kindness looks like, reached for the top, calculated some physics, locked ourselves in the school, had a 90th birthday party, and went curling. These events/clubs are only the tip of iceberg when it comes to the diversity of events in our school. As yearbook members we were very lucky to be a part of all these wonderful events. And if you didn't see us there, its probably because we

had a camera attached to our face.



To conclude, we would like to congratulate the graduates, and thank everyone for a fantastic year and we look forward to the next! This is Scott Henry and Gabrielle Smith finally submitting the last page to the yearbook!



Gabrielle Smith Yearbook Editor





