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2011 Soundtrack to our Lives

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Malcolm Price Laboratory School, Northern University High is an integral part of the University of Northern Iowa's teacher education program and serves three basic functions: it provides a direct-experience laboratory for all undergraduate and graduate teacher education students; it operates as a center for research, experimentation, and curriculum development; and it provides leadership to the elementary and secondary schools of Iowa and the nation through publication, consultation, and a variety of in-service programs and activities. A comprehensive instructional program is offered for students in prek/kindergarten through twelfth grade, including programs for special education and talented and gifted students.
The best part of working in the innovative prek-12 learning environment focused on nurturing active global citizens is that we, as the Lab School, are a family. As a family, the younger students learn from the older students. Elementary students watch the older students, older students volunteer in elementary classrooms and we all grow and learn together.

I remember when many of the graduating class of 2011 were elementary students watching NU high schoolers, dreaming of when they would be able to participate in theatre, sports, speech, orchestra, band and chorus.

This year the senior class showed us all how to delight in experiencing the richness and texture of life. Their achievements in every aspect of NU stand as a testament to the talented individuals of the class of 2011. They will be missed, but one thing I know for sure is there were elementary students watching. I can't wait for the future, as it will be every bit as good as the past!

Lyn Le Countryman, Interim Director

"BIG things happen IN A small school."
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Molly Andersen
Future Plans:
Attend the University of Northern Iowa.

Favorite Memory:
Going to Chile the summer before senior year, having fun in the senior lounge, and stealing stuff from the science office.

Alexandra Bachman
Future Plans:
Attend Northwestern College to study Criminal Justice.

Favorite Memory:
Cheering at all the football games, even when it was cold outside, and having the chance to see the boys shine in the last year of NU Football.

Madison Backstrom
Future Plans:
Attend the University of Iowa.

Favorite Memory:
Michael Jackson experience in the senior lounge and math class.

Stephanie Bales
Future Plans:
Becoming a trophy wife.

Favorite Memory:
Graduating High School.

Kyle Basom
Future Plans:
Attend Iowa State University to study Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Favorite Memory:
Squid with a hat.

Brandon Brown
Future Plans:
Attend UNI to study Criminal Justice.

Favorite Memory:
Spending a lot of time in the technology department as a work study student.
**Future Plans:**
Attend Iowa Western to study Education and run track and cross country. Then attend a 4-year university.

**Favorite Memory:**
Everyday being at NU there was always a new memory made, and also winning state cross country.

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**Future Plans:**
Attend Iowa State to study Interior Design.

**Favorite Memory:**
Cheering at state basketball freshman year when we won, and hanging out in the senior lounge.

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**Future Plans:**
Attend Wartburg to study Biology.

**Favorite Memory:**
Runner-up in NICL conference for tennis sophomore year.

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**Future Plans:**
Attend Iowa State to study Computer Science.

**Favorite Memory:**
Working with friends to make the ensemble, "The Walrus and the Carpenter."

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**Future Plans:**
Attend Iowa State to study Computer Science.

**Favorite Memory:**
Being involved in Cyber Defense and getting free sodas.
Corbin Dayton
Future Plans:
Join the U.S. Army and then become involved in farming, construction, or law enforcement.

Favorite Memory:
State Basketball all four years, trying baseball and being involved in wrestling at Columbus.

Kyle Denning
Future Plans:
Play basketball and study Accounting and/or Business.

Favorite Memory:
Winning state basketball, playing basketball all four years and the 2009 football season.

Jyothil Dhanwada
Future Plans:
Attend Macalester College in St. Paul to double major in International Studies and Biology and minor in French

Favorite Memory:
Orchestra party sophomore year and Ms. Couch spitting her water out during class.

Kaitlyn Eastman
Future Plans:
Attend Hawkeye Community College then transfer to the University of Seattle.

Favorite Memory:
Mrs. Couch's Physics Class.

Sarah Dietz
Future Plans:
Attend the University of Northern Iowa to study Biochemistry and Microbiology.

Favorite Memory:
Being involved in speech and theatre and going to All-State Speech junior and senior year.

Cassandra Euchner
Future Plans:
Attend the University of Iowa

Favorite Memory:
Being involved in theatre and speech.

Christian Ford
Future Plans:
Attend Kirkwood to study Music Production.

Favorite Memory:
Choir class with Ms. Chen.

Jake Glockner
Future Plans:
Gap year on the East Coast.

Favorite Memory:
Wendell winning Homecoming King Senior Year.
Morgan Granger
Future Plans:
Attend the University of Iowa with an open major, maybe major in Biology.
Favorite Memory:
There are too many great memories to pick one.

Rachel Hanson
Future Plans:
Attend Northwestern College in Orange City to study Theatre.
Favorite Memory:
Wrestling in the hallway, screaming in class and pulling Joni out the 2nd story bathroom window.

Dzeneta Jusufovic
Future Plans:
Attend HCC to get an AA then go to New York University to major in journalism and political science with a PhD in English.
Favorite Memory:
Being in the play, going out for tennis and spending time in the math office.

Alyssa Kilbourn
Future Plans:
Attend Saint Cloud State University, and major in English and double minor in French and Communication Studies.
Favorite Memory:
Working with Dave and Linda Schachterle during speech and acting with so many talented and wonderful people.

JoAnna Griffith
Future Plans:
Complete a BM in vocal performance with an emphasis in Theatre Design and French.
Favorite Memory:
Going to school everyday as a secret agent, but if I told you that, I'd have to kill you...

Leah Joslyn
Future Plans:
Attend Cornell College in Mt. Vernon to study Music Education.
Favorite Memory:
Mime, jazz and, hitting side view mirrors in cross country, trip to France, the science office, senior lounge and being nuts with this family I love.

Nikolette Kapanka
Future Plans:
Either attend Marymount Manhattan to pursue a dance career or continue to dance under the direction of Dorrell Martin in NYC.
Favorite Memory:
Junior trip to France and open periods in the hallway junior year.

Tad Kleviske
Future Plans:
Major in Theatre.
Favorite Memory:
Being involved in speech, theatre, and sports, and hanging out with friends.
Andrew Leonard
Future Plans:
Attend Kirkwood to study Business Administration.
Favorite Memory:
Being a part of the Dog Pound and TP'ing the school.

Mary Maletta
Future Plans:
Attend Hawkeye Community College to study Police Science and continue on to a Police Academy.
Favorite Memory:
Watching our boys win state basketball in 2008! Also, growing up with my class and making many memories I will never forget.

Kendall McDonald
Future Plans:
Attend the University of Iowa to study Science.
Favorite Memory:
Football cheerleading junior year and making a fort in the senior lounge.

Taryn Moyer
Future Plans:
Attend the University of Iowa.
Favorite Memory:
The 8th grade trip to Grand Harbor or when Ana pulled the fire alarm in the hotel at state basketball.

Terrance Nilesen
Future Plans:
Attend UNI to run cross country and track.
Favorite Memory:
Senior season of Cross Country, winning conference, district and being state champions.

Heather Oelmann
Future Plans:
Attend Simpson College to play soccer and major in Business.
Favorite Memory:
Prom junior year when my cousin and I got to do a magic show after prom, hanging out in the senior lounge and coming here sophomore year.
Alexandria Pircer
Future Plans: Attend Mount Mercy University to study Business Marketing-Advertising and play basketball and soccer.
Favorite Memory: Bubble gum parties, tennis ball wars in cross country, and everything about senior year!

Alexander Prinsen
Future Plans: Attend the University of Northern Iowa to pursue excellence in foreign language.
Favorite Memory: Sprinting with friends through Paris' most famous art museum to catch up with the rest of the French Class.

Sarah Prophet
Future Plans: Double major in Piano Performance and Pre-med at Crazy Go Nuts University.
Favorite Memory: Being "that guy" for 12 years and keeping monkeys away from my hands.

Alex Quinones
Future Plans: Attend a four-year college to play football or baseball.

Devon Shaver
Future Plans: Attend the University of Iowa to study English.
Favorite Memory: Hanging out in the senior lounge.

Andrew Stone
Future Plans: Attend Iowa Western to play football then transfer to a four-year college.
Favorite Memory: Catching a deflected pass at the football game against Mason City.

Ana Tallarson
Future Plans: Attend UNI to study Elementary Education.
Favorite Memory: Watching the guys make it to state basketball all four years and going to state XC where they got first.

Jordan Thomas
Future Plans: Attend Connecticut College.
Favorite Memory: Four amazing years with NUHS Theatre and Speech.
Wendell Tsai
Future Plans:
Study Business/Management, Video Production and IT field.

Favorite Memory:
Making videos with my classmates and fixing all kinds of technical problems.

Raquel Williams
Future Plans:
Attend BYU to study nuggets.

Favorite Memory:
Going completely nuts during plays and speech competitions with some of the coolest people I know.

Joseph Weber
Future Plans:
Attend the University of Iowa to study Business then become a club professional at a golf course.

Favorite Memory:
Winning state golf, senior skip day junior year and hanging with Devon Turner in his prime.

Stephan Yoshizawa
Future Plans:
Attend either Iowa State University or UNI.

Favorite Memory:
Spring Break junior year.
To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

~ Anatole France
“Mrs. Couch is still in her prime!!”
-Alex

“Physics is a lifestyle...so we just get used to it.”
-Alex Pircer

“Common Sense”
-Tad Klenske

This was the second year that ALL SENIORS at NU were required to take Physics. We had a record 50 students enrolled in Physics! There were times when they felt like they were taking a computer applications course, and other times when they thought they were back in the Math classroom but, all in all, I think most of them enjoyed the course and learned a lot. ~ Mrs. Couch
"There's far too much to take in here,
More to find than can ever be found." ~Lion King

Mr. Spurr and senior Brandon Brown
doing a demonstration in Astronomy.

What Is Your
Ideal Song
to Study To??

"Firework" by Katy Perry
"Hey Jude" by The Beatles
"BBQ Stain" by Tim McGraw
"Go Hard in the Paint" by Waka Flocka
Complete Silence!
Our Memories...

Senior Lounge

"The diversity in the senior lounge always made me feel at home." - DC

Morgan remembers having fun in the senior lounge.

"It brought our grade closer." - Mary

After the senior lounge was repainted, Kieran said, "It's like hanging out in a big tube of toothpaste."

Dancing in the background of Wendell's famous 'dance video' was Joe's favorite memory.

"The senior lounge is the place to be. There's always something going on, and hanging out here all year has brought our class closer together." - Devon Shaver

...Last A Lifetime
So Fly Like a G6
NU High Seniors on the Job

The hard-working, dedicated seniors

Many of the students in the senior class have jobs in Cedar Falls and Waterloo working at restaurants and other businesses. The seniors are proud of the work they do outside of school. Whether it is making ice cream for customers, cooking food at a restaurant, or entertaining kids at a magic show, the senior class is hardworking and dedicated to what they do. They enjoy their work and 'Makin the Big Bucks.'

- Heather Oelmann

Savannah Campbell working at Pizza Ranch in Cedar Falls.

"I like working at Pizza Ranch because it is a fun environment and I have made a lot of new friends." - Savannah Campbell

Makin' the Big Bucks

Taryn Moyer and Maddie Backstrom having fun at Coldstone while making ice cream for their customers.

"Working at Coldstone is a great job where you get to be outgoing and meet a lot of new people. We always have a great time singing and dancing around the store while getting work done." - Maddie Backstrom

Andrew Leonard dressed in his costume while on the job at Texas Roadhouse.

Savannah Campbell working at Pizza Ranch in Cedar Falls.

"I like working at Pizza Ranch because it is a fun environment and I have made a lot of new friends." - Savannah Campbell

Heather Oelmann, and her cousin Eric, performing their magic show at NU High School Post-Prom.

"I started working for my cousin Eric five years ago. Eric and I have performed at fairs, birthday parties and other events around the area. I love seeing the excitement on the kids' faces during the show!" - Heather Oelmann
Senior Brandon Brown and his family setting up their table at Farmer's Market with locally grown fruits and vegetables from their family-operated farm.

Makin' the Big Bucks

Senior Kyle Denning working in the main office at school.

The Brown's Family-Operated Farm

Something which has not only followed me these past four years of high school, but has also been with me my entire life has been the living experience of being involved in a small family-operated farm.

There is no school that teaches you to become a farmer, no universities to teach you its craft; however, a farmer is both a time manager and an entrepreneur. There are no set hours for a farmer, and the day is not over just because the sun goes down.

Overall, just because it's a family run operation, being involved in farmers' market, a tight-knit community involved with ethics and leadership has taught me communication skills, business skills and ultimately given me a unique perspective on communities and the confidence for pursuing possible jobs in the future.

Being a farmer is one of the most stressful jobs in the world. It's never certain that you will make a profit, and your entire operation is competing with larger companies for the communities' business. Even though it is a stressful job, farming has its benefits that only few can understand, and it ultimately takes an individual with the absolute mindset of being an optimist. It's said that a farmer has to remember "The diligent farmer plants trees, of which he himself will never see the fruit." (Cicero) - Brandon Brown

Cassie Euchner getting ready to serve lunch to the PLS students the Grassroots Cafe. Also pictured: Adam Milambiling, Trai O'Connell and Kendall McDonald.

"I've been working in the Grassroots Cafe for two years and I love it. I get to work with such fun people and get great food for free. It helps too, that it is such an easy job." - Cassie Euchner
Blow a Thumb while Texting
Andrew & Kendall

Write a Best Seller
Jordan & Alyssa

Future Hot Mom & Dad
Kyle & Maddie

Take over the World
Wendell & Doug

Best Smile
Terry & Trai

Meet Spouse on Facebook
Heather & Savannah

Become a Movie Star
Joni & Rachel

Class Drama King/Queen
Nik & Taryn

Surprise us at the Class Reunion
Steph & Ozeneta

Become a Comedian
Brittney & Sarah

Be on Jersey Shore
Mary & Andrew

Cure Cancer
Sarah & Kieran

Suffer a Wii injury
DC & Kyle

Voted as most likely to...
by the Class of 2011
Class Flirt ;) Alex Q. & Alex Pliner

Wrestle a Polar Bear Corbin & Joe

Train a Dragon Devon & Alec

Become a Famous Singer or Rock Star Joni & Christian

Teach at NU High Ally, Molly & Ana

Best Laugh Alex and Raquel

Invete the Next New Thing Stephan & Brandon

To Get Married Kyle & Andrew

Go Bankrupt from Shopping Jyothi & Taryn

Join the Peace Corps Jake & Peighton

Become Famous Jake & Niki

Get Caught in a Protest Cassie & Kaitlyn

Win a Wizard Duel with Voldemort Tad & Morgan
Molly Anderson
Molly, 
Last but certainly not least. Good Job!
Nomine sanio 
Love, 
Mom, Dad, L+K

Brittney Culmore
Brittney, 
To the Fix-It-Up-Chappie! Congratulations on your graduation! You were an adorable and creative little girl and have grown into a beautiful and exciting young lady. I am very proud of all you’ve accomplished and wish you continued success as you pursue new adventures! 
Love Always, Mom

Christian Ford
Christian, 
You’ve been ready for this for a long time.
Take what you’ve learned between then and now and go forward with your very best self. 
Love, Mommy

Tad Klenske
Tad - 
Always the little boy who never gives up - You’ve achieved so much already. Just remember to always follow your heart! We’re so proud of you! 
Love, Dad, Mom & Dylan

Andrew Leonard
Wow! The last 17 years have been exciting + fun because we watched you grow into a respectful, independent, + loving young man. We are so proud of you! We will always be with you on your journey in life for the times when you need us. Continue to keep family, faith, and friends as your priorities. To infinity + Beyond!
Love, Mom, Dad, David & Kaitlyn

Peighton MacLeod
From a smiling faced cherub, to a beautiful young lady! We are so proud of your accomplishments and your character. The best is yet to be - ENJOY!
Love, Mom and Dad
from 1992/93 - 2011!

Cassie Euchner

Cassie,
Two and a half years ago we moved back to my hometown. Although you were familiar with Cedar Falls, you had to walk into a school where you knew no one. I am happy to see how well you have done at NU and the friends you have made and the activities you became involved in. I am thrilled that you are walking the same halls I did for twelve years. I know you can achieve anything you put your mind to. How wonderful to see the funny, intelligent, interesting young woman you have become. I am so proud of you! And, I know your dad watches from above and smiles. He loved you so! and I love you, too. Congratulations! Mom

Corbin Dayton

Corbin,
It has been a long and bumpy ride, but a journey that I feel blessed to have taken with you. I am so proud of you. Wherever life takes you I know you will land on your feet.

I love you, Mom

Ana Fallakson

Ana,
When you were born, we knew right away that you were the one we were waiting for to complete our family. You loved life from the start and spent hours just watching quietly and smiling at all life had to offer. Then you started talking and we discovered what you had been thinking about all that time! You entertained us with your funny antics, showered us with love and amazed us with your drive to learn. You wanted to go to school like everyone else in the family, and once you got there we realized you could outsmart us all! We have loved watching you grow into the beautiful woman you are today, with your strong commitment to serving others. Your loving heart shines through in everything you do. We look so forward to seeing what the next chapter in your life will be and we'll be there beside you, learning and watching with amazement.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Andy and Elist


Feather Oelmann

Pete,
You grew up way too fast. Now you are off to Simpson and beginning a new "Storm" in your life. God Bless you always! Best Wishes to you. We love you! Your family.

* Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. * Matthew 5:16
"Experimenting Ideas"

Whether it's through conducting experiments, taking notes, or watching slide shows in biology, you learn many things about cells and the many different types of systems in the body. "I find the class to be interesting and also a fun learning experience for everyone," said Amanda Smith. "Biology isn't just a class, it's also a place where you can have fun while you are learning something new."

"Problem Solving"

Math is not just about numbers and shapes. You also learn about many different theorems and ideas. "From algebra to precalculus, the students learn about the different proofs and the things you need to do to get through the different units in the book," said Mr. Maltas. "The students are learning a variety of the math classes all in one, and it makes the learning and teaching experience fun and interesting."

Front Row (l-r): Marshea Hill, Amanda Smith, Allison Moyer, Adam Milambiling, Caroline Sell, Judy Bleile.

Thomas Amlie
Jesse Bankston
Jordan Bankston
Jaren Bergman
Judy Bleile
Palden Choekyong
Darrell Coleman
Brandon Culmore

Haley Darst
Michael Douglas
Lauren Forsberg
Megan Grey
Brianna Gute
Jacob Henry
Marlene Hill
James Krogh

Christine McKenna
Tessa Michaelsen
Adam Milambiling
Allison Moyer
Charles Nuhn
Colton Questra
Caroline Sell
Amanda Smith

Alexandria Stanley
Alexandra Thompson
Seth Trautmann
Sigrid Walter
Megan Williamson
Jake Wumkes
Not Pictured:
Eric Hines
Our Senior Expectations

Alex Thompson- "I want to prepare for the future and visit many colleges to figure out which one I'm going to attend. Also, I want to make prom the best it's ever been."

Marshea Hill- "I want to enjoy my last year with my classmates and to prepare for the college experience."

Darrell Coleman- "I want to meet a lot of the upcoming freshmen and the new students coming into NU. I also want to become closer with classmates since it's our last year together."

Jordan Bankston- "I expect it to be a good culmination of my high school years."

Jesse Bankston- "I'm looking forward to choosing a college and being able to dual enroll at UNI."

Alex Stanley- "I expect it to be smooth without any big surprises. I want it to be a happy ending. I want to remember it for the rest of my life, good memories!"

Palden Choekyong- "I look forward to going on college visits and choosing the right college for me."

Jake Henry- "I look forward to having only one year of school left."

Tessa Michaelsen- "I want my senior year to be the most memorable of my four years in high school."

Tommy Amlie- "I'm looking forward to getting accepted to a college of my choice."
Mr. Maltas going over a math problem with Caroline Sell during Accelerated Integrated Math, one of two math offerings available for students to take their junior year.

James Krogh - "I like having smaller classes because with less students it's easier to get help during class."
Judy Bleile - "I like the theatre department and enjoy the people who are in it."
Christine McKenna - "The nice people who go to our school."
Brandon Culmore - "I like being able to take the classes I want."
Eric Hines - "Hanging with Mrs. Weber in the library."
Sigrid Walter - "I enjoy the art program because it's challenging."
Jaren Bergman - "Having individualized attention from teachers makes students stay on top of their grades."
Marshea Hill - "It is a very welcoming environment and easy to make friends. And when you have a friendly environment, it's easier to learn."
Amanda Smith - "As my first year at NU I have really appreciated the smaller classes and how friendly everyone has been. I also like that I don't have to wear a uniform."
Seth Trautmann - "I like how the teachers really care and will have a conversation with you."
Junior year was definitely a year to remember. There were many exciting changes from the point of being underclassmen to upperclassmen, and they all impacted everyone in many different ways. New opportunities became available to all of us, but with that came new responsibilities.

One of the highlights of the junior year was a chance at dual enrolling and taking UNI courses “on the hill.” And even if a student didn’t dual enroll, they still had the opportunity for putting “open campus” into their schedule so that they could do whatever they wanted to do during that time!

As well as having many new and exciting things to look forward to, there were also the ones that we had to stay on top of -- Biology, Capstone, Creative Writing, HAL, French and Spanish III... you name it! There were difficulties all over the place, but they all benefited us in the end by preparing us for our future as adults that will surely leave their footprints somewhere in the world one way or another.

There are many unique members out of our small class of 30 people, which makes it kind of like a big family. There are those that are constantly involved in extracurricular activities, the athletes, the musicians, the drama people, and all the others that have their own unique identities. Most have grown up together during their education at PLS whereas others have filtered in over the years. I myself was one of those individuals, and must say that even after a few months of going to our school I felt as though I had been here for many, many years.

Class of 2012, I salute you. We only have one more year together before we go our separate ways, so let’s make the most of it!!
NU High Junior Alex Thompson cheering the boys on at the State Basketball Tournament in Des Moines. Also pictured in the background are cheerleaders Danielle Snowden, Amber Fuller and Christine McKenna.
Snapshots of the Juniors
The Sophomores: Class of 2013


Abel Anderson
Cody Brown
Kate Clay
Margaret Creedea
Jocelyn Duman-Welch
Nettie Enshayan
Amber Fuller
Riley Garcia

Laura Gentilini
Emily Hall
Hanlier Holmes
Tristan Holt
Madeleine Hoofnagle
Dorian Hundley
Kasey Jackson
Felicia Jordan

Jaki Kapanka
Kiley Baker
Jamal Mermella
Kory Miller
Maranda Moyer
Evan Rector
Andrew Robbins
Drew Shepard

Anna Smith
Shirley Speckerman
Josh Thompson
Ashley Tiller
Mitchell VanArsdale
Shirann Vaughn
Rachael Weber
Blake Widmann

Ken Yoshizawa
Atif Zaman
"Churros and Llamas!!!!!!"

Jocelyn Welch

"We gotta have a party this Chooseday."

Ken Yoshizawa (Mr. Videogame)

Mrs. Balong: "I think we're going to have an assessment tomorrow." "Think again!"

Andy Robbins (DaWois)

"But I waaaaaaaant it!!!"

Dorian Hundley (Panda)

"I try to use as much paper as I can to get back at the trees for what they've done to me."

Felicia Jordan (Feef)

Dorian: "See ya, Holly!" "Okay we'd better get outta here, this car doesn't have bullet proof glass."

Anonymous Parent

"Dooo not vaaant"

Shirley Speckerman
Integrated Language Arts 2

How can we overcome stereotypes in order to be ourselves? How is the technology impacting the 21st century teenager? What is the future of the American Dream? Are we the people society perceives us to be? These are just a few questions examined throughout the year in 10th grade Integrated Language Arts. Through a variety of activities, texts, and discussions, students learn to deepen their perspectives on the questions literature provokes, instead of simply looking for the answers. By blending literature of the past with issues relevant today, students learn to make connections between Thoreau and text messaging, Death of a Salesman and Jay-Z, and Holden Caulfiend and themselves.

Chemistry

It is not all explosions and fun in chemistry, but we had our occasional moments. We used numbers to solve seemingly impossible problems through the magic of dimensional analysis. Memories that stick with you? Gold pennies, baggies of cool yellow chemicals, and gases that explode in flames. Is flour flammable? I guess so. Does arm hair grow back? Only Ken knows for sure. Remember to "redefine hard work" and "take charge of your life!"
Integrated Math 2

Integrated Math 2 is a problem-based course including topics in algebra, geometry, statistics, probability, and discrete mathematics. Students work collaboratively and independently during class. In addition, students create Scratch programs and complete other projects using mathematics. There is an emphasis on how math is used as well as preparing students for higher level mathematics.

American History and Government

American Government is a one semester required course for 10th grade students. American Government is the study of the role of the citizen in the United States today. Its goal is to enhance the development of an informed citizen. To this end, it introduces the students to the basic principles of government philosophy and government structure. Specific attention is paid to the functions of government: the various types of government found in society; the principles of the American Democracy found in the U.S. Constitution; civil rights and responsibilities of citizens; the American political system and the three major branches of government.
The Sophomores

From left to right: Dorian Hundley and Kory Miller smiling in the hallway, Blake Widmann focusing, Atif Zahar working hard, and Shirley Speckerman lost in thought.

From left to right: Margaret Creeden cheesin’ in band, Tristan Holt and Josh Thompson working in the lunch room, Linne Hoofnagle walking the halls, and Shirann Vaughn in chemistry.

From left to right: Cody Brown posing in math, Atif Zahar and his cello, Dorian Hundley taking a break from language to smile, and Halanier Holmes focusing hard in Spanish.

From left to right: Anna Smith practicing her viola, Dorian Hundley showing off his sandwich masterpiece, Halanier Holmes and Kory Miller working on math together, and Jocelyn Welch drawing in her sketchbook.

Leaving Our Mark
Our Favorite Songs...

Cody Brown: Awake and Alive by Skillet
Kale Clay: Whip My Hair by Willow Smith
Margaret Creeden: Yeah 3x by Chris Brown
Jocelyn Durnan-Welch: These Are The Nights by Making April
Nettie Enshayan: All Of The Lights by Kanye West
Amber Fuller: Arson by Taylor Swift
Riley Garcia: Extra Credit by Wiz Khalifa
Emily Hall: When I Look At You by Miley Cyrus
Halanier Holmes: My Girl by The Temptations
Tristan Holt: The Whisper Song by The Ying Yang Twins
Madeleine Hoofnagle: Ally Walk With Me by Raveo Nettes
Dorian Hundley: Forget You by Cee Lo Green
Felicia Jordan: No Sleep by Wiz Khalifa

Jaki Kapanka: Fast Cars & Freedom by Rascal Flats
Kiley Lukensmeyer-Baker: Roll Up by Wiz Khalifa
Jamal Mermella: Apologize by One Republic
Kory Miller: That's All She Wrote by T.I ft. Eminem
Maranda Moyer: Friday by Rebecca Black
Evan Rector: I Need A Doctor by Dr. Dre ft Eminem & Skylar Grey
Andy Robbins: 21 Guns by Green Day
Drew Shepard: Fly Lice by Peter Chao

Anna Smith: Tonight Tonight by Hot Chelle Rae
Shirley Speckerman: Dakota by Rocket to the Moon
Josh Thompson: Berlin City Girl by Culcha Cardela
Ashley Tiller: Alejandro by Lady GaGa
Mitchell VanArsdale: No Sleep by Wiz Khalifa
Shirann Vaughn: Video Phone by Beyonce ft. Lady GaGa
Rachael Weber: Sandstorm by Darude
Blake Widmann: Elevator Musik by Curren$y
Ken Yoshizawa: Buzzin' by Mann ft. 50 Cent
Atif Zaman: Sixteen Military Wives by The Decemberists
The Freshman Class

Highlights of Freshman Year

Rowen Conry
Being in extra-curricular activities like sewing, because you can create a lot of different clothes, and being in Mr. Spurr's class.

Leah Visokey
Being in sewing, learning how to iron clothes, and being in Mr. Spurr’s class.

Anna Marie Backstrom
Being with friends at school.

Austen Fuller
PE class because it’s a class period where you can play games.

Hannah McDermott
Study hall with Ms. Sittig-Esser was the highlight of my day, because it was quiet and I could hangout and get my work done.

Danielle Snowden
Being able to dive for the Cedar Falls swim team and participate in multiple team sports with all my friends.


Kyle Wiebers
Morgan Williamson
Jonathan Wood
Not Pictured: Megan Dahlen
I. My highlight of freshman year was drawing wonderful pictures in Aja’s notebook during Spanish class.

Alissa Ryckert
The highlight of freshman year was definitely Mr. Spurr’s Earth Science class.

Lizzie Hansen
My favorite part of freshman year was being able to be in the same class as Dorian Hundley, and having the opportunity to cheer for high school boys basketball.

Jon Wood
I’ve been able to make more movies in Mr. Wilson’s class and it’s helping me learn more about filmmaking.

Allie Allspach
Being in basketball, because it was a new opportunity, and it was more serious than middle school.

Colt Dayton
Always saying Good Morning in Mr. Schonhoff’s 1st hour U.S. History class.

Aja Baskerville
Being with friends at school.

Emily Trautmann
Being able to play varsity basketball, and Earth Science with Mr. Spurr.
The Freshmen - Independent, high achievers, humorous, friendly, studious, competitive, creative, outgoing, self-confident, responsible, fun-loving, athletic, artistic, musical...

**The Freshman Class**

Freshmen talk about their study habits

When and where do they study and why?

**Eric Henderson**
“During study hall in Mrs. Conry’s room, because it is quiet.”

**Hanna Gibson**
“I study best when I’m with my friends... when they are not distracting me. And, I like using my notes from class.”

**Allie Allspach**
“At the kitchen counter, when it’s dark out, with notes I took using Quizlet.”

**Cody Swinton**
“In study hall or in my room, with music playing.”

**Kyle Wicke**
“I study best outside at the baseball field, or on the tennis or basketball courts. It stimulates my senses and helps me study.”

**Amelia Eastman**
“In the hall at school or at home at my desk. I like it bright so I can focus.”

**Hannah McDermott**
“Before bed in my room, using flash cards that I make a week before a test... sometimes with a snack.”

Allie Allspach, Hannah McDermott, and Emily Allspach in Mr. Knivslund’s drawing class.
Freshmen Kyle Wiebers and Hannah Dietz constructing a napkin holder in Mr. Wilson's class. Many of the students' assigned projects were self-paced and required precision, attention to detail, and craftsmanship.

"Rachel Nuhn and Aja Baskerville hanging out before 1st hour."

"Rachel Clark and Sylvia Amlie studying language arts in the library."

"Jon Wood and Austin Fuller collaborating on a video production in Mr. Wilson's class."

"Freshmen Kyle Wiebers and Hannah Dietz constructing a napkin holder in Mr. Wilson's class. Many of the students' assigned projects were self-paced and required precision, attention to detail, and craftsmanship."
Freshman Life

Here We Go...

Freshman year has been a year to remember. Although we were underclassmen, there were many exciting things that happened such as state basketball and, of course, missing school because of it. We also had many new electives such as Architecture, Video Production, Yearbook, Photography, Business in Action, and Craft media. These classes were fun and also gave us a good chance to meet the upperclassmen. We also had to stay on top of our main classes like Spanish I, Integrated Math I, U.S. History, Earth Science, and Language Arts I.

Although the freshmen class is small, we have many unique people in it. They have very creative minds and everyone is always involved in an extracurricular activity. Extracurricular activities are another highlight because we have more opportunities. We could join the Cyber Defense Team, Speech, the Fall and Spring plays, and many other sports. Class of 2014 I salute you, and let's make the next three years something to remember.

~ Spenser Printy

Any Advice for Freshman Year?
"Enjoy yourself, kid."
- Alex Prophet

"Get on the teacher's good side."
- Sylvia Amile

"Don't not try to do well."
- Srinu Dhanwada.

"Play Sports! It's a great way to connect with older students."
- Emily Trautmann

"Be yourself! Don't change yourself just because you want to impress upperclassmen. Also, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!"
- Rachel Nuhn

"Be ready to say Good Morning in Mr. Schonhoff's class!"
- Colton Dayton
Teachers/Staff

Allison Barness
Alison Beharka
Kimberly Bigler
Sara Blanco
Shelly Bromwich
Doug Case
Kathryn Conry
Karen Couch
Julie Creeden
Frank Darrah
Katie Decker
Sheryl Dekutoski
Lynn Dykstra
Paul Elser
Judy Evans
Joe Frenna
Mary Grey
Amy Griswold
Mary Guenther
Becky Hawbaker
Diane Highnam
Sheri Hoffman
Ashley Jorgensen
Samuel Kreassig
Rachel Lawson
Amy Lockhart
Jim Maltas
Shelley McCumber
Kim Miller
Suzanne Neuroth
Curtis Nielsen
Timothy Purdum
Aaron Schonhoff
Raechel Sittig-Esser
Joe Smeins
Aaron Sparr
Mary Stichter
Jody Stone
Clare Struck
Denise TaJlakson
Michael Troyer
Laura Walter
Lee Weber
Lou Weber
Josh Wilkinson
Nikki Wilkinson
Elizabeth Zwanziger

Not Pictured: Megan Balong, Jacque Bilyeu-Holmes, Shirley Bruce, Kelly Brumm, Jennifer Christiaison, Mary Doyle, Terry Ketter, Rick Knivsland, Cathy Pearson, Renell Richter, Annette Swann, Cara Ulrich, Michael Wilson

"The mediocre teacher TELLS,
The good teacher EXPLAINS,
The superior teacher DEMONSTRATES,
The great teacher INSPIRES.
~ William Arthur Ward"
Fall/Winter Activities

Left: Cedar Falls football players getting ready to take a snap to start the game. The NU High players joined the Cedar Falls team for the 2010 football season, the first time ever in NU High football history.

Right: Seniors Maddie Backstrom and Alex Pircer blocking a spike.

Left: NU High's Cross Country team after winning the 2010 1A Cross Country Championship.

Right: Freshmen Emily Trautmann and Rachel Nuhn during an NU basketball game.

Left: Sylvia Amlie and Maddie Backstrom waiting for the next serve.

Right: Senior Trai O'Connell holding the State Trophy after his excellent finish at the Iowa State cross country meet.

Senior Kyle Denning staying focused while driving for the basket during the state basketball tournament.

Cassie Euchner, Kyle Basom, Kieran Cowden and Linne Hoofnagle performing in the NU High Fall Play, Twelfth Night.
"Very dedicated, fast and very talented," said Co-Head Coach, Pat Mitchell about the NU players. The rest of the Tiger's fan base agreed as well. The boys of NU High showed off their team spirit on and off the field. When the final decision was made at the Cedar Falls School Board, regarding the combining of football teams for the 2010 season between Northern University High School and Cedar Falls High School, both teams were ready to win. The agreement turned out to be the right one; the stats were convincing, with two new additions to the Cedar Falls offense. Kyle Denning, and Andrew Stone, the dynamic duo, were unstoppable on the field. Kyle Denning, a quarterback, threw for 475 yards and 6 touchdowns, with a rating of 238.5 for the season. Andrew Stone, wide receiver, had 11 touchdowns and a total of 21 receptions, and ran 458 yards for his senior season of football. Stone also made All-State and All-Conference, being one of two players that has received that title while attending a different school. When asked about the transition, Coach Mitchell stated, "The NU players have been terrific to have on the team. They are all hard-working, motivated, talented, team players, and have been a huge and important addition. They have blended into the team with ease." Down on the field with the players, it was evident that they had no problem joking around, and giving their input and constructive criticism towards each other. And the defense surely contributed, with Alex Quinones as a linebacker, who had 50 solo tackles, and 44 assisted tackles in his 2010 season as a Tiger. He was also the second player to have made it into the All-State, All Conference title while attending a different school. "They have brought speed, talent, and a great desire to win," said Coach Mitchell, about how the dynamics of the team has changed over the season. "It began in the weight room as soon as the official announcement was made...the NU boys never missed a workout, worked very hard, and blended right in with the group. I feel they were accepted immediately and still are accepted. We do not even think about it. They are part of the team."
A Fresh Start

In late August, the NU High volleyball team stepped into the Nielsen Field House for the first practice of the year. "Going into the year we had no idea how things would turn out, but we were excited for a brand new year," said senior Morgan Granger.

This year, NU had excellent new coaches; head coach Adam Timmins and assistant coach Tiffany Everding, and a group of freshmen that made it hard to compare this team to any teams from previous years. "It was so weird to step into the gym and see all of these fresh new faces," said senior Maddie Backstrom.

The NU girls did not only have fresh new faces but also had some new wins. This year, NU won the North Tama tournament which is the first tournament they have won in years. The team also won 14 games which is almost more than the last few years put together. And to end the season, NU made it to the third round of districts and almost had a look at state. "This volleyball team has overcome a lot of barriers and given the future of NU volleyball a fresh new look," said Coach Timmins.
Terry Nielsen is the type of runner that any coach would want on their team. He has worked very hard over the years to become the runner he is today. Not many high school athletes have put in as much time and effort as he has. Terry has gone about his running career the right way. He does the little things to keep improving himself each day and he has been a great leader to the NU High Cross Country and Track programs - Coach Will Reingardt

Will Reingardt is in his 3rd year as the Head Coach of the Boys and Girls Cross Country team at Northern University High School. He led the team and motivated them with the words “Each Day in Every Way, Getting Better and Better,” as his coaching motto. Mr. Reingardt brought a lot of energy, excitement, knowledge of running and how to do things the right way to the team. His goals and expectations for the students this season were for everyone to keep improving each and every day, to work hard and have fun. He expected the runners to be reliable, healthy, and able to survive the season. They set a goal at the beginning of the season to win the NICL Conference, District, and State Meets. They wanted to do it together for each other. They ended the season winning the NICL Conference Meet and becoming State Champs. The team’s willingness to work hard and do the extra little things paid off in a big way. The group put it together in the last half of the season and took their running to the next level. They became great leaders for the school.

~ Amanda Smith
Conference Champions
District Champions
Qualified for State
State Champions
- 3rd State Cross Country
Title in School History

Team Members
Jesse Bankston
John Bossert
Philip Chung
Rowen Conry
Brandon Culmore
Riley Garcia
Tristan Holt
Tad Klenske
Terry Nielsen
Jamal Mermella
Trai O'Connell
Head Coach: Will Reingardt

Individual Awards
1st Team All Conference:
Terry Nielsen-4th Place
Trai O'Connell-7th Place

2nd Team All Conference:
Brandon Culmore-10th Place

Honorable Mention:
Tad Klenske-15th Place
Riley Garcia-16th Place

All District:
Terry Nielsen-First Place
Trai O'Connell-4th Place
Brandon Culmore-10th Place
Another Step in the Right Direction...

Overall, the girls basketball program took another step in the right direction. We finished with a record of 9-14 in the 2010-2011 campaign, 5-9 in conference play. In 2009-2010 we were 9-14 as well. This is the best back-to-back seasons since the 1995-1996 and 1996-1997 seasons. The five seniors Maddie Backstrom, Brittney Culmore, Morgan Granger, Alex Pircer, and Taryn Moyer did a great job of leading the team and taking our program to the next level. The coaching staff and girls are looking forward to building upon the last two years and seeing the program continue to improve. The coaching staff and the girls are excited for next season to see how much success we can have.

-Coach Smeins

Accomplishments: 9-14 - Fifth most wins in the last 21 years.
Morgan Granger
- 2nd Team All Conference
- 1st Team All Metro
- All Region Selection
- Broke the career scoring record, single season scoring record, career assists record and career steals record.
Alex Pircer
- Honorable Mention All Conference
- Honorable Mention All Metro
- Broke the career block shot record
Maddie Backstrom
- Honorable Mention All Metro
- Broke career rebounds record

Go Panthers! NU High Panther Head Coach Paul Elser getting players fired up during a timeout at the basketball game against Denver. The Panthers ended their regular season with 24 wins and 3 losses.

Kyle Denning #12
Point Guard

Andrew Stone #4
Shooting Guard

Alex Quinones #22
Small Forward

Eric Hines #14
Power Forward

Joe Weber #00
Center

Eric Hines - Second Team All Conference
- Honorable Mention All Metro

Andrew Stone - Honorable Mention All Metro

Joe Weber - Honorable Mention All Conference

Kyle Denning - First Team All Conference
- MVP of NICL East
- First Team All State
- All Tournament Team
- Class 1A All-State Team
- 2nd Team All-State - Des Moines Register
- First Team All-State - INA
- Class 1A Player of the Year - Iowa Sports Connection
- IBCA All-Star Game Selection
- Broke 1000 point barrier mark for career
- Broke 4 school records

Seth Trautmann #10
Point Guard

Tommy Amlie #20
Shooting Guard

Charlie Nuhn #34
Small Forward

Darrell Coleman #30
Power Forward

Andrew Leonard #40
Center
State Basketball
4 Years and Running

This was another exciting season of basketball for the NU Panthers. This team built a reputation on winning the fourth quarter and finding a way to come back, no matter how much they were down. They were able to put themselves back into the State Basketball Tournament for the fourth year in a row; unfortunately we were unable to get back to the championship game and settled for a fourth place finish. I would like to thank the seniors for all their hard work the past four years; they will be missed and remembered for all their great contributions to this team and past teams at NU. I wish them all the best in whatever they pursue; I know they will be successful.

Coach Elser

Panther's Line-up

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Cheerleading

Athletes lift weights,
Cheerleaders lift athletes

The year started out with a great group of enthusiastic girls; some veterans, and some new to the group. But they all had the same purpose; being leaders in school spirit. The season started out on a quick foot, not leaving much time for practices or meetings at the beginning of the season, and, let's not even talk about the confusion with the shortage of uniforms! But the girls pushed through those first couple of busy weeks, staying loud, proud, and united. They spent much of their time teaching the cheers to the “newbies,” working together in squads, and traveling with the basketball teams. As the season started slowing down, a veteran cheerleading coach volunteered her time, and the girls were able to really enhance their stunting skills. They accomplished many stunts that seemed impossible at the beginning of the year, and were very versatile in their stunting positions. They got "bumps" on their biceps, and worked together seamlessly. To top it off, they were able to accompany the Boys Basketball team to State, cheer on their fellow classmates, and show off their skills all at the same time! What a great year! Go NU Panthers! - Coach Decker

Front Row (l-r): Caroline Sell, Margaret Creeden. Middle Row: Danielle Snowden, Christine McKenna, Kiley Baker, Anna Smith, Amber Fuller, Coach Katie Decker. Back Row: Ana Tallakson, Alex Thompson, Elizabeth Hansen.
This year joined with our home first time of people basketball better than something new for us at NU. Since we decided to have $10 for the CF for football this year, we decided to have $10 for the football season. We had our homecoming during basketball season but the experience ended up being better than anyone could have expected.

HOMECOMING 52
Homecoming Court

King
Wendell Tsai
Kendall McDonald
Nathan Nielsen
Devon Shave
Doug CuRRan
Maddie BackStRom
Morgan GRanger

Queen
Rachel Hansen
Joe Weber
Andrew Stone

The Big Game

Girls
NU 32 Jesup 28

Boys
NU 58 Jesup 40
In October, the NU High students in grades 9-12 participated in the 2nd Annual Panther Olympics, which was held in the Nielsen Field House.

The grade level teams competed for the right to win the Denny Kettner Traveling Trophy, which was awarded to the seniors after the final event. Competitive events included flag football, cross country, volleyball and cheerleading/dance.

"It was a great opportunity for everyone, not only the students who participate in sports, to have the opportunity to perform in front of a crowd," said Junior Darrell Coleman. Many NU high parents, faculty and other fans attended and, in the end, the trophy went to the highly favored seniors.

Right: Riley Garcia plotting strategies in his attempt to win the Panther Olympics. "We got to play the freshmen and it was great because we were able to show our ability and that we weren’t freshmen anymore."

Left: Junior, Adam Milambiling, is enthusiastic after winning the flag football competition. "At first I was extremely nervous, but performing in front of a crowd made me perform with more intensity and confidence."

Right: NU High juniors put on a spectacular performance in the Cheerleading/Dance competition. "It was a great performance. I felt like everyone fed off the crowd. Also, that made everyone want to think outside the box, not just the juniors."

- Junior Jesse Bankston.
National Honor Societies: Premier organizations established to recognize outstanding high school and middle level students. - National Association of Secondary School Principals

NU High National Honor Society Inductees: (L-R) Guidance Counselor Mrs. Lawson, Morgan Granger, Ana Tallakson, Maddie Backstrom, Brianna Gute, Charlie Nuhn, Megan Grey, Raquel Williams, Caroline Sell, Christine McKenna, Brittney Culmore and Secondary Principal Josh Henriksen.

National Honor Society: Four Ideals held in High Esteem

Membership in the Alpha Chapter of the National Honor Society is earned through demonstration of the four ideals held in high esteem by the society: Character, Leadership, Service and Scholarship.

Guest Speaker
Dr. Dwight C. Watson, Dean, College of Education, University of Northern Iowa

"Be intentional about what you do today because it will affect tomorrow."
Twelfth Night

A hilarious comedy that goes miles beyond the confusion of a simple love triangle! An expertly blended concoction of wit, adventure, romance and practical jokes creates the perfect night of entertainment!

Traditionally seated “in the round,” the audience was seated in risers on the state, and got to be just inches away from the action!
New Choir Director
Mr. Timothy Purdum

The 2010-11 school year proved to be a very interesting and successful year for the high school choir and honors choir with the addition of Timothy Purdum as the new K-12 choir director.

Mr. Purdum has an exceptional teaching background with a master's degree in music composition. He has had over ten years of experience teaching in public schools and has also directed numerous church choirs.

When asked how the atmosphere at PLS/NU compared to teaching in public schools, he said “I have definitely been struck by the difference in attitude and atmosphere at PLS/NU compared to my public school experiences. I find students at the same time more knowledgeable/skilled and more outspoken.” And he added, “Most of the time that's a good thing!”

Mr. Purdum says he likes all types of music but his favorite is music he can participate in making. “The best music of any style (pop, classical, art, choral, instrumental, improvised, folk) is music that gets people actively engaged,” he said. “That's why I am a music teacher, to inspire students to want to be music makers, not just music consumers.”

- By Dipankar Chowdhury

Outstanding Senior Choral Award
Joni Griffith

Vocal Solo/Small Ensemble Contest 2011, Division I Rating
- Joni Griffith, Rachel Hanson, duet • Best of Center
- Rachel Hanson, solo
- Megan Grey, Joni Griffith, Rachel Hanson, Alex Pircer, quartet
- Megan Grey, solo
- Joni Griffith, solo
- Chamber Choir
- Christine McKenna, Caroline Sell, duet
- Atif Zaman, Linne Hoofnagle, duet

All-State 2011
Joni Griffith & Rachel Hanson

Large Group Contest 2011, Division I Rating

We string it up in orchestra!

The Few, The Brave, The Orchestra

Orchestra was non-stop during the 2010-2011 school year. Our strings, under the direction of Mary Grey, played for several different events on campus, most significantly the Federal Naturalization Ceremony.

Orchestra members also earned individual awards: Jyothi & Raquel made it to All-State Orchestra; The Vivaldi Violin Quartet, (Jyothi, Raquel, Joni, Caroline, Anna, Hanna, & Megan) and solo players Jyothi, Joni, Raquel, & Megan all received Division I ratings in the State Solo & Ensemble Contest; additionally Raquel won “Best of Center” for her solo. The entire orchestra also received a Division One rating in the State Large Group Music Festival.

The range of music played was extensive from a Vivaldi Concerto Grosso to a Mozart Opera duet (remember the fire drill during rehearsal?) with our song birds Megan Grey & Joni Griffith. The orchestra’s final concert featured Salad & Horas, a piece in the Bulgarian folk/Klezmer style written specifically for the orchestra by local musician and composer Todd Munnik. This piece included soloists Todd Munnik-accordion, Srinu Dhanwada-piano, and Jyothi Dhanwada & Raquel Williams on violins, Megan Grey- cello, and Alyssa Kilbourn- bass.

As Mrs. Grey always says, “Orchestra, it’s not a place for wimps.”

Adapting to the Sound of NU High

With a new 6'7", 5-12th grade Band/Jazz Band teacher, the possibilities were endless for the outcome of the 2010-11 PLS/NU program. Mr. Kreassig brought a lot more than height to the music program. He also brought experience and accomplishments from his past job where he received Division I ratings, and won contests in both marching and jazz band, and appeared at the Iowa Jazz Championships.

Mr. Kreassig came to NU with high expectations for his students. He expected them to be able to read rhythms, musical notation, and how to play as a balanced ensemble, and a varied selection of music. "So far the students' progress has been impressive, with a successful band concert earlier in the year, and plans to continue their hard work," Mr. Kreassig said. "I had made music very memorable for me when I was in school and I hope I can pass that love of music to my students." ~ Dorian Hundley

Concert Band

All State Recognition - Sarah Prophet. Division 1 at Large Group Contest
Jazz Band


1st Place at NEIBA District Jazz Contest, Class 1A
8th Place at Iowa Jazz Championships, Class 1A
Cedar Valley
GPS Biking
Service Starts at Home
Wacky machines
Gardenology
Furry Friends
Independent
Day
Quant time hace
Fall semester comes to a close.
Spring and summer activities begin...

Left: Nik McCallum and Rowen Conry performing in the spring play, "You Can't Take it with You."

Right: Eric Hines waiting for his pitch at the game against Denver.

Left: Corbin Dayton going after the ball.

Right: Kory Miller rallying during a tennis meet.

Left: NU High Golf Team photo.

Andrew Stone during the 100 meter dash at the Drake relays.

Center Right: Heather Oelmann keeping her eye on the ball at a soccer game.

Right: Sylvia Amlie running in the 200 meter dash.

Left: Jyothi Dhanwada shaking hands with her opponent at a tennis meet.

Center: Molly Andersen returning a ball.

Right: Maddie Backstrom and Kendall McDonald posing in between events at a track meet.

Left: Jyothi Dhanwada shaking hands with her opponent at a tennis meet.

Center: Jyothi Dhanwada shaking hands with her opponent at a tennis meet.

Right: Jordan Thomas, Joni Griffith and Jyothi Dhanwada performing at speech contest.

Terry Nielsen
3200m and 1600m All Conference
3200m and 1600m All District
3200m 8th State
1600m 6th State

Tommy Amlie
400m and 400 Hurdles
All Conference

Trai O’Connell
3200m All Conference
3200m 18th State

Brandon Culmore
1600m All Conference

Andrew Stone
100m and 200m
All District
100m 7th State
200m 10th State

Riley Garcia, Sophomore
“It was a great experience running with new and old friends.”
NU Students Qualify for the Drake Relays

The following students qualified for the 2011 Drake Relays: Terry Nielsen, Morgan Granger, Kendall McDonald, Anna Backstrom, Sylvia Amlie, and Allison Moyer. Terry Nielsen qualified in the 1600 Meter Run as which only 21 runners all classes combined can make it. Morgan Granger, Kendall McDonald, Ana Tallakson, Sylvia Amlie, and Allison Moyer qualified in the 4x1 which 84 schools make it all classes combined. The 4x1 ran at 5:30 pm on Friday, April 29, and Terry ran on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 2:10 pm.

Girls Track Season

The girls had a very successful season considering the size of our team and how young we were. Our team consisted of three seniors and five freshmen. The girls worked very hard in practice which resulted in them qualifying for the Drake Relays, winning three gold and one silver medal at the district finals and sending those same four events to the state meet in Des Moines. I am very proud of their accomplishments during the season and I look forward to working with the underclassmen in the future.

- Coach Granger
Team Goals, Expectations, Accomplishments
Teaching what it means to relentlessly pursue excellence
Motivating the team to believe in themselves
Laying a foundation for how to play the game
Teaching the team to be disciplined in their approach to the game and in life
Developing character through hard work, accountability and success

This year the NU boys' soccer team did an outstanding job during the season. All of the players stepped up and truly showed passion and dedication to play soccer. We learned a lot from each other during the season, and we hope to take this learning and apply it to next year.

As far as team accomplishments, we have won games and learned what it takes to perform well on the field. As a team, we learned how to respect, motivate and work hard in order to produce good results.

~ Head Coach Aldin Muhamedagic

NU Boys Soccer Team

2011 All-Metro:
Palden Choekyong, Jr.
Honorable Mention:
Trai O'Connell, Tad Klenske, Wyatt Eden, Ben Koons

On the Season...

We had a lot of fun this spring; the girls worked and played hard together and made strong friendships that will last much longer than our season! We have graduated a strong group of seniors who will all be missed! Our team will continue to develop leaders and I look forward to seeing this team excel in the near future!

GO PANTHERS!!!

~ Head Coach Craig Winger

NU Girls Soccer Team

The 2010-2011 season was a bounce back year for the NU high boys tennis team. We finished the year with an overall meet record of 6-2 after going 2-8 in the 2010 season. The team also showed great improvement at the conference with a third place finish where we had placed 6th the previous year. And, due to a strong showing at the district meet, we qualified for team preliminary substate for the first time since 2006.

The team was led by senior DC Chowdhury. In singles, DC went undefeated in dual meet competition, placed 1st at the #1 singles position at the conference meet, and took 4th in singles play at districts. He finished his senior year with a combined singles and doubles record of 19-4. Our other two seniors finished their school careers in fine fashion. At the conference meet, Tad Klenske took 3rd place at #3 singles, and Tad and Doug Curran placed 3rd in doubles.

The outstanding contributions of four underclassmen elevated the performance of the 2011 squad: Sophomore Kory Miller and Drew Shepard and freshmen Kyle Wiebers and Srinu Dhanwada. Kory and Kyle both had 15 wins in their singles and doubles and Kory took home 2nd place honors in #2 singles at the conference meet. Srinu finished with an 8-6 overall record and, together with Kyle, placed 3rd at #3 doubles. Drew had a 5-3 record in dual meets and was the most improved player. With these four guys at the core of the NU boys team, the future certainly looks bright.

- Coach Brett Froyen
The NU High Girls' Tennis Team finished the 2011 year with an overall record of 5-5 and a 5-4 NICL conference mark. The girls finished 4th in conference and made it to the second round of team regionals. NU defeated Union 5-4 in the first round of team regionals before falling to Western Dubuque in the second.

Top performers this year in singles included a pair of seniors. Ana Tallakson (#2 singles) and Savannah Campbell (#3 singles) finished the year with a dual meet record of 7-3 while finishing 3rd and 2nd, respectively, at the NICL conference meet. The top two doubles teams of Christine McKenna & Ana Tallakson (#1 doubles) and Jyothi Dhanwada & Savannah Campbell (#2 doubles) both placed 4th at the conference meet.

Nine girls earned varsity letters while seven collected NICL all-academic honors including Christine McKenna, Ana Tallakson, Jyothi Dhanwada, Brittney Culmore, Devon Shaver, Jordan Thomas, and Molly Andersen.

- Coach Wilkinson
2011 Golf Team Statistics
(All scores par adjusted)

**Duals/Triangulars/Quadrangulars:**
One win, four seconds, one third, one fourth

**Tournaments:**
Grundy Center: 197...7th/9 teams
Apl-Parkersburg: 186...8th/9 teams
BCLUW: 174...2nd/10 teams
Conference: 373...7th/8 teams
Sectional: 380...8th/8 teams
NICL All Conference: Joe Weber, Seth Trautmann
NICL All Academic: Joe Weber, Seth Trautmann
All State (IAHSGCA): Joe Weber, First Team, IHSGCA
All State Tournament: Joe Weber, First Team, IHSGCA

**NU High Golf:**
Rebuilding in 2011

The NU High Golf Team had a rebuilding year in 2011. Six of the nine team members were new to High School Golf. Three had never played the game of golf before. Nevertheless they all made significant improvement throughout the season, and became competitive in late season tournaments, finishing second in the BCLUW tournament and shooting excellent team scores in the NICL Conference Tournament and the 1-A Sectional.

Junior Seth Trautmann led the newcomers with two medals at major tournaments, and All-Conference selection. Other letter winners throughout the season include senior Andrew Leonard, junior Jesse Bankston, and freshmen Nick Crow, Srinu Dhanwada, and Spenser Printy. JV letters were awarded to sophomore Evan Rector and freshman Colt Dayton.

Senior Joe Weber, though, created the major highlights of the season. His remarkable year included medalist performances in three of four regular season tournaments, plus winning the medalist crown in the NICL Conference meet and the Sectional Meet. In the District meet, Joe finished third to advance to the state tournament for
the 4th straight year. At state, Joe had a terrific conclusion to his high school career. He recorded a two day-total of 151, second best ever in school history. He finished as the medalist runner-up, and recorded a hole-in-one during tournament play.

At the conclusion of his high school career, Joe had his name all over the NU High Record Books. He now ranks first or second in nearly every career record, including stroke average, most medalist performances, most medalist/runner-up performances, and most top ten performances. He is the only golfer to ever qualify individually for the state tournament three times. Joe was a three-time All-State selection by the Iowa Golf Coaches Association.

The golf season marked one other milestone for NU Golf. Lee Weber retired from coaching at the end of the year, after serving NU High as Golf Coach for 20 years. During that time, NU became a power in Northeast Iowa, winning three NICL Conference Titles, 8 Sectional Tournament Titles, and one State Championship in 2008. Seven of Coach Weber’s teams advanced to the State Tournament, a feat that had only been accomplished two times before in history. In addition, NUHS golfers were named all state 9 times, including an individual state champion and two state runners-up. Most importantly, NUHS golfers gained a reputation for knowing the rules and being able to apply them fairly in golf matches, as well as acting like gentlemen on the course at all times.

Golf Coach
Lee Weber

NU Golf Team players performing on the course: Above Left: Andrew Leonard, Right: Evan Rector. Lower Left: Jesse Bankston, Right: Nick Crow. Coach Weber said that members of the golf team made significant improvement throughout the season and became competitive in late season tournaments, finishing second in the BCLUW tournament and shooting excellent team scores in the NICL Conference Tournament and the 1-A Sectional.
All French classes at NUHS are taught with an immersion philosophy. Students are exposed to language for the entire class period, daily throughout their four-year study of French. Listening, speaking, reading, and writing are the skill sets we focus on in class. The culminating experience after four years of studying the language is the opportunity to travel to France as a class. - Dr. Elizabeth Zwanziger

French Awards

The following French students placed in the top 10 in Iowa on the 2011 French Exam: Alex Prinsen, Sarah Dietz, Devon Shaver, Caroline Sell, and Srinu Dhanwada. Alex Prinsen also placed nationally: 8th Place in French IV in the United States.

Below: Lauren and Caroline enjoying French food and drinks.

The national flag of France, known as the Tricolor, includes three vertical bands: royal blue, white, and red.
Left: Coach Denning and the NU High Baseball Team line up for introductions before the game against Denver.

Below: Kyle Denning delivers a pitch.

Baseball Awards/Highlights:
- 22-9 Overall Record
- 10-4 Conference Record
- 4th consecutive year of at least twenty wins
- Brent Denning wins 100th career game

Kyle Denning:
- First Team All Conference
- Conference MVP
- First Team All Metro
- First Team All District
- First Team All State
- Currently holds 8 school records

Andrew Stone:
- First Team All Conference
- First Team All Metro
- First Team All District
- First Team All State
- Currently holds 3 school records

Alex Quinones
- First Team All Conference
- First Team All Metro
- First Team All District
- 2nd Team All State

Eric Hines
- Second Team All Conference

Terry Nielsen:
- Second Team All Conference
- Second Team All District

Tommy Amlie
- Second Team All Conference
- Second Team All Metro
- Second Team All District

Love is in the air for Alice Sycamore (Sarah Dietz) and her uptight boss’s son Tony Kirby (Atif Zaman). She’s invited them over for dinner to impress Tony’s parents, Anthony Kirby (Alec Calhoun) and his wife Miriam Kirby (Cassie Euchner). No problem right? It’s just dinner.

Wrong. If you lived in a family like Alice’s you’d be worried too. With her father Paul Sycamore (Kieran Cowden) and his friend Mr. De Pinna (Srinu Dhanwada) down in the basement making fireworks, there’s never a quiet moment in the house. Her mother Penny Sycamore (Raquel Williams) writes all kinds of plays, but she never finishes them. Her sister Essie Carmichael (Joni Griffith) has been studying ballet for eight years, and her husband Ed Carmichael (Rowen Conry) plays xylophone along with his hobby of printing. Storming in and out of the house on a regular basis is Essie’s loud, Russian dance teacher Ludmilla Kholenkho (Jyothi Dhanwada), and then there’s the maid, Rheba (Maddie Backstrom), who has her own little romance with family friend and freeloader, Donald (Kale Clay) who’s on relief. To top it all off is Grandpa, also known as Martin Vanderhoff (Kyle Basom), the most laid back relaxed person you’ll ever meet who runs the household. Throw in an overzealous tax collector Wilhelmina C. Henderson (Alyssa Kilbourn), the grand duchess Olga Katrina (Rachel Hanson), who now works at a restaurant to pay the bills, and a whole squad of trigger happy government agents and the result is the chaotic harmony that can only come from comedy.

Directing this play was definitely a new experience for me. It had its ups and its downs, but in the end it all turned out well. I know it wouldn’t have been possible to do this show without the great cast and crew that I had. The rule, “Everything that can go wrong, will go wrong,” was perfectly demonstrated with this play. Four nights before the show, Grandpa got very sick and I had to take his role and act in the show. On top of that, the night of the show’s debut, Essie was too sick to perform, so Rachel stepped up to the plate and took charge of Essie’s role, while Shirley took the place of Rachel as Olga. Backstage was as chaotic as the action within the play, but we still pulled it off and the audience loved it. That is fantastic, and it couldn’t have been done without the people on this cast and crew pulling together. I’m going to miss all of this and everyone a lot, but we went out like Paul’s fireworks... with a bang! -Tad Klenske

You Can't Take It With You
Northern University High School's Spring Play

THE BACHELOR

Play Posters
Designed by Joni Griffith
to promote the spring play.

THE PARTNER-IN-CRIME

Look, sir. Scampore, I'm afraid the ballon is just a bit too close to the powder-magazine.

Mr. DeBono -

Eight years ago, Mr. DeBono was nothing more than a simple worker who happened to stumble into the Scampore house for a delivery. Little did he know, the quirky chemist of the Scampore family would one day be just as well known.

THE BASEMENT DYNO

"It will cost you one ruble and a fraction, new blue stars, and two cents, and there's a balloon!"

Paul Scampore -

Local explosives coming from the cellar are everything you can imagine in the new blue stars, and there's a balloon! The family's new star Paul score last month, and now they have a real balloon! Paul takes up playing with children's balls and jumping with his partner-in-crime, Mr. DeBono.

THE BALLERINA

"I was a ribbon of a flower under remember Alice?"

G. C. C. Corchill -

The oldest of the Scampore children, and what he can do with a ribbon and a flower, the world can see. Alice will be just as well known as her flower and her ribbon.

THE DEFORMER

"When I see a broken person, it's time to say goodbye!"

Guy Wellington -

In a world where no one is perfect, Guy sees the Scampore family, where everyone is different. His theme song, after finding a broken person, is that everyone is beautiful.

THE表演

"Not only achieved through people's understanding, but also through people's understanding of what is beautiful and beyond.

Mr. Wellington & The Grand Duchess

The height of the Scampore Revolution takes place when the backroom woman turns her house into a bomb and the bomb is a beauty bomb. The Grand Duchess has become a symbol in the Schön Garden of Irene Supreme. With such a result and represented themselves, there will never be a dull moment.

Watch out, I'm a queen!

THE PLAYWRITER

"What is that waiting for a woman, a man, a man?

Harry Scampore -

With Paul's new ruble and a fraction, the world is waiting for a woman, a man, a man. The world can see his new star, and there's a balloon! Paul takes up playing with children's balls and jumping with his partner-in-crime, Mr. DeBono.

Pictured Left: G-Men: Dzeneta Jusufovic, Shirley Speckerman, Kaitlyn Eastman, Linne Hoofnagle, Christine McKenna, Charlie Nuhn, Nick McCallum, Andrew Stone

Spring Play 71
Congratulations to everyone with * next to their name for going to State, and a special congratulation to those with a + next to their name for going to All State!
NU Cyber Defense Team members Kieran Cowden, Sarah Dietz, Doug Curran and Wendell Tsai reviewing the video they produced on E-waste, while Cassie Euchner takes a look. One of the team’s goals was to help educate others about environmentally-friendly ways to recycle electronic waste.

Alyssa Kilbourn and Rowen Conry reviewing e-waste data for their video during a Cyber Defense Team meeting.

NU takes 1st & 2nd place at the annual Cyber Defense Competition held at Iowa State University

Two teams of NU High students competed in Saturday’s Cyber Defense Competition at Iowa State University. Both teams successfully defended their systems against attack and faced several anomalies to take 1st and 2nd place competing against 25 other teams from across the state. The NU teams were coached by Paul Gray from the UNI Computer Science Department.

Team "406 Unacceptable" took 1st place and included Brandon Brown, Cody Brown, Alec Calhoun, Doug Curran, and Wendell Tsai.
Team "F:/discworld" took 2nd place and included Rowen Conry, Kieran Cowden, Hannah Dietz, Sarah Dietz, and Alyssa Kilbourn.
Grassroots Café

Our mission is to provide our children with nutritious, good tasting meals with mostly fresh, non-processed ingredients prepared right here at the school! We feature fruits & vegetables, and fiber, while serving less sugar and fat to help fight obesity. The Grassroots Café helps promote and educate about general wellness in our community.

Year two in the Grassroots Café, we welcomed our new school chef, Cara Ullrich. We continued to provide local foods such as milk from Hansen’s Farm Fresh Dairy, ground Angus beef from C-V Farms, eggs from Daley’s Shamrock Acres and chicken from Green’s Organics and baked goods from Johnson’s Bakery. We also served a choice of fresh fruits and veggies each day!

Grassroots Café hosted three field trips to four local farms, participated in classes, organized speakers, led student field experience, spoke at local events and hosted Kids in the Kitchen, a program that is part of Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move!” initiative to name a few! We also were featured in several media outlets as a leader in our local community for promoting healthy school meals.

Left: Grassroots lunch menu posted everyday in the lunchroom.

Above: Grassroots staff members, Kendra, Emily, Cara, displaying locally grown watermelons.

Left: Caitlin and Mrs. Brumm scan student lunch accounts in the Grassroots Cafe.

Above: Caite Grieshop from Heifer International explains how the program helps families develop sustainable agriculture to better themselves and their communities. Below: Jacque sitting with the kids at breakfast.

Below: Philip Chung won a statewide recipe contest.
Above: The Madrigal Dinner, directed by Mr. Purdum, was presented in the Grassroots Cafe and featured food prepared by Chef Cara.

6th Grade students working in the PLS kitchen as part of Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move!” initiative.

Students learn about where Grassroots Cafe’s apples come from at Applecart Orchard. While on the farm, students learned how apples are washed and stored, how cider is made, and got to taste a variety of delicious apples.

Students enjoy learning about sheep and goats with Amanda Kieser of Kieser’s Produce.

Students in prek-kindergarten at Hansen’s Dairy.

French Meal

We served a French meal for our first international meal featuring ratatouille, chicken, riz a lait, “baguettes”, and fruit. Dr. Zwanziger’s students prepared menus for the tables and explained the meal in French.

Left: Photos of PLS/NU students during their field trips to Hansen’s Dairy.

UNI Graduate Student Britney Tonning leading a discussion about composting in the garden.

Above: Shaylie Swinton at Applecart Orchard.

Above: Unit II visit Hansen’s Dairy as part of their farm studies.

Left: Students in prek-kindergarten at Hansen’s Dairy.
A Night to Remember

HOLLYWOOD

PROM

ADMIT ONE

King and Queen: Andrew and Joni

PROM COURT!

Joe Weber
Brittney Culmore
Kyle Denning
Joni Griffith
Andrew Stone
Maddie Backstrom
Alex Quinones
Morgan Granger
Traci O'Connell
Kendall McDonald
The Future

First and foremost, congratulations Class of 2011 – it has been such an honor being in presence of such a talented, intelligent and unique group of individuals for the past 10 years. While I’ve been waiting for this day for a while – let’s just say senioritis struck way earlier than expected. I can’t believe that today is the day we walk across the stage and become NU Alumni. The truth of the matter is that high school has been full of wonderful memories, some of which will be forever engrained in our minds. But today marks the beginning of a new chapter, a phase we’ve been preparing and waiting for during our years at NU. As we embark on our journeys into the world, I am confident that our futures will be very bright because of our diverse experiences and accomplishments thus far.

I feel I must conclude with at least one quote from good ol’ Dr. Seuss’ parting words in “Oh, the Places You’ll Go,” with minor revisions. “And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (100 percent guaranteed.) Kids, you’ll move mountains! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way! Congratulations Class of 2011 – We did it! - Jyothi Dhanwadel
The Present

Every day we influence each other, in positive and negative ways, but we learn from each thing. It amazes me how much my life has been changed by some of you. I never thought that I could have so much love or respect for a friend. But looking back on the years I have known you all, it is truly amazing and hard to put into words.

It is like ripples in a pond. Once someone throws a pebble in, the ripples keep going out and touching other things in the pond which send out their own ripples. So just like we can influence each other, our teachers are influential. And even like my friends have changed my life, my teachers have a really amazing part, too. It is incredible to hear their stories and how they were inspired or who they were inspired by which in turn inspires us.

~ Sarah Dietz

The Past

Throughout the years we’ve learned all the things a mother would hope for a school to teach, like head knowledge, life skills, and diligence. But just as important, we’ve learned things that can’t be taught through a curriculum. Things like how to relate with people, and how to actually grab life by the horns and shake it with all we’ve got.

We’ve watched teachers delight in the things they teach us. Seeing that excitement in their eye teaches us twice as much as any video about plant reproduction ever could. Their care for sharing with us is real and right there in our faces. Through this we’ve each learned how to be passionate about whatever we do, because we’ve seen it in action. Our passion is what will benefit the world, because nothing is gained from half-hearted piddling.

As we bring these lessons with us, each individual year of high school is filled with its own wonderful memories that get stuck in our heads, just like a really great song...

~ Joni Griffith and Rachel Hanson

Class Motto: Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined. ~ Henry David Thoreau
Inspiration begins with Motivation

"I like being able to incorporate our ideas into the designs and to create the pages so they capture the memories."
- Amanda

"You get to have fun and you are able to be creative when you're making your pages."
- Anna

"It's fun because you are able to capture all of the memories that happened throughout the year."
- Maranda

"I like being able to create all of the different pages."
- Brandon

"I like being able to take photos of my peers and being able to create fun designs."
- Darrell

"I like being able to create the pages in a way that I was satisfied, and also that the staff liked, too."
- Dorian
Selling advertisements and making a positive impression in the community is important for getting supportive businesses to sponsor the yearbook.

Learning graphic design skills and techniques helps establish the foundation for creating professional-looking page layouts for the yearbook.

Interviewing students and faculty, writing articles and captions, getting quotes and coming up with interesting titles and subtitles are all important for producing a great yearbook.

Using digital cameras and photo-editing software to capture and document academics, sports and activities is one of the responsibilities of the yearbook staff.
Elementary & Middle School
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Seventh Grade

Daniel Amelio
Izaih Barney
Basil Chatha
Sydney Coloff
Amanda Crockert
Jasper Downs
Genna Dayton
Olivia Fabes-Martim
Tra' Von Fagan

Mickey Fleshback
Hanna Flack
Nicholas Gasser
Leo Gibson
Sammy Glaspie
Jackyse Gray
Andrew Hager
Maddie Harris
Chase Klose

Alex Krieger
Issac Lawrence
Jack Mauer
Alessandra Maucceri

Antesa Maucceri
Sakura Miyata
Colbie O'Connor

Carson O'Keefe
Cayla Rasmussen
Brenda Reigha
Bianca Rycker

Sam Sheppard
J.T. Stanley
Lizzi Swanson
Jack Theob

Mason VanArsdale
Makayla Vaughn
Arianna Vernon
Alex Vooray

Not Pictured: Nick Nelson

Emily Weber
Cole Wetzel

ELMS 100
Eighth Grade
NU Middle & High School
Cross Country

Front Row:
Kennedy Dunker, Christine McKenna, and Genna Dayton.

Middle Row:
Jamal Mermella, Riley Garcia, Will Spurr, Nicholas Gasser, Brandon Culmore, and Jesse Bankston.

Back Row:

Volleyball

Front Row:
Madi Harris, Cece Hawbaker, Maddie Bell, Dagny Anderson, Brooke Clark, and Ariana Mauceri.

Middle Row:
Emily Weber, Justine York, Jasper Downs, Bianca Ryckert, and Cayla Rasmussen.

Back Row:
Coach Leandra Gute, Sydney Coloff, Amanda Crockett, Lizzie Swanson, Justine Henck, Makayla Vaughn, SeAira Mingo, Ariella Vernon, and Coach Wade Timmins.

Football

Front Row:
Tayvon Fagan, Nick Peterson, Michael Nelsen, Taylin Noelting, Danny Amlie, Isaac Lawrence, Heath Darst, Isaiah Barney, and Andy Mong.

Middle Row:
Andrew Hager, Alex Visokey, Sam Shepherd, Alex Kreiger, Jack Thode, Cole Wetzel, David Frederick, and Caleb O'Connor.

Back Row:
Boys Basketball

Front Row:
Isaiah Barney, Nick Peterson, Andy Mong, Michael Nelsen, Jack Mauer, and Jack Thode.

Middle Row:
Alex Visokey, Danny Amlie, Cole Wetzel, Mason VanArsdale, and Caleb O'Connor

Back Row:

Girls Basketball

Front Row:
Isabella Mauceri, Ariana Mauceri, Bianca Ryckert, and Olivia Fabos Martin.

Middle Row:
Dagny Anderson, Brooke Clark, Sydney Coloff, Natalie Peterson, and Jasper Downs.

Back Row:
Coach Abby Bermel, Cece Hawbaker, Amanda Crocket, SeAira Mingo, Maddie Bell, and Head Coach Ali Hines.

Girls and Boys Track

Front Row:
Mason VanArsdale, Cole Wetzel, Alex Krieger, Isaac Lawrence, Jack Mauer, Jack Thode, and Danny Amlie.

Middle Row:
Andrew Hager, Nicholas Gasser, David Frederick, William Spurr, Alex Visokey, Nick Hoofnagle, and Caleb O'Connor.

Back Row:
Middle School Senate

Middle School Senate Sponsor:
Dr. Beharka

Senate Members:
8th graders:
Brooke Clark, Cece Hawbaker, Justine Henck, Andy Mong, Nick Peterson, Justine York

7th Graders:
Danny Amlie, Andrew Hager, Ariana Mauceri, Jack Mauer, Caleb O'Connor, Jack Thode

6th Graders:
Gabi Carr and Aurion Redding

Projects:
Share and Care Carnival, collecting food for the foodbank, planning the Halloween and Valentine’s Day dances, fundraising, going to Adventureland!

Thanks to Dr. Beharka, Mrs. McCumber, Mr. Wilson, and all the parents who helped make these projects possible this year!

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Anti-bullying Efforts

The federal government takes steps to prevent bullying in schools and communities. To make information accessible, a steering committee develops BullyingInfo.org.

Soldiers Home From Iraq

This soldier, from the U.S. Army 4th Infantry, returns home to Colorado as a result of President Obama's directive to reduce our troops in Iraq.

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords

After a nearly fatal gunshot wound, Representative Gabrielle Giffords continues her difficult recovery.

Medal of Honor

Staff Sergeant Salvatore Giunta, a 26-year-old Army staff sergeant who served in Afghanistan, is the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor since 1976.

Alaska Senator Re-elected

Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski is re-elected as a write-in candidate.

The Oil Spill

A BP oil rig explosion triggers the biggest oil spill in U.S. history, releasing more than one hundred million gallons into the Gulf of Mexico.

Not long after North Korean leader Kim Jong Il fires at the South Korean island of Yeonpyeong, he names his youngest son as his successor.

WikiLeaks/Diplomats

The U.S. government is compromised when Julian Assange's WikiLeaks website publishes sensitive diplomatic cables discussing Pakistan, North Korea, Iran, and China.

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President Obama signs H.R. 3590, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The 2,400-page law is aimed at improving health care coverage and lowering costs.
Bedbugs

Bedbug infestations, once almost eradicated in the U.S., are a growing nuisance in hotels, stores, office buildings and homes in all 50 states.

Republicans regain control of the House of Representatives in the midterm elections. Representative John Boehner of Ohio becomes the 61st Speaker of the House.

Despite attempted Thanksgiving holiday protests, airports across the U.S. implement full body scanners to screen airline passengers for possible weapons and explosives.

General Motors
Emerging from bankruptcy, General Motors is profitable again. The company raises $20.1 billion in the largest global initial public offering (IPO) in U.S. history.

Egyptian President resigns
After protests in favor of democracy peaked in the streets of Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarek steps down.

Prince William Engaged
Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton announce their engagement in November 2010. They plan to marry in 2011.
A U.S. senator asks the government to investigate when reusable grocery bags sold by a Florida supermarket chain contain harmfully high levels of lead.

TOMS Shoes
TOMS Shoes, which donates one pair to a child in need for every pair sold, becomes a philanthropic fashion phenomenon.

A new element, discovered in 1996, finally receives its official name: Copernicum. It is named in honor of Copernicus, the Renaissance mathematician and astronomer.

Researchers discover a new life form, a bacterium that can use the toxic chemical arsenic as fuel for growing and rebuilding itself.

Nissan introduces the Leaf, an electric car. According to the official EPA sticker, the car achieves the equivalent of 99 miles per gallon.

The economic downturn continues to affect school districts across the nation, forcing many schools to close due to budget cuts.

A Nielsen survey reports that the Apple iPad is the most-wished-for holiday gift among pre-teens. Thirty-one percent of kids want one.

Researchers using fruit flies to study human obesity have found that obese flies have many of the same problems as obese people, including high cholesterol and difficulty regulating insulin.
NASA's EPOXI Mission shows amazing images of comet Hartley 2, 23 million miles away from Earth, in November 2010.

The NBA and WNBA promote Vaccines for Teens, an awareness campaign designed to educate teens and parents about the importance of vaccinations.

Actress and singer Selena Gomez, age 18, serves as the spokesperson for UNICEF's trick-or-treat campaign. She is the organization's youngest goodwill ambassador.

Wind Power
Wind turbines become more prevalent. The emergence of "wind farms" signals the beginning of what could be a wind energy boom.

Earth's Axis Shifts
An 8.8 magnitude earthquake in Chile shifts our planet's axis by about three inches and shortens the Earth day by 1.26 millionths of a second.

Disappointing Job Growth
Despite optimistic economic news, including better-than-expected holiday shopping numbers, job growth is still slow, according to the Department of Labor.

Fracking
The Environmental Protection Agency investigates how to manage and regulate fracking, a process used to release the natural gas trapped under dense rock.

Extinct Salmon Found Alive
The black kokanee, a species of freshwater salmon thought to be extinct for 70 years, is found living in a lake near Japan's Mount Fuji.

No more searching your car for quarters! Cities from coast to coast are installing solar-powered, WIFI-enabled parking meters that can accept credit cards.
Spain Claims the World Cup

Spain defeats The Netherlands to win 2010 FIFA World Cup Championship trophy. Midfielder Andrés Iniesta's goal makes the final score 1 to 0.

Surfer Andy Irons Dies

The surfing community mourns the death of Andy Irons, age 32. The champion surfer had contracted dengue fever, a virus spread by tropical mosquitoes.

Manny Pacquiao

Manny Pacquiao fights Antonio Margarito to earn the WBC World Super Welterweight title. Pacquiao is also a Congressman in the Philippines.

Lakers Win NBA Finals

Former Laker great Magic Johnson and Kobe Bryant celebrate the LA Lakers' NBA Finals Game 7 win against the Boston Celtics.

Zenyatta

In the Breeders' Cup Classic at Churchill Downs, thoroughbred champion racehorse Zenyatta ends her 19-race winning streak, losing by a head to Blame.

NFL Stresses Safety

The NFL announces that players can be suspended without pay for dangerous hits to an opponent's head. The move is aimed at preventing tackling injuries.

The San Francisco Giants capture the Commissioner's Trophy by defeating the Texas Rangers 3 to 1 in Game 5 of the World Series.

Tony Hawk welcomes Olympic gold medalist snowboarder Shaun White to his second annual Stand Up for Skateparks benefit in Las Vegas, Nevada.
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"Na Na Na," by My Chemical Romance, is a popular punk anthem. It's included in the Rocktober track pack for Guitar Hero: Warriors of Rock.

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Genre-spanning Christian artist Francesca Battistelli releases a new album, Hundred More Years. The first single is "This Is the Stuff."

Jackie Evancho, the 10-year-old soprano who came to fame on America's Got Talent, releases a best-selling holiday CD/DVD titled O Holy Night.

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Usher performs at the American Music Awards show and takes home the awards for Male Soul/R&B artist and Favorite Soul/R&B album.

A surprise comeback gave Train the Grammy for Pop Performance by a Duo or Group for "Hey Soul Sister.

Lady Gaga took home two Grammy awards for Female Pop Vocal Performance and Pop Vocal Album.

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Eminem didn't crack a smile when he expressed his gratitude for winning the Grammy for Rap Solo Performance.

Ke$ha wins the Best New Act award at the MTV Europe Music Awards and ends the year with three songs on Billboard's Hot 100.

Enrique Iglesias

Everybody likes "I Like It," the first release from Euphoria, Enrique Iglesias's bilingual album. The song tops the charts in the U.S., Canada and Australia.

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**Call of Duty: Black Ops**

Black Ops, the seventh installment in the Call of Duty game series, sells a record-breaking 7 million copies in the first 24 hours of its release.

**Bean Bag Chairs**

A new generation adopts the retro bean bag chair. This updated classic is ideal for watching television, playing games, reading and keeping up with social media.

**The Lost Hero**

In The Lost Hero, the sequel to his Percy Jackson & the Olympians series, author Rick Riordan introduces three new characters: Jason, Piper and Leo.

**Suzanne Collins**

Suzanne Collins publishes Mockingjay, the third and final book in her popular science fiction series, The Hunger Games trilogy.

**Rock Band 3**

Featuring a new keyboard and 83 songs, Rock Band 3 is released worldwide. Its Pro mode mimics the experience of playing real instruments.

**Xbox Kinect**

You don't need a controller to play the newest technology games. The Xbox Kinect features a sensor that can read motion, faces and voices.

**A new, motion-sensing controller debuts for the PlayStation 3 console. The Move is a Bluetooth wireless wand. Players can use up to four at once.**

**Rihanna's Just Dance Kids**

Younger kids get their very own dance video game. Just Dance Kids challenges Wii players to master more than 40 dances led by real kids.
Members of the Valastro family, of Carlo's Bake Shop in Hoboken, become popular reality television stars in Cake Boss on TLC.

The cast of Jersey Shore appears on Barbara Walters Presents: The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2010.

Team Coco rejoices as Conan O'Brien returns to late night television. Conan uses Twitter and YouTube to announce the premiere of Conan on TBS.

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Aria, Hanna, Emily and Spencer are back for another season of mystery, intrigue and secrets on the ABC suspense drama, Pretty Little Liars.

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Shia LeBeouf stars as a young trader who tangles with Gordon Gekko, a disgraced financier played by Michael Douglas, in *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*.

*Secretariat*, an acclaimed feature film, depicts the true story of a legendary racehorse, the 1973 winner of the Triple Crown of thoroughbred racing.

*True Grit*, a mythical Western adventure story, earns 10 Academy Award nominations including Best Picture.

Leonardo DiCaprio is the world’s top-grossing movie star. His 2010 releases earn a combined $1.1 billion at the box office.

Loyal fans line up for midnight screenings of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1*. The movie makes $330 million during its first weekend.

Amanda Seyfried stars as the title character in *Red Riding Hood*, a romantic horror tale about a medieval village terrorized by a werewolf.
Justin Bieber
Teen superstar Justin Bieber hits the big screen with the biopic concert film Never Say Never.
Based on the true story of King George VI, The King's Speech earns 12 Academy Award nominations.

Iron Man 2
Robert Downey, Jr. returns as the inventor-superhero Tony Stark in Iron Man 2, a long-awaited sequel featuring storylines adapted from Marvel Comics.

Life As We Know It
An orphaned baby goddaughter inspires Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel to set their differences aside in Life As We Know It, a romantic comedy.

Megamind
When a cartoon super-villain defeats his nemesis, he loses his will to be evil. Will Ferrell lends his voice to the reluctant hero of Megamind.

The Crazies
After a mysterious toxin enters the water supply of an Iowa town, many residents go insane in The Crazies, a sci-fi horror flick.

The Chronicles of Narnia
Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader is a 3D feature film adaptation of the third book in the C.S. Lewis fantasy series.

Unstoppable
A runaway train is on a collision course with disaster, unless Denzel Washington and Chris Pine can save the day in the suspenseful thriller, Unstoppable.

The sequels to a science-fiction thriller from 1982, Tron: Legacy follows the adventure of a young man who investigates his father's mysterious disappearance.

Mysterious "burglaries" in a family home turn out to be something far more sinister in Paranormal Activity 2, the prequel to a popular horror film.
The boy-style plaid flannel shirt is a popular look for both guys and girls. Just add a pair of perfectly worn jeans.

Top Siders
From popped collars to Top Siders, prep style endures. True Prep shows a new generation how it's done and what it means.

Sequins
Shiny, sparkly sequins become a major fashion trend when Zoe Kravitz and runway models are spotted wearing them on hats, dresses and tops.

Self-expression is always in fashion and the right hat makes it easy to add panache (and hide a bad hair day). All you need is a cute fedora or a jaunty newsboy cap.

Military Jacket
There's nothing olive drab about this trend. Military jackets are snappy, sleek and chic - a far cry from the oversized Army surplus look of yesteryear.

Pillow Pets
Now it's a stuffed animal. And now it's a pillow. Puffy, popular PillowPets™ may be the snuggliest, softest trend of the year.

Energy Drinks
Energy drinks are the beverage of choice among sleep-deprived students, despite concerns that they contain unhealthy levels of sugar and caffeine.

Mineral Makeup
Beauty mavens agree: mineral makeup rocks. These sheer, lightweight, powdery formulas are the smart alternative to gooey, pore-clogging foundations.

Flip Flops
Parents and foot doctors hate them but the flip-flop fad is a year-round phenomenon for guys and girls alike (except during snowstorms).

Dentists report that more and more teens are asking about teeth bleaching procedures, especially for photo-op occasions like proms or sweet sixteen parties.
Hippie style is hip once more. Tie-dyed effects on shirts and dresses appear on runways, beaches, and boardwalks.

Colorful, quilted Vera Bradley bags are the epitome of sorority sister style. Devotees mix and match Vera messenger bags, clutches, totes and wallets.

The rugged, battle-tested G-Shock watch is the preferred timepiece of snowboarders, skateboarders, surfers, and other extreme sports fans.

Girls Outfit

Go for an edgy, urban look in these American Rag Twill Skinny Cargos—perfectly paired with a belted Cowl Neck sweater.

Big Scarves

Long, flowing scarves become a year-round trend. This must-have accessory is the easiest way to add color and interest to casual outfits.

Monkey Slippers

It's a toy. It's a slipper. It's a fun fashion trend. Sock monkey slippers are popular in college dorms and at slumber parties.

Silly Bandz

The bandz are banned! Some schools decide that Silly Bandz—the popular silicone rubber bracelets—are too distracting for the classroom.

Long Necklaces

Long, statement necklaces are trend-right. Gossip girls look luxe with Tiffany-style trinkets. Layered, chunky, vintage baubles create an alt-rock, art school vibe.

Over the Knee Boots

Boots go to great lengths. Over-the-knee styles are seen everywhere from runways to red carpets. Trendsetters wear them with short skirts or slim leggings.

Everybody needs an afternoon snack but nobody has time for milk and cookies. The newest granola bars deliver easy energy between lunch and practice.

The mountaineer look comes to the metropolis, as high-performance outdoor apparel makes a comfortable, cold-weather fashion statement.
**Flintstones Turn 50**

The Flintstones celebrate a milestone as the modern Stone Age family turns 50 on September 30, 2010. A special Google Doodle marks the occasion.

**Top 10 Web Searches**

The BP oil spill was the top topic of 2010, according to Yahoo! Here are the year's top 10 search terms:

1. BP Oil Spill
2. World Cup
3. Miley Cyrus
4. Kim Kardashian
5. Lady Gaga
6. iPhone
7. Megan Fox
8. Justin Bieber
9. American Idol
10. Britney Spears

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**Redbox**

Redbox kiosks serve as conveniently located vending machines for DVDs and video games. Just pick a flick and swipe your credit card.

**You can buy anything from puppies to Pontiacs on Facebook's Marketplace app, which rivals Craigslist as the classified section of the social media generation.**

**Disgruntled passengers fight over space in the overhead bins as most airlines institute baggage fees ranging from $15 to $25 per bag per flight.**

**Old media acknowledges the power of new media when TIME names Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg as its Person of the Year for 2010.**

**WiMAX 4G Technology**

High-speed broadband devices are on the verge of multi-channel high-definition TV broadcasting thanks to emerging WiMAX 4G technology that improves image and data capabilities.
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