



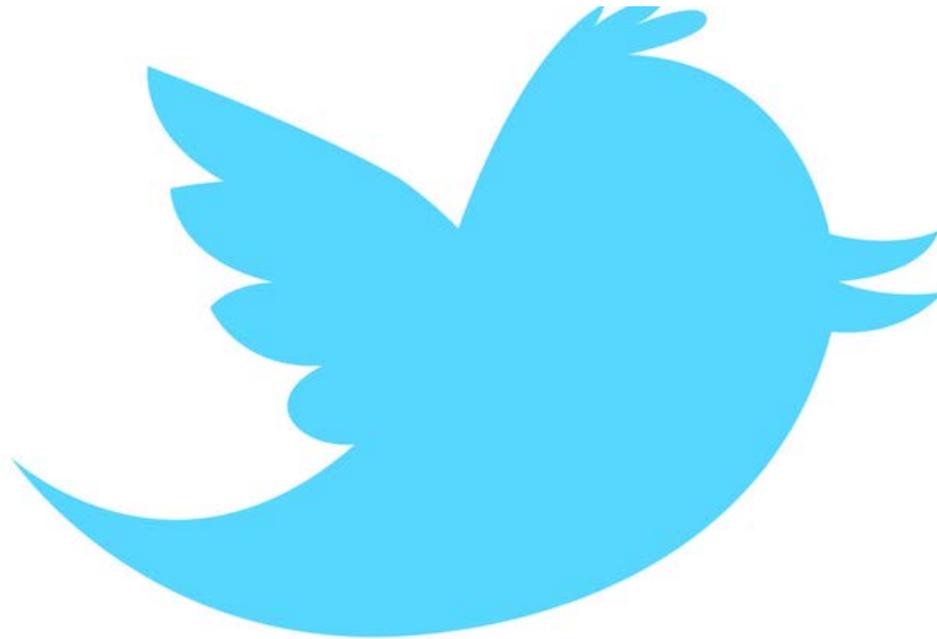
10 mistakes yearbooks make

& how to avoid them



**This session is the result
of a **TWEET****

(actually lots of Tweets)



EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES

But the best books learn
from their mistakes

#1

Not Enough

READER AIDS

HELP YOUR READER NAVIGATE



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IT'S A **YEAR BOOK** FOR SMOKY HILL HIGH SCHOOL

IT'S CHRONOLOGICAL

PAGE 6-11 | **SUMMER BREAK**

IT'S where you'll find a freshman trip to Switzerland and IB seniors on their team-building hike.

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IT'S where you'll find FCSSO students carrying their babies, field hockey losing to Grandview and a senior romance.

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IT'S where you'll find "West Side Story," first-practices for winter season, and Thanksgiving Baskets.

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IT'S where you'll find our wrestlers grappling at home, the start of second semester, and an MLK celebration.

PAGE 162-167 | **FEB 27-MAR 4**

IT'S where you'll find the spring Orchestra Concert, seniors committing to college, and TCAP prep.

IT'S REFERENCE

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IT'S where you'll find personal profiles and the school pictures of all your friends and your teachers.

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IT'S where you'll find the group pictures, stats, and scoreboards for all our sports and clubs.

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IT'S where you'll find baby ads for this year's seniors, support ads from our community, and an index of what's covered in this book.

HELP YOUR READER NAVIGATE

Aug
22-28

BUFFALO'S UNDERCLASSMEN TENNIS, DANCE CLUB, UNDERCLASSMEN FOOTBALL

BE THE BUFF

Tryouts for The Buff brought lots of energy and dance moves to room 4709. Hilde's pride is a big quality the Buff needs. "I am more comfortable being hyper (with the suit on), I have lost some free time, being the mascot, but it is so worth it and I am honored to represent Smoky Hill High School spirit," The Buffalo said. The new 2012 buffalo is excited and pumped for the year. — photo by Sara Steink and Derek Nyström; story by Derek Nyström

ETHAN BAREN (12)



KRISTINA DILLEY (11)



THE BUFFS - 2012

JESSICA LYONS (12)



DEVIN UTERMARK (12)



RILEY O'CONNOR (9)



IT'S A FAMILY

TEAM BUILDS FRIENDSHIPS, BONDS TEAM
Being on the football team, "These make friends around school, [develop] team-building skills and working well with others," Jackson Sublett (11) said after practice Aug. 23. "There is a strong friendship between the teammates and we pick each other up when we are not feeling well, it is like a family." — photo Kerista Reik, story by Sara Steink



IT'S AN ANTI-TRADITION

AN OLD SHIRT FOR NEW KIDS
"I have been in drama since fourth grade, and I really like acting, so I wanted to know what the Drama Club would be like," said crew member [9] Aug. 23. As a freshman managing time for the first musical and football can be too much. "I can't be in the musical due to football, but I tried out so they know I'm interested in it and I am going to be..." — photo and story by Sara Steink

IT'S A NEWSY SPORT

STUDENTS FIND HOME ON TENNIS TEAM
"We play games, practice our serve, and hitting," Thomas Snowden (11) said during practice Aug. 24. "I wanted to try a new sport and tennis was the only interesting fall sport."



Connor Thur (9), "This is my first year playing, I am excited to go to different schools and play different teams to see what level I am on against them." — photo by Sara Steink and story by Sara Steink



A WHIRLYBIRD WELCOME

CONDUCTING START-OF-THE-YEAR EXPERIENCE IN THEIR NEW CLASS

1 Whirlybirds are a fun way help learn how to conduct an experiment in science class." activity during the first week of school. Sep. 2 to show freshman how to analyze an experiment.

"The whirlybird activity was to as a whirlybird over the balcony for his Integrated Science Honors class to see how weight effects the hang time of the whirlybirds. The class was in groups of two. One person was on the balcony and the other was on the first floor. "My favorite part of being on the top was that you could just see [the whirlybird] twirling and you couldn't tell where it was, you had to guess," Sachs said.

2 Matthew Sachs, (9) drops — photo by Sara Steink and story by Kerista Reik



IT'S A FRONT PAGE



Usually, death and destruction go hand-in-hand with an earthquake. But, the rare Colorado quake on Aug. 24 did little but bust up bottles at the corner market. **IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!**

"I was really surprised and hoped that everything would be fine," Kyle Schmitzer (12) said Aug. 24. "I never expected it to ever happen. The house was shaken up and some cups fell on the shelf but that's all." — photo and story by Sara Steink and story by Kerista Reik; reprint with permission



HELP YOUR READER NAVIGATE



Aug
22-28

POMS: JESSICA HARRIS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

FOR UNDERCLASSMEN

PRACTICE MAKES POSING

As practices began for the new school year, something seemed different about the poms squad. No seniors.

"Seniors are [usually] captains," captain Jade Smith (11) said. "It's different because the senior [squad members] face the senior section normally, but we decided that, as captains, we will face the senior side during the pep assembly. Also, the Senior Chix dance is different because we can't [choreograph it], so the step team is doing it."

The lack of senior leadership doesn't seem to bother the squad.

"I don't think it affects the team because we got first at camp. And, when you don't have seniors on the team, you don't have to worry about recruiting [next year] because you have the

technique from the [returning] upperclassmen," Jasmine Sugar (10) said.

Because the squad is primarily juniors and sophomores, they seemed to communicate better than in years past. "All of us are closer in age and we are tighter as a team because of it. We are a smaller team and that also helps," Smith said.

"They feel like our captains sometimes but they are closer in age with us," Sugar said. "I think the team is really, really close because there is no drama and we are like sisters because we focus on loving each other and doing what we love."

"They will gain leadership skills as the year goes by," Sugar said.

This week, the squad was just getting back into the school routine and learning their competition jazz routine.

Smith looked forward to getting back to school "because we were away from dance for summer, so we were excited to start a new year and dance again." — photo by Tyler Blair and story by Olivia Reynolds



HELP YOUR READER NAVIGATE

Sept
26-02

VARSITY FOOTBALL, HOMECOMING, HIP HOP CLUB, TOP MOVIES - CASHIER/CLERK/VIDEO CENTER BY THE FRONT DOOR

TOUCHDOWN

35 YARDS TILL

SENIOR MAILIK COMBS SCORES TOUCHDOWN AT THE CT GAME

2&3 Running for 123 yards in the Cherokee Trail game, Ronald Banks (12) reached a season high. "That game was my best game of the season," Banks said. "That game was amazing; it's always a good feeling to score." Banks was happy to give his all and will continue to do for the rest of the season. — photos by savannah afulava

4 Full of energy, Anthony Kleppren (12) runs the side line in hopes of getting a first down at the Oct. 1, varsity football game versus Cherokee Trail. "I always try to give more than a hundred percent and definitely always have fun," Kleppren said. Kleppren plays quarterback and wide receiver. — photo by derek nystrom

5 As Gregory Johnson (12) intercepts the Cougar ball at Legacy Stadium. He sprints toward the

end-zone in attempt to score a touch down. "I got two interceptions; [it was the] best game of the season for me so far," Johnson said. Although Smoky Hill lost the game 56 to 14 Johnson was proud of his performance during the game. — photo by savannah afulava

6 Holding the football for all to see after recovering a tum over Lorenzo Perry (12) excites the offense and celebrates his capture of the ball. "It was a change of pace in the game, when I caught the ball, it was up lifting for the team because we were doing really bad and then when I recovered the ball [the team] hopes got higher." Perry said — photo by savannah afulava stories by danielle thorton

1 Celebrating the moment, Malik Combs (12), a varsity football player, clasps the football with pride after scoring a touchdown during the game Oct. 1, versus Cherokee Trail. "It feels so good to score a touchdown; I had tons of fun," Combs said, "It's my favorite sport hands down. I love scoring." Combs said. — photo by savannah afulava



IT'S A HOME!
SOPHOMORE ASK SENIOR TO HOMECOMING
With a pecker in hand, cheery sweat bands and a teddy bear in the other, Shannon Guerra (10) asks her girlfriend, Brande to Homecoming Sept. 26. "I hide everything in Ms. Faust's room and then after school I had a friend go get her so she walked through activities and walked outside and 'boop' there I am," Guerra said. She smiled and bursted really fast and I was like are you going to answer?, and she was like yeah," Guerra said.—photos by derek nystrom story by chaya gallegos



IT'S A MOVE!
HIP HOP CLUB TEACHES NEW MOVES
Knothan Eldridge (9) leans into a dance move Sept. 30, for hip hop club. "I have a lot of dancing experience. It's a very rewarding feeling when I get a dance move down. Nothing else matters in that moment." Eldridge dances two hours every day after school and leads the dance club when he can.—photos by and story by chaya gallegos



IT'S A MOVIE!
1 The Lion King 3D
★★★★★
"I saw [The Lion King 3D] because I like the original one and I thought it'd be cool to see it in 3D. I went with my sister. I enjoyed it because it the story makes it good," said Austin Patisia (9). —story by chaya gallegos



HELP YOUR READER NAVIGATE

go to pages 38, 67, 98, 152, 172, 174 & 175 for more varsity field hockey

OVERALL RECORD 6-6, West Springfield 2-3, Lake Braddock 1-2, Westfield 1-6, South County 2-1, Langley 3-0, South Lakes 4-3, Fairfax 0-2, Madeira 6-0, Madison 2-1, Oakton 0-2, Marshall 0-1, Thomas Jefferson 4-1

Varsity Field Hockey



FRONT ROW: Robin Marx, Annie Brown, Hannah Park, Kanika Malaviya, Kat Mulligan, Noor Varjabedian, Sarah Sinnas **MIDDLE ROW:** Erika Eckrod, Tricia Cole, Debbie Ledezma, Sibylle Miller, Sade Bowers, Ava Mirzadegan, Stephanie Noll **BACK ROW:** Coach Brooke McKean, Coach Marcus Smith, Alex Kohout, Katya Fedak, Sofia Andreoli, Ariana Carter, Erin Calpin, Christi Geisler, Mashana Sangdee, Coach Summer Vanni

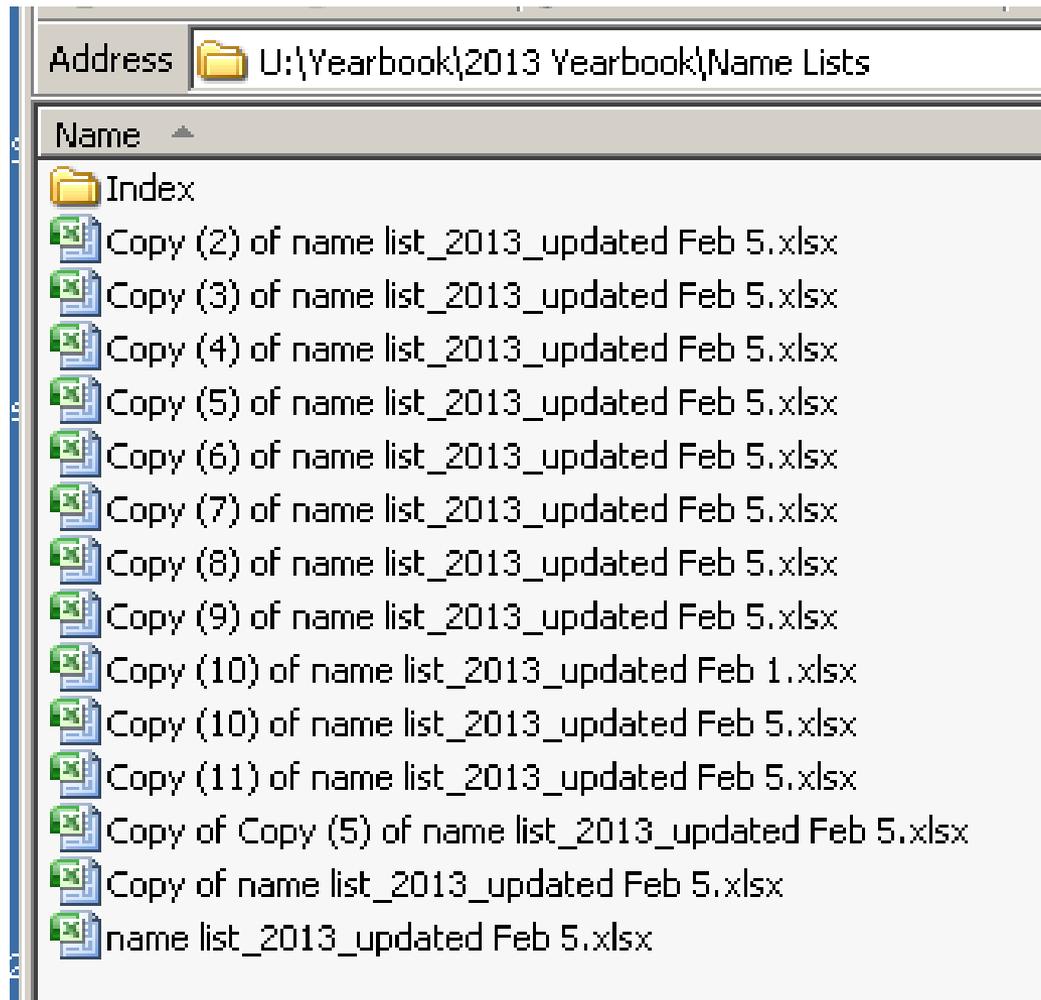
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Not Sweating the

SMALL STUFF

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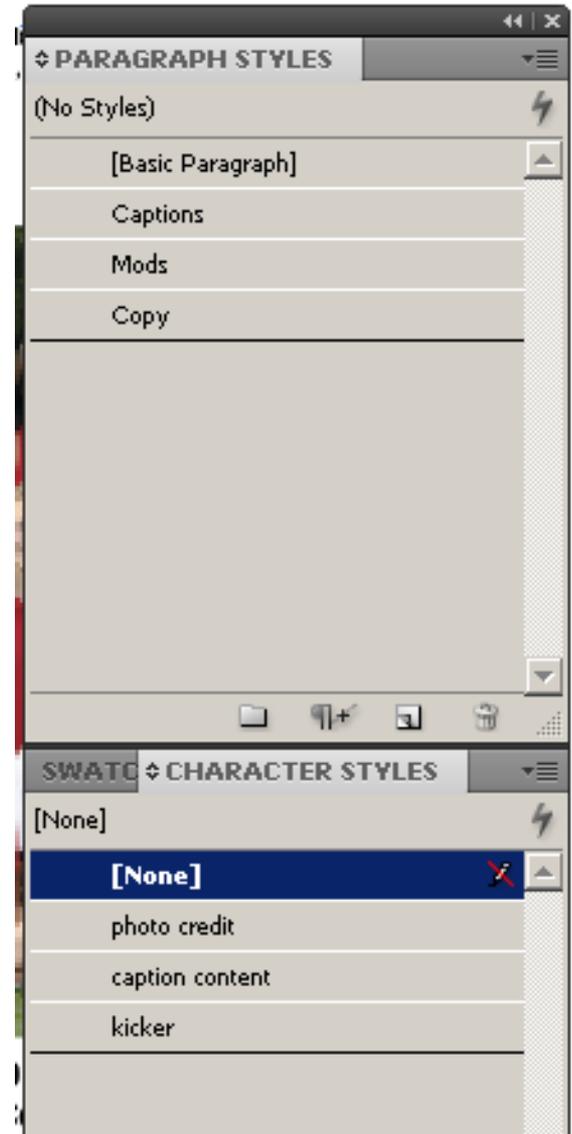
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SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF^z (because it's a big deal to someone)

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| .37 | Schuman | Madison | Jehn Marie | F | 10 | | Madi |
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| .39 | Oraby | Noura Maryam | El Amir | F | 11 | | Maryam |
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SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF



#3

Accepting & printing

DUMB

QUOTES

#3

Accepting and printing

DUMB QUOTES

#4

Design that looks cool,

BUT DOESN'T

HELP TELL

STORIES

#4 Design that just LOOKS COOL



DESIGN SERVES THE READER

Unify

Separate

Emphasize

Direct

DESIGN SERVES THE READER



DESIGN SERVES THE READER

DID YOU know

"I want to beat Chuck Norris in a sparring contest." Tori Roberts (12)

"I want my business to be successful with Clear." Matt Robertson (12)

"I want to spread knowledge to underclassmen." Krystal Robles (12)

"I want to get a job." David Rocha (12)

"I want to give everything a chance with no regrets." Katrina Rodheim (12)

"I want to perform in front of an audience." Angel Rodriguez (12)

"I want to get a 4.0 and do something memorable." Selma Rodriguez (12)

"I want to live the life God planned for me, and pursue music." Arie Roest (12)

"I want to create a picture that represents everything I am." Alayda Rojas (12)

"I want to actually do something." Victor Rojas (12)

"I want to become a Pokémon master." James Romero (12)

"I want to live my life like there's no tomorrow." Nicholas Romero (12)

"I want to be remembered for being a good-hearted person." Taylor Rosa (12)



Enochs is your spirit. Your style. Your swagger. It's what you wear. It's E-Wings in the Eagle Entourage. It's squeezing into your morph suit for Black Out. It's tattooing a Harry Potter scar on your forehead. But more than that, it's how you show it.

JUMPING JOY After scoring a quick quadruple victory in under thirty seconds, Terrance Rose takes in the glory and runs down the field in excitement. "Compared to other schools, Enoch's has more spirit and pride," said Rose. "Eagles rise above the rest."

After a year of a theme opening school, SHAWNEE MARTINEZ & BLACK LAM



Enochs is your classroom. Your canvas. Your future. It's what you learn. It's diving through the door to avoid your fifth tardy. It's pouring your heart out during the annual poetry slam. It's staying up all night to finish Faria's term sheet. But more than that, it's where it all adds up.

BEER GOGGLES During a psychology experiment, Collin Chan attempts to catch a soccer ball with drunk goggles on, distorting her vision. "The goggles put me in the position of an actual drunk person," said Chan. "Nothing felt real, and it wasn't fun having things blind to the side."

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#5

Instead of telling stories,

WRITING

COPY

#5 Instead of telling stories, WRITING COPY

Being an athletic trainer is hard work. This year the athletic trainers at McLean High School were Ms. Summer Johnson and Mr. Bill Allen and the student trainers were senior Ben Smith and junior Lily Fujiyama. Ms. Johnson won the trainer of the year award for the Liberty District. "Our team is like a family, and Ms. Johnson and Mr. Allen are our parents," boys varsity basketball player Tim Brooklyn said.

Many people visited the athletic trainers to get their ankles taped, get ice to treat injuries or a variety of other ailments.

"It's a lot of hard work being an athletic trainer, but it's also very rewarding," Smith said.

TELL STORIES

Think about what makes a story “GO VIRAL”



A GOOD STORY HAS

- Proximity
- Prominence
- Consequence
- Oddity
- Conflict
- **Emotion**

Coranodo High School - Texas

#6

After theme pages, the

THEME DIES

THEME INFLUENCES ALL DECISIONS



#7

BAD PHOTOS

**Bad cropping,
prison mugs, etc.**

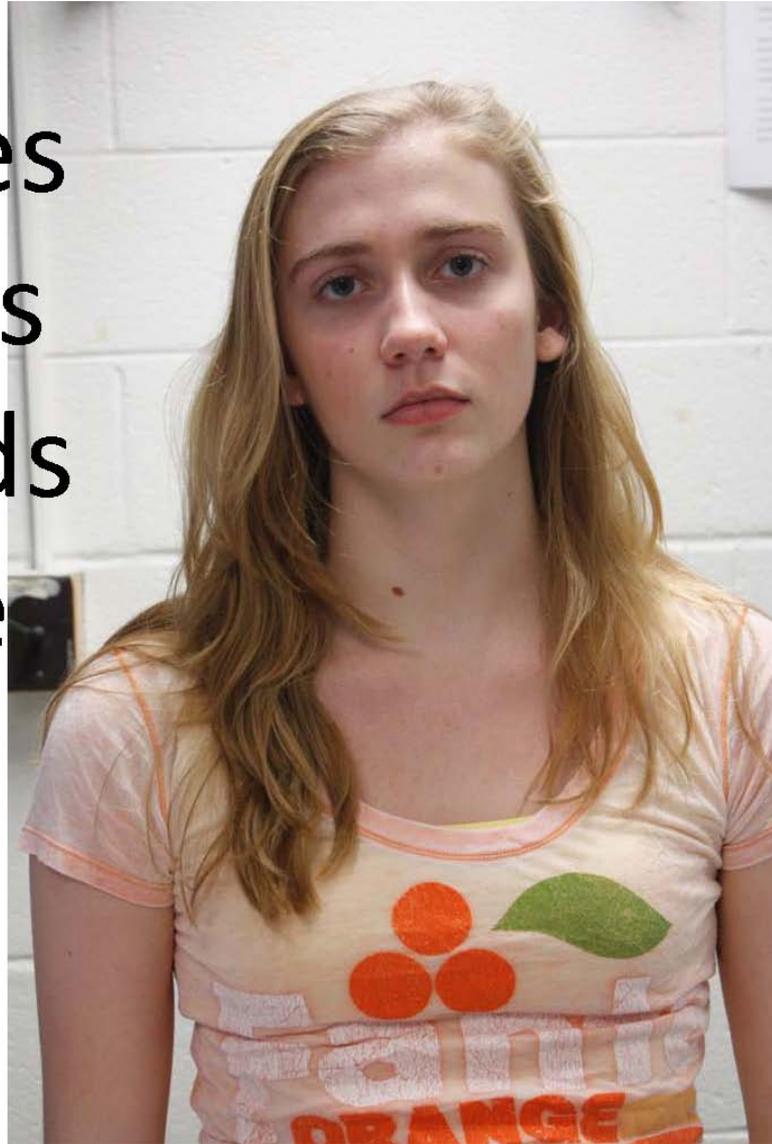
AMAZING PHOTOS



2012 NSPA Photo of the Year – News – 1st Place
Grace Finley, Bryant HS, Bryant, Ark.

AMAZING PHOTOS

Pictures
like this
reminds
people
of...



AMAZING PHOTOS



#8

Your rationale is:

**“WE’VE ALWAYS
DONE IT THIS
WAY”**

**GIVE YOUR
READERS A
REASON TO
BUY 4
YEARBOOKS**

*(freshman, sophomore, junior
& senior year)*

Evaluate the last
three year's books

- Covers
- Coverage
- Theme
- Design

Create a
"backwards" ladder

#9

**NOT PLAYING
TO YOUR
STRENGTHS**

(& acknowledging your weaknesses)

PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS



Here it is.

Inside is the past year

from June 22

to the graduation
of the Class of 2012.

NOT JUST CIRCUS HOMECOMING
AND BIG RED DAY.

Not just the opening night of
Women and Wallace
AND THE DREADED SOLs, BUT

**EVERYTHING
IN
BETWEEN**

THE YAWNS OF LITTLE MACS
during Highlander Time
and the grumbling stomachs in Mr. Smith's 6th
period before D lunch.

THE ROCK'S LATEST MESSAGE
and the traffic jams
in the breezeway.

Between breaks,
between classes,
between us.

That's what it's all about.

The Clan 2012

PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

OVER THE SUMMER

LEANDI, ALEX,
HANNAH & MELANIE

went camping in Ohiopyle, PA.

They made s'mores
and posed with a life size statue of Yogi Bear.
It rained and it poured

*so they ate in the car because they
didn't like the outdoors
THAT MUCH.*

The friends went rafting on the
Youghiogheny River.

**THEY WENT OVER LEVEL 4
RAPIDS FOR THE FIRST TIME
AND FEARED FOR THEIR
LIVES.**

**MELANIE FELL IN THE RIVER AND HAD
TO BE RESCUED.**

**IT WAS
TERRIFYING.**

The entire time,
Hannah yelled at them for making her
go over the rapids and
*for almost killing
Melanie.*

THEY LEFT THE WILDERNESS OF
PENNSYLVANIA WITH HOURS OF DRIVING
AND GLEE SONGS

between them and home.



PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

McLean High School 2012 & 2013

LAST SECOND VICTORY

JV field hockey wins twice in one week

In their most recent of a three game against Madison, Frederick Blue Bell against the visiting team. The girls were sitting on the field for the game against Madison, especially since a blizzard hit on the night before, and the team didn't get out until 10:30. The girls were able to get out on the field and play the game, but the blizzard had made it difficult to play. The girls were able to win the game, but the blizzard had made it difficult to play.

TOGETHER, LET'S GOING TO CHEERLEADER FOR A DANCE OR HELPING

LAST SEVERAL WEEKS.

The girls were able to win the game, but the blizzard had made it difficult to play. The girls were able to win the game, but the blizzard had made it difficult to play.

TRASH TO CASH

On Monday, Oct. 15, Junior Hannah Lee took her own initiative to help the school and the community by organizing a "Trash to Cash" event.

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| 45 | 40 |
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BETWEEN the GAMES



Students enjoy the time between games. They use this time to relax and recharge before the next game.

IN BETWIXT



Students are always ready for the next game. They stay on the field and keep their equipment ready.



Students are always ready for the next game. They stay on the field and keep their equipment ready.

Q & A

BRANDON CARPENTIER: Q: How do you feel about the team? A: I feel great about the team. We have a lot of talent and we are working hard to win the championship.

Students enjoy the time between games. They use this time to relax and recharge before the next game. They stay on the field and keep their equipment ready.

get the Super scores ready

It's time to get ready for the Super scores. Make sure you have all the necessary equipment and are ready to go.

fight on the field

Field hockey is a tough sport. It requires a lot of strength and endurance. The girls are working hard to improve their skills and win the championship.

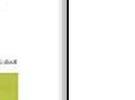
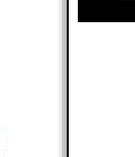
The girls are working hard to improve their skills and win the championship. They are always ready for the next game.



game on: The girls are always ready for the next game. They are always ready for the next game.

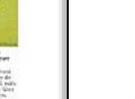
wherever it takes

The girls are always ready for the next game. They are always ready for the next game.



sweet thing

It's time to get ready for the Super scores. Make sure you have all the necessary equipment and are ready to go.

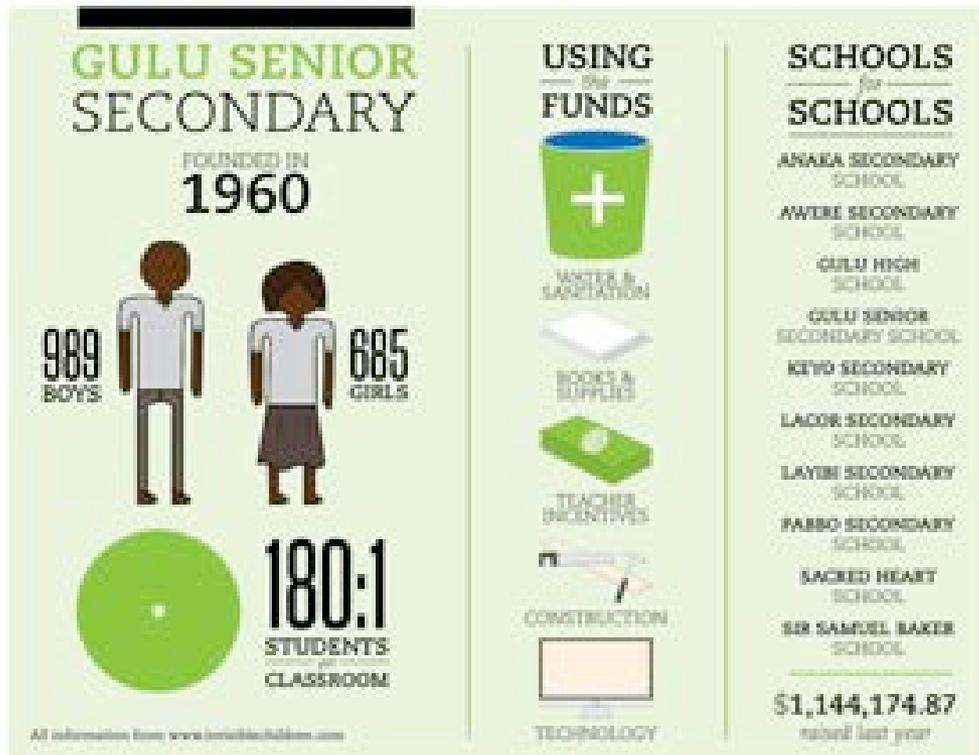


what?

It's time to get ready for the Super scores. Make sure you have all the necessary equipment and are ready to go.



PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS



PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

BEEN THERE & BACK

THE AVERAGE AMERICAN MOVES ABOUT 11 TIMES IN THEIR LIFE. SENIOR KARRIN BRANSON'S HOME IN SHAWNEE IS HER 14TH

BY KEESAN WHITE

As she sat in the Mid-Continent International Airport, senior Karrin Branson picked at her chipped pearl fingernail polish and awaited her departure from Kansas City to Maryland. Baltimore was a familiar sight. One she once called her home.

"My best friend lives in Maryland," Branson said with a bright smile and a touch of nostalgia. "We still talk a lot, and it's really helpful [using] Skype. I miss her a lot, but I visit her in the summers. This last move was very different from the rest. In Maryland, I had most of my closest friendships, and I had really grounded myself there, thinking we would live there until I graduated. My best friend lived across the street from me and I loved my school."

Over the years, Branson has lived in six different states and 14 houses, leaving her well acquainted with the procedures of packing and saying goodbye.

"I must admit that making friends so quickly has become pretty much an unwanted habit at this point because I have done it so much. I love to meet new people and say I have friends all over the country, but, after a while, I wish I could say, 'Oh yeah, I grew up with these people,'" Branson said. "The hardest part is meeting

new people in an environment where no one knows you. I had more fun with [moving] when I was younger. I have a lot of friends and I really do like Kansas, but I still miss Maryland."

Although she had to leave her best friend and her home, there were some advantages to her journey across America. "I've gotten to see the country, so that's pretty awesome. When [my dad] goes on trips, we get to go," Branson said. She has gotten to visit much of the West Coast as well as New York and Hawaii.

Branson's father worked with the United States Coast Guard for most of her life. He retired September of 2009 and now works in biometrics. In this field, he would gather a person's traits and collect them with a machine to confirm identity by fingerprinting, retina scans and DNA testing. He also worked in forensics at Fort Leavenworth. When her father retired from the Coast Guard after 21 years of service, Branson was here to stay. She was even considering attending Kansas State University. "After moving roughly every 12 to 18 months to military towns in Texas, Maryland, Illinois, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas, her family settled in Shawnee.

"I have adapted to Shawnee, I have a

lot of friends, and I really do like Kansas, but I still miss Maryland," Branson said. "The hardest thing is meeting people and getting used to them, but it's gotten a lot better."

Branson spent her freshman year at Urbana High School in Baltimore before making her final move to Kansas her sophomore year. Every place that Branson had called home forced her to learn about the area and adjust to the culture of the community.

"When I first moved to Texas, I didn't know how strict teachers were on the whole 'ma'am' and 'sir' thing. The first week I was in school there, my English teacher called my name, and I responded with: 'Yes?' She gave me this look of disapproval," Branson said. "Then the kid in front of me turned around and said, 'You forgot to say ma'am!' I apologized and explained myself to her. So the dialect is even important during school."

Despite the many moves, the changing friendships and the upheavals of life, Branson knew that the positives outweigh the negatives.

"I'll never know what growing up with all my friends feels like," Branson said. "But most of the time I am fine with that because I have had so many cool experiences of having a dad in the Coast Guard."



Sitting at the kitchen counter on Dec. 17, Kimberley Branson, senior Karrin Branson, Dennis Branson, and freshman Julie Branson read a message on Facebook. "We make sure to try eating dinner together as much as possible," Karrin said. "Everyone is always in the kitchen while my mom prepares the food and we help." www.washpost.com

2 / Scott Air Force Base Belleville, Ill. "We only lived here for a few months because my dad got a new assignment."

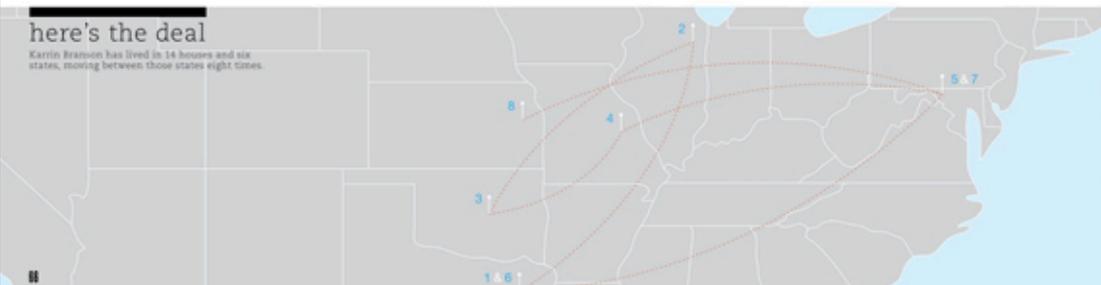
3 / Tinker Air Force Base Oklahoma City, Okla. "We lived there during the biggest tornado ever on May 3, 1999."

Kansas City, Mo. "We never lived here. This is me visiting Grandpa the first time I got to ride on an airplane."

5 / Washington, D.C. Frederick, Md. "This is our first time on the East Coast. We went to North Carolina just before we moved here and then drove to D.C."

here's the deal

Karrin Branson has lived in 14 houses and six states, moving between those states eight times.



Military base City lived in

- 1 Sheppard Air Force Base Wichita Falls, Texas
- 2 Scott Air Force Base Belleville, Ill.
- 3 Tinker Air Force Base Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 4 Ft. Leiland Wood St. Robert, Mo.
- 5 Washington, D.C. Frederick, Md.
- 6 Sheppard Air Force Base Wichita Falls, Texas
- 7 Washington, D.C. Frederick, Md.
- 8 Fort Leavenworth Shawnee, Kan.

PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

It's time to face reality.

You stepped forward and took the final hit, the smack of the rubber ending your team's run in the state-level tournament.

I frantically designed my page, as the clock ticked towards the 9 p.m. deadline. We passed the baton from hand to hand, racing to cross the finish line first.

And that's just the way things are.

You finished the longest on your first and last state-level team.

I opened the High Tide to page 14, proud of my work. We trained for endless hours and finally beat the school record.

It's time to face reality. You stepped forward and took the final hit, the smack of the rubber ending your team's run in the state-level tournament. I frantically designed my page, as the clock ticked towards the 9 p.m. deadline. We passed the baton from hand to hand, racing to cross the finish line first. And that's just the way things are. You finished the longest on your first and last state-level team. I opened the High Tide to page 14, proud of my work. We trained for endless hours and finally beat the school record.



It's time to accept reality and embrace Redondo for the comically confusing, frustratingly funny, and unexpectedly crazy moments we've had.

But it's not just the moments that stand out like the bold blue against our red sports uniforms.

It's not just the songs we've had pushed to our earbuds.

It's also the times we stared mindlessly out the window of Biology towards the ocean and the links we spent our lunch walking around campus, unable to find anyone to eat with.

This year we took a long, hard look at our lives and our school, and finally came to terms with the way things are, but also realized how to appreciate the relationships we've formed and the characteristics we once viewed as flaws.

Reality is now. So finally man up and tell her how you feel.

For once, I'll check Infinite Campus without a lamp in my throat.

And by all means, let's count down the seconds until that last bell before summer.

THIS IS REALLY WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT
THIS IS YOUR REDONDO. THIS IS MY REDONDO. THIS IS R REDONDO. THIS IS **R REALITY.**

By Rebecca Egan, Director of Design, with the team

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PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

Although he stands Redondo, senior Declan Andrew recently qualified for the Olympic Trials, representing the country of New Zealand. Andrew's swimming career began at about three years old, but he started swimming competitively for a club team at the age of eight. In eighth grade, Andrew decided to take a break from swimming, but his parents strongly suggested he should try out for the Redondo swim team as a freshman. Once he made the team, Andrew found his heart in the sport.

"I quit swimming because the club team I was on was not competitive at all. All we did was practice. Once I joined the Redondo team, we competed in races and competitions, and Mr. Rubio is a great coach. It is also fun because I get to swim with the people I go to school with," said Andrew.

With hard work, he has now earned the opportunity to return to his native country, New Zealand, and swim competitively.

"I always love going back to New Zealand because it's fun to see all of my relatives, and I haven't been there in a long time," said Andrew.

Over winter break, Andrew competed in a state swimming competition for his club team. Although he knew that this would not be his only opportunity to qualify, he felt the pressure of getting a good time that would determine if he would qualify for the Olympic Trials.

"I've already swam in this competition before, but this time I was more focused on my time, because I knew I had the chance to qualify. I had to drop a lot of time, two seconds, which in swimming is a lot," said Andrew.

Andrew dropped about a minute and a half off of his previous time, which allowed him to move on to an even higher level of swimming, the Olympic Trials. However, time passed, and Andrew was still not notified or even expected into the Olympic Trials because he was unaware of his personal record. Then one day, Andrew's mom received an unexpected phone call from New Zealand, stating that her son had qualified for the Olympic Trials. Immediately when she told Andrew, he was overjoyed and extremely surprised.

"When my mom got off the phone she told me that I had qualified. I was incredibly happy because I had no idea I had made it," he said.

Andrew returned to New Zealand in March to train for the Olympic Trials and to join a new club team, the North Shore Swim Club. The next time Andrew will meet with his team is when he returns to New Zealand in late August.

"I feel lucky that I made it on the team because it is one of the top clubs in New Zealand, and I'm really excited to meet the team and start a new club," said Andrew.

Although eight of the Olympics is far away, Andrew is taking a huge step by competing in the Olympic Trials.

"For me, it's more about the experience of going back to New Zealand and competing with other high ranked swimmers than it is focusing on the Olympics," he said.

Andrew is proud of his accomplishments and looks forward to his future in swimming. However, he also wants to venture out to different fields of careers. Planning on applying to the University of Auckland, Andrew is hoping to become an engineer.

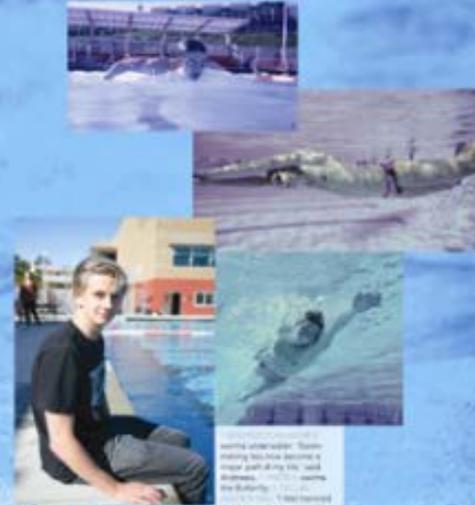
"I could make a career out of swimming. Olympically would, but that does not last forever and after constantly moving from place to place, I would like to settle down. I will, though, always swim whether it be competitively or not," he said.

Throughout his years on the Redondo swim team, he has gained confidence and now looks at the swim meets, races, and practices as an extension. The simple feeling of victory that Andrew carries across when beating a swimmer, not to him, or even his own record, fills him with pride.

"It was my goal this year to qualify for the Olympic Trials, and I'm happy I did it," he said.

SENIOR DECLAN ANDREW WAS CHOSEN TO COMPETE FOR THE NEW ZEALAND OLYMPIC TRIALS TEAM

GOING FOR THE GOLD



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