



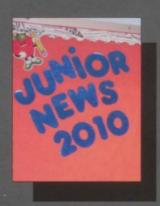
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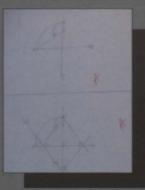
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Fun on the water slide The ride is just beginning!



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Welcome to North 13th Back to School Night



Where we build the keys of success in our heart and the knowledge in our minds.

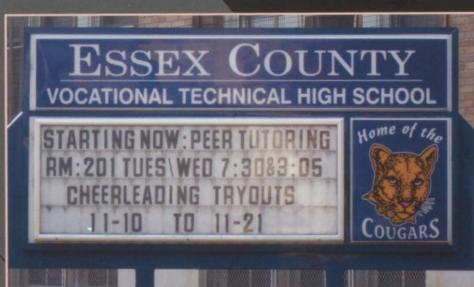
Curtis Cottle, Jr.

Welcome to

Seem County Vo. Tech.



Administration and Faculty



Administration



Dr. Michael Pennella, Ph. D. Superintendent

The Class of 2009 contributed to many positive changes at the North 13th Street Campus. Your energy and hard work in the past four years led to stronger student government, the start of new learning academies and the introduction of new student activities from drama to robotics.

You were there as the school's physical and social landscape changed in many positive ways. Truly the Class of 2009 was far more than a witness to these changes. Your enthusiasm and commitment to learning helped to drive the growth of your school.

On behalf of the Essex County Vocational Technical

On behalf of the Essex County Vocational Technical Schools Board of Education, I wish you continued success in all of your future endeavors.

Dr. Pennella

It has been said that first impressions last forever. As the new principal of North 13th Street School, I believe that through all the promises, threats, good times, and bad times, my impression of you has never wavered. As you sought to go from good to great, you showed that greatness is not a steady place but a venture that we continuously aspire to accomplish. I hope that your last year at North 13th Street School was as endearing as my first year here. I wish you the very best in your future endeavors and a continued journey toward greatness.

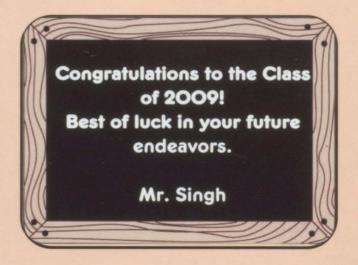
Mrs. Patricia Clark-Jeter Principal



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Principal



Mr. Chetram Singh Vice-Principal





Kathy Ali Secretary



Security



Garrett Anderson Emmanuel Aouad Science



Kathleen Bailey Mathematics



Jennifer Ballance Terrilisa Bauknight Business



History



Kathleen Belchik Phys. Ed



Mattie Berry Business



Rashida Berry Mathematics



Brett Boon Culinary Arts



World Languages



Alicia Cabrera Jacqueline Cammarata Para-professional



Mathematics



Phys. Ed



Amelia Capalaran Anthony Carloni Christine Cassano Mathematics



Kim Castello Cosmetology



Kabita Choudhury Science



Diane Churus Security



Susan Curren English



Wonda Davis Cosmetology



Frank Deherde Law & Public Safety



John Derosa English



Louis Dezso Mechanical Drafting



Stephanie Dunn English



Mathematics



Marlene Eisenhauer Eddie Encarnacion Culinary Arts



Donna Farley English



Robin Florez English



Sophia Freeman Secretary



Jeanette Fries Business



Roxanne Gabriel English



Michael Gallo Phys. Ed



Mark Giles Business



Rosa Goncalves Mathematics



Angel Gonzalez Law & Public Safety



Dana Graziano Science



Mary James Business



Eddie Johnson Phys. Ed



Boaz Laor Mathematics



Mary LaRusso Guidance Counselor



Julie Layer English



Robert Lorenzo Science





Para-professional



Security



English



Carmen Maldonado Migdalia Maldonado Michael Massenzio Maria McCarthy Richard McNanna Guidance Counselor Para-professional



Praxie Mercado



Nancy Minneci English



Maria Moura Mathematics



Brian Murray History



Dionne Pace Nurse



Elizabeth Pensiero Secretary



Brenda Pepper Visual and Performing Arts



Stephen Piersall Network Systems



Maria Piri Guidance Counselor



Pablo Plaza Jr. Security



Herbert Ramos Phys. Ed



Gail Riccardi Web Design



Pablo Rodriguez History



Johan Rojas History



Tony Rosato **CIE Coordinator**



Marianne Rubino Marijean Rudolph



Business



Vocational Evaluator



Suzanne Sabatino Dennis Salmanowitz Science



Stephanie Sanchez World Languages



Media Specialist



Sherry Shokrieh Glendora Simonson Cathleen Smith **CST**



English



Jennifer Torre English



Myrna Velez Law & Public Safety



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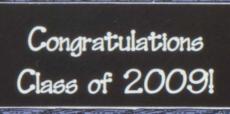
Michael Zelkowitz Andrew Ziobro Special Services



Mathematics



Obed Espada Mathematics





Lamika Padilla, Nancy Hoch, Mary Brandt, Emerie Negron, Rosina West, Eldeberta Galarza



Kathya Zuniga and Carlos Zuniga Custodians



In the mix...





Mr. Zarra has his first two wrestling team members.

Mr. Gallo is not camera shy with Ms. Cassano nearby.

The Fall Sports Awards Ceremony has Mr. Weshnak using his muscles.

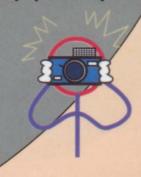




Mrs. Jeter and Ms. LaRusso give out the Honor Roll Awards for 1st cycle.



Ms. Bailey tries out her paparazzi pose.





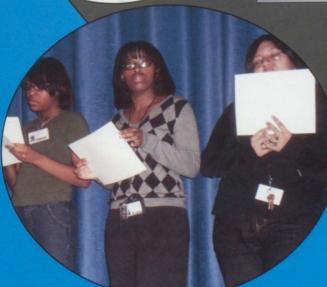


Public speaking is a challenge.

Underclassmen







The road to a great GPA is made on the Honor Roll trail.





Koi Adams



Christian Agyemang



Percy Akridge



Luis Alicea



Taliah Ames



Al-Tariq Amos



Ashley Aponte



Joyceline Appiah



Brittany Arroyo



Enrique Arroyo



Dayana Azcona



Jeffrey Azcona



lqra Aziz



Jada Bailey



Shymere Banks



Andres Barzola



Ronald Berry



Derrick Boamah



Tyree Bolden



Tatiannah Booth



Destiny Brown



Shamiyah Bryan



Brittnee Burrows



Alma Cabrera



Alfonso Cacha



Alyssa Camacho



Fatoumata Camara



Yesenia Candelaria



Andres Carpio



Masai Carr



Sarah Carrau



Sasha Carrillo



Zana Carter



Natal Castaing



Josseline Castaneda



Dennise Castillo



Lucely



Eric Castro



Jason Castro



Estefani Cepeda



Jose Checo



Patrice Cody



Nagirah Coleman



Tyrell Coleman



Madeline Collazo



Ervin Concepcion



Alexis Cortes



Stephanie Cortes



Elijah Crosell



Aimee Cruz



Katherine Cruz



Kella Cuevas



Samantha Daniels



Daisha Davis



Sipora Dejesus



Willmarie Delatorre

Freshman

Class

OF

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Allen Diaz



Lenin Diaz



Emmanuel Dortu



Miguel Duran



Flores



Esteban Galvez



Elijah Garcia



Mayreny Garcia



Crystal Gonzalez



Priyatharsan Gopalan



Salahudin Gray



Lisa Green



Nasarah Greene



Xavier Guridi



Taneya Hammer



Kyeisha Haneiph



Ar-Tese Harris



Sara Heeralall



Alonso Hernandez



Janice Hernandez



Jorge Hernandez



Tiara Hewitt



Joshua Hewlett



Shauntez Hill



Shafeeq Holcomb



Jasmine James



Dosner **Jimenez**



Noe **Jimenez**



Dayonna Jones



Jessica Jordonne



Bilgis Karam



Briyaunna Kidd



Sharon Konadu



Tiffany Labrador



Crystal Lambert



Keturah Latimer



Amelia Lema



Dejon Lewis



Niyani Lingham-Green



Jonathan Loaiza



Brittany Lopez



Jarilyn Lopez



Jonasis Lopez



Justin Lopez



Mario Marin



Liz Marroquin



Luis Martinez



Luis Martinez



Noime Martinez



Steven Martinez



Isiah Massenburg



Luis Matos



Sahara May-Gonzalez



Michael Mccleary



Andres Medina



Crystal Mendez



Irene Mendoza



Amani Minor



Stephanie Montalvo



Haniyah Muwwakkil



Kaylin Nelson



Astou Niang



Delilah Ortega



Destinee Paulino



Chanel Pena



Chanil Pena



Antonio Perez



Matthew Pesante



Franklin Quizhpi



Haniyyah Ragland



Jermaine Ramirez



Karen Ramirez



Stephanie Ramirez



Andrew Ramos



Diamond Randall



Ivan Rios



Dannett Rivas



Brittany Rivera



Daisy Rivera



Jeanisely Rivera



Miguel Rivera



Chanel Rodriguez



Cynthia Rodriguez



Jayleen Rodriguez



Jonathan Rodriguez



Manuel Ruiz



Dinahlee Sablon



Darius Sanders



John Santiago



Dominique Saunders



Jeanty Savon



Juan Sayay



Britany Story



Darius Stultz



Damarie Superville



Rahim Thomas



Kion Thornton



Larisa Torres



Hamaadi Upshaw



Luz Vargas



Al-Turah Webb



Mark Webb



Rolanda West



Indayah Williams



Jocelyne Williams



Azhane Williamson



Anthony Winston



Tathiana Zumba

Freshman Class of 2012





Karim Ahmad



Shayna Almodovar



Jhonn Alvarado



Dezarae Arce



Haydee Arce



Ninoshka Arroyo



Kikelomo Ashorobi



Lorrie Aviles



David Azcona



Steven Baldwin



Anabelle Barinas



Charlene Barkley



Joshua Bautista



Daniela Bermudez



Breeah Bradshaw



Gerald Brunson



Octavia Bryant



Quinten Burroughs



Javier Caban



Rosemica Calixte



Keshia Callaway



Ronny Cardenas



Edisberto Cardona Jr.



Saul Caza



Gino Changuan



Shakur Clemons



Jaleah Compton-Jones



Carlos Cordon



Ashley Cox



Khaliah Craddock



Deyana Davis-Fuentes



Julisa Dejesus



Aileene Delarosa



Jaileene Delarosa



Carla Didier



Ashley Dindyal



Desire Duchesne



Tanazia Ellis



Trevon Ellis



Rafael Encarnacion



Sharron Enoch



Edison Escobar



Khari Faison



Sandy Ferrer



Jeff Francois



Erica Furlongue



Mario Galan



Quafaishia Gayles



Eliana Giraldo



Alyssa Gonzalez



Erika Gonzalez



Jeilee Gonzalez



Melissa Gonzalez



Deseray Graham



Brandi Griffith

Sophomore Class of 2011



Samantha Guzman



Nadine Gyambrah



Ukeca Jasilyn Harris Hernandez



Argelis Hierro



Marlenys Infante



Crystal Rikkia Irizarry Jackson



Dijonia Jarrett



Jessica Jazamin



Daniela Jimbo



Brandon Johnson



Latisha Johnson



Rahmel Johnson



Marie Joseph



Mariah Jukes



Triana Keith



Nasir King



Jaquan Kirkland



Joseph Landrau



Katherine Lescano



Brenda Loja



Jaqueline Lopez



Winter Manigault



Michael Mansour



Anthony Marshmon



Jose Martir



Shawn Mason



Alexis Mateo



Lashea Mciver



Lea Mcneal



Kennith Merritt



Monae Mitchell



Khaori Monroe



Jezabel Naya



Sabrina Nieves



Shone Nyemah



Imyra Oglesby



Steven Olaso



Pamela Ortiz



Pedro Ortiz



Denzel Paden



Aileen Padilla



Wadeeyah Parker



Reginal Pasteur



Tanashia Patterson



Byron Penafiel



Rebecca Perdomo



Tatiana Perez



Lionel Poneys



Joy Price



Michelle Quinones



Tanecia Reavis



Ashante Redding



Melina Reyes



Rashana Richardson

Sophomore Class of 2011



Yesenia Rivas



Alyssa Rivera



Elizabeth Rivera



Raymond Rodriguez



Evan Rosado



Edgar Ruiz



Lanashia Russell



Christian Salas



Kevin Salas



Minjelisse Salas



Raul Saltos



Karriem Sanchez



Coraima Santana



Angie Santiago



Jeremy Santiago



William Scott



Sade Smith



Samantha Smith



Christopher Straube



Brianna Summers



Khalise Terrell



Kelon Thomas



Tonyae Thomas



Najee Toney



Crystal Torres



Chandler Tyree



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Melissa Velasquez



Maria Villafane



Bria Wallace



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Jonathan Williams



Melvin Williams



Nyleeah Williams



Shaquilah Williams



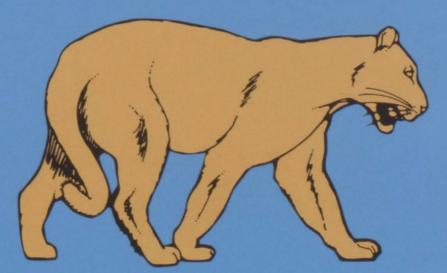
Almetra Wilson



Ayana Woolridge



Mark Zakers



Sophomore Class of 2011



Allana Agard



Jasmine Alston



Ashley Arroyo



Jessica Aucancela



Matthew Bamber



Najahwan Barnes



Mariah Beckford



Kevin Benavide



Jesus Benitez



Nakiya Bodison



Barnabas Boye



Yomaira Bracero



Andrew Branch



Kevin Braswell



Luiggi Bravo



Rondell Briggs



Aniya Brooks



Katasha Brown



Roberto Burgos



Jonathan Cabasquini



Natasha Cameron



Lamont Carter



Michael Casiano



Diaricell Castillo



Steven Castillo



Aaron Chambers



Kavona Clark



Arthur Cleveland



Cinthia Cosme



Curtis Cottle



Ivette Cruz



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Sha-Rae Davis



Stephanie Diaz



Darrin Diehl



Tamala Doris



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Byron Escalant



Alison Espiritusanto



Carlos Fermin



Kiara Fernandez



Mariangela Ferreira



Jennifer Francois



Denisse Frias



David Fuentes



Ashley Gant



Jorge Garcia



Massiel Garcia



Trevor Gathright



Frenisha Glasgow



Katrina Goines



Amanda Gonzalez



Jason Gonzalez



Jeannette Gonzalez



Leila Gonzalez



Carla Gordils

Junior Glass of 2010



Alex Govindeisami



Shanterra Green



Keyanna Haig



Nafi Harvard



Ryan Hernandez



Amanda Hinds



Bayyinah Holiday



Angelo Horvath



Juscary Jaquez



Norbertha Jimenez



Roberto Jimenez



Crystal Johnson



Shalesia Jones



Nathaniel Justice



David Laracuente



Vivelyn Lebron



Antajia Lemons



Omar Lorenzo



Tamara Louis



Stephanie Malave



Jetsenia Maldonado



Georgia Manu



Sandra Marin



Brian Martin



Freddy Martinez



Juan Martinez



Kathlyn Mattos



Teresa Mccraw



Jorge Mejia



Melissa Melendez



Stephanie Mendez



Dondre Mills



Hermione Mitchell



Julisa Montalmont



Stephanie Murillo



Jose Najarro



Khrystal Navarro



Casey



April Nesbitt



Stephanie Noriega



Angelina Okwuego



Yarelis Osorio



Angelica Pacheco



Michelle Pannullo



Nelson Penafiel



Radaysi Perez



Hemant Persaud



Taisia Phillips



Kevin Pie



Luis Polanco



Bria Price



Suleika Quintero



Sabiel Reyes



Sheldon Richards



Davidde Rios



Jaleel Ritchwood

Junior Class of 2010





Rivera



Rivera



Stephanie Rivera



Ashley Rodriguez



Ramon Rodriguez



Jimmy Romero



David Rosario



Jose Rosario



Zuleica Rosario



Natasha Salles



Max Sandoval



Sarah Sanon



Debbie Santamaria



Yaritza Santiago



Kimberly Sarazua



Quashyne Seburn



Sayid Sharrieff-Bey



Jamillah Silas



Darielle Smith



Damaris Solano



Karen Solano



Stracey St.georges



Shaniqua Stultz



Theresa Subhan



Shanna Thomas



Alicia Tomlin



Christopher Velasco



Fazia Wahid



Lois Watson



Tiffany Weithers



Gwendolyn Whitaker



Latoya White-Frazier



Najiyyah Wilbert



Felicia Wiltshire

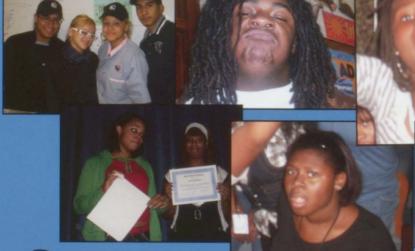


Lamont Wright



Rhonda Wright













Getting measured for your Cap and Gown Class of 2009 is very exciting.



As the fourth year of high school starts, everyone is very excited. We get measured for our cap and gown, we talk with our friends and we pose for pictures knowing they will be in the yearbook. We can't wait for June to come. However, it is truly bitter-sweet because there are people we may not see again for quite a while. So, we make the most of the 10 months we have together and have fun. We wear pajamas to school, find our craziest hat, swim at the cookout, and join as many activities as we can. Then, we party one last time at the Prom! We hope the Class of 2009 had a great four years!





Ariel Alvarez



Tasmine Anthone



Alliston Antoine Tr.



Elian Araujo



Katiusca Arocho



Alexis Asberre



Edwin Azcona



Marquis Baker



Regina Baldwin





Kameron Ballard Ahmad Baskerville



John Basurto



Morra Batista



Shekkiphia Bishop



Victoria Bonilla





Crin Bogles



Crestal Brotherson



John Bregant



Kimberle Budhu



Vanessa Camacho



Gerado Cardona



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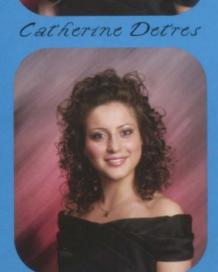
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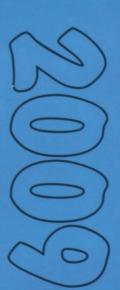
Kimberle Flores





Robert Fuentes Tr. Esthef and Fulgencio Centhia Garcia







Jange Gathers



Thoana Geronimo



Andres Gonzalez



Teinid Gonzalez



Kevin Gonzalez



Bernecia Green



Dene Guions



Pamela Hall



Brendaliz Hernandez



Kiannej Hernandez



Brittney Holloway



Cric Hopkins



Nicholas Tames



Genesis Taquez



Shakeeja Tenkins



Imani Tones



Maria Tumbo



Simone King



Quinting Lacewell



Natalie Laguer



Ramelia Lall



Tessica Larrosa



Angel Lauriano





Levitta Laurence



David Lewis



Adaisha Link



Nuve Lliguichuzhea



Beron Loja



Kerwin Lovo



Tamika Martin



Guisela Masache



16n Mason



Tabari Mason



Tesensa Matute



Shondel Mopherson



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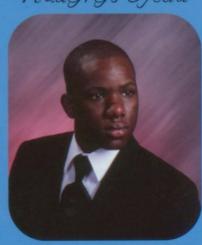
Tahiejah Moses



Madeline Ortiz



Aaron Padin



Taleel Pearson





Candido Perez



Tennifer Perez



Toshua Perez



Steven Perez



Galo Petroche



Karla Pina



Carol Pincae



Tuan Polanco



Ashlee Price



Tonathan Quinones



Imani Rackley



Taime Ramirez



Tose Reg



Catherine Rivas



Rosa Rivas





Shinequa Rivers



Daniel Roche



Tasmine Rivers

Leoris Rodriguez



Samantha Roman



Tose Rosario



Raej Rousselle



Karen Ruíz







Al-Shanae Rush Jonathan Santander



Cric Santiago



Idalia Santiago



Jonathan Santiago



Resha Scott



Kathleen Serrano



Monae Shellee



Michelle Sierra



Dante Sprott



Tason Stevenson



William Sweenee



Karın Tavarez



Clizabeth Taveras



Tiffane Terrell



Terome Vargas





Angel Vazquez



Luis Velasco



Crestal Verano



Danne Vivar



Craseem Walker



Shaun Walker





Toseph Wanamaker Alexis Washington





Richelieu Watkins-Wreh



Chelsea Williams Doneja Williams





Carolina Zapata

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Nadia Fernandez Tefferson Molina David Nieves









Jr./Sr. Cook-Out May 2008



Tiffany and the ladies taking a dipl



Ashley & Jasmine





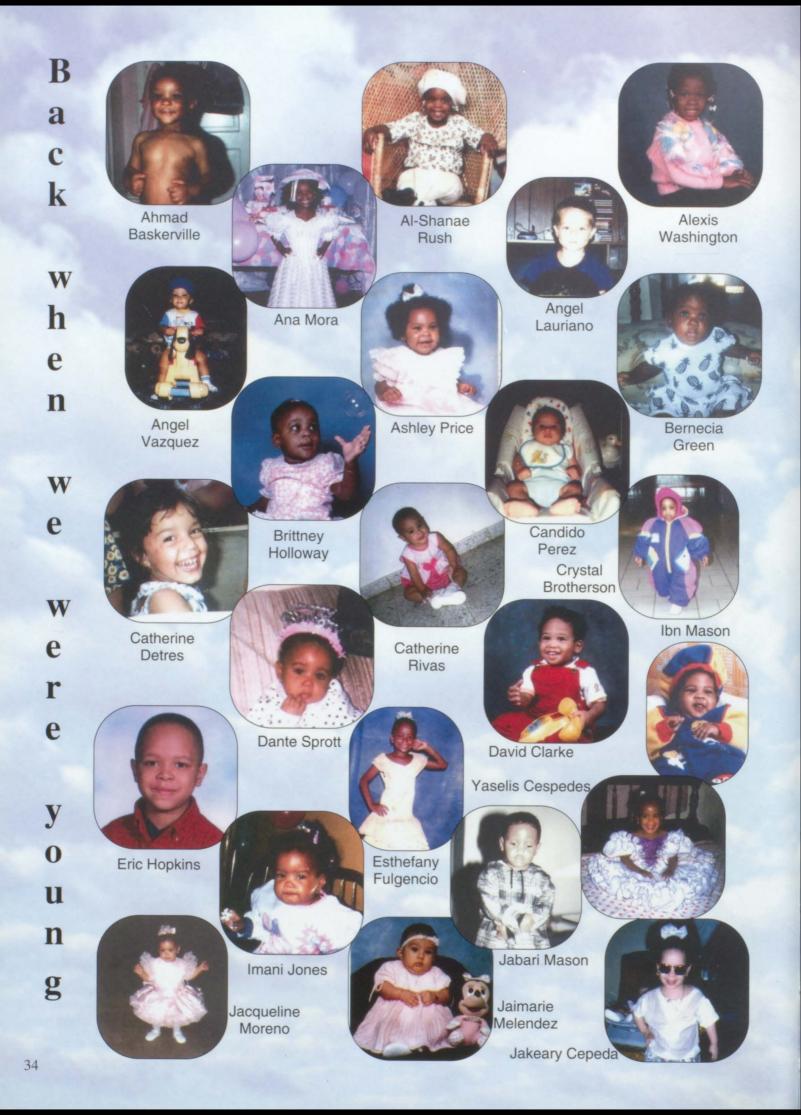
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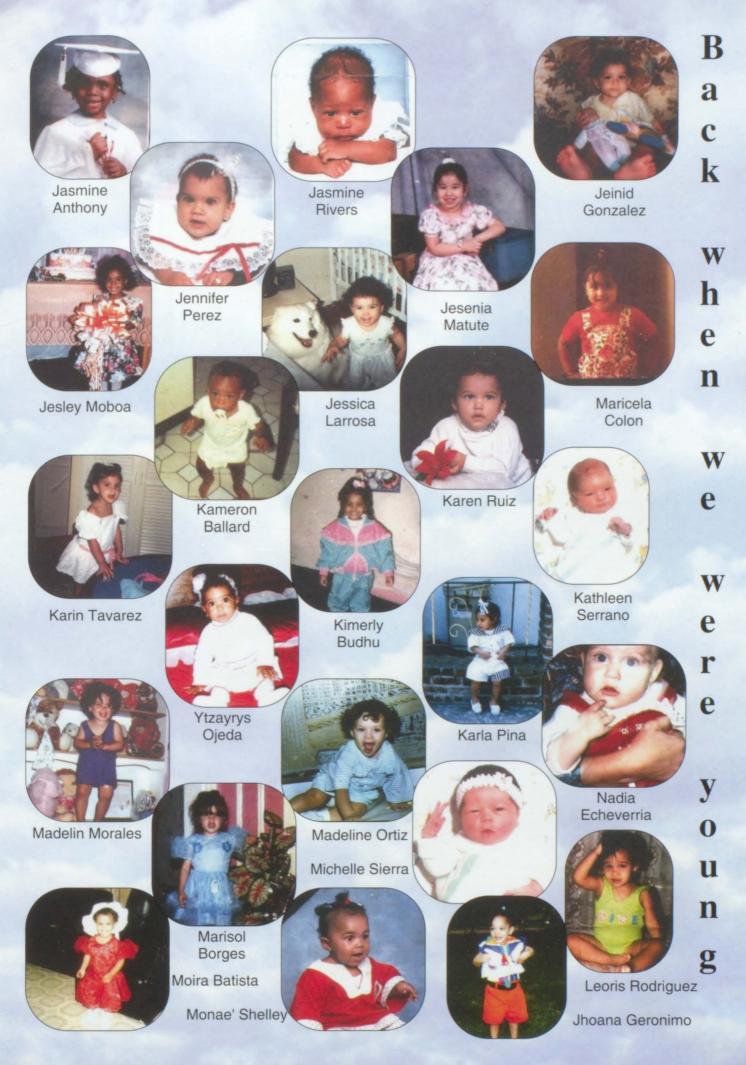


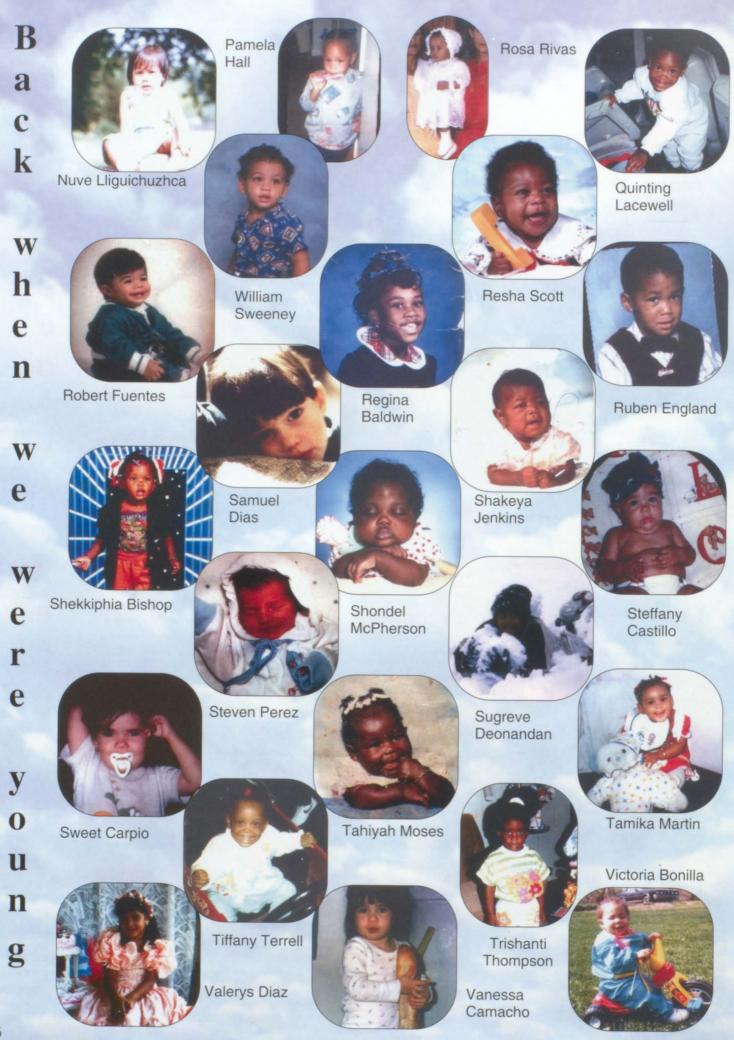
We are too cutel



Who has the better tan?







Voting for FBLA Officers



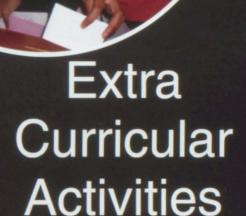
Fixing up the showcases in the foyer, Jessica and Eric pause for a picture.



Voting for President of the United States

November 2008 was the Presidential Election that changed the course of history today. The Giffed and Talented and Mock Trial Clubs put on a 'heated mock debate' with Dene portraying the McCain side. Wow! This was CRAZY! When we voted at the school, Obama won by over 400 votes!





To have an impressive college application, it is wise to participate in as many activities possible. Joining an organization or team makes the administrators look twice at your forms. In addition, 60 hours of volunteering needed to be 'well rounded'.

Cross Country

Coach Ranges 12th Grade -Jessica Larrosa (Captain); Jakeary Cepeda 11th Grade - Martin Rivera (Captain); Davidde Rios: Angelina Okwego; Jetsenia Maldonado; Arthur Cleveland (Manager) 10th Grade - Kyle Vega; Steven Baldwin 9th Grade - Lisa Green; Amani Minor; Tyrell Cloeman; Koi Adams; Dejon Lewis; Jermaine Ramirez









Soccer

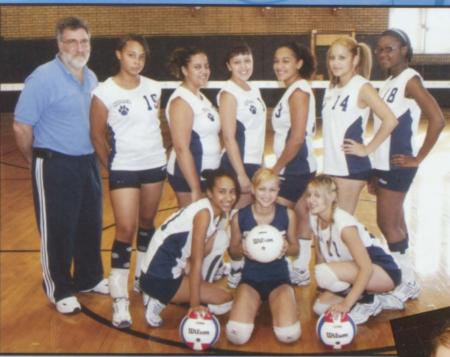
Coach Cassano and Coach Gallo Players: Barnabas Boye; Luiggi Bravo; Ronny Cardenas: Miguel Duran; Byron Escalante; Jorge Garcia; Priyatharsan Gopalan; Noe Jimenez; Jorge Mejia: Steven Martinez; Liz Marroquin; Shone Nyemah; Byron Penafiel: Nelson Penafiel; Lionel Poneys: Christian Salas; Kevin Salas;



Jonathan Santander; Javier Rivera; Kelon Thomas Managers: Kimerly Sarazua and Frenisha Glasgow

Girls Volley Ball



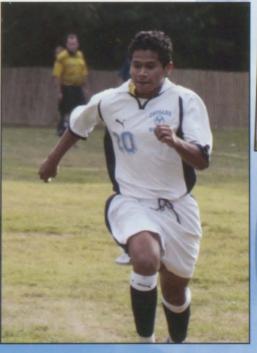


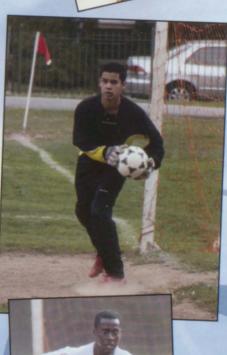












Coach Weshnak Seniors: Moira

Juniors: Ashley Arroyo, Angelica

Batista, Catherine Detres, Levitta Lawrence, Karin Tavarez, Karen

Ruiz

Pacheco, Shanice Rivera Sophomores: Anabelle Barinas



Cougar Basketball Teams

Coaches: Mr. Johnson and Mr. Rodriguez

Players: Kevin Pie,
Najahwan Barnes,
Aaron Chambers,
Jaquan Kirkland,
Nicholas James,
Timothy Ruiz, Kareem
Sanchez, Shauntez Hill,
Michael Cassano,
Kareem Ahmad, Sherif
Bey
Managers: Jeff
Francois, Tamika
Martin, Nadia
Fernandez, and Reury
Montero













Players: Natal Castaing, Fatima Camara, Aileene DeLaRosa, Quafaishia Gayles, Ukeca Harris, Dericka McNair, Amani Minor, Wadeeyah Parker, Crystal Torres, Jennifer Francois, Jessica Larrosa, Anabelle Barinas, Jetsenia Maldonado, Keturah Latimer, Managers: Natasha





Cougar Cheerleading





Coach: Mrs. Ballance

Captains: J. Cepeda & R. Wright & A. Owuego Squad: A. Brooks, C. Brotherson, A. Corum, A. Gant, S. Green, B. Holloway, B. Price, S. Rivera, S. Smith, A. Agard, K. Clark, T. Hammer, T. Keith, R. Richardson, B. Karam, M. Velasquez, N. Wilkins

Managers: S, Bishop and A. Nesbitt









This was the year to go all out and show what it means to be a Cougar! Go on, Gentlemen and Ladies!!

Do it up!!!



Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball and Volleyball

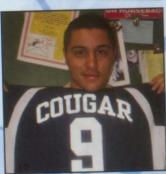
Coach Sotomayor and Coach Gallo Varsity - F. Challenger, G. Cardona, A. Vazquez, I. Mason, R. England, J. Basurto, R. Jimenez, M. Casiano, J. Martinez, C. Fermin, R. Burgos, R. Rivera, E. Cadona, T. Ruiz, S. Olaso, S. Martinez, M. Duran, J. Santiago Managers: N. Fernandez & T. Martin JV - R. Briggs, D. Rios, S. Olaso, J. Santiago, M. Galan, M. Williams, A. Mateo, M. Duran, N. Jimenez, J. Hernandez, M. Marin, J. Santiago, L. Martinez, A. Carpio, E. Cardona, S. Martinez











Weshnak
JV Coach - Mr. Ramos
Varsity Players:
B. Boye, D. Diehl, S.
England, J. Garcia, K.
Lovo, J. Mejia, P.Ortiz,
J. Rodriguez, J.
Rosario,
R. Rousselle
JV Players:
J. Benitez, T. Coleman,
C. Cordon, D. Fuentes,
J. Gonzalez, A.
Govindeisami, O.

Varsity Coach - Mr

Managers -L. Lawrence, M. Reyes,

Lorenzo, J. Najarro L.Polanco M. Vega

L. Rivera, Y. Santiago, K. Solano, R. Wright



Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity Softball





Coach: Mr. DeRosa Varsity - Valerys Diaz, Madeline Morales, Jessica Larrosa, Erin Boyles, Aileen Delarosa, Jaileen Delarosa, Angelica Pacheco, Anabelle Barinas, Stephanie Murillo, Crystal Torres, Samantha Guzman, Shanice Rivera, Amanda Cruz Coach: Mr. Gonzalez JV - S. Noriega, M. Infante, A. Gonzalez, M. Ferreira, F. Wiltshire, C. Nelson, B. Rivas, S. Mendez, M. Garcia, K. Navaro, M. Villafane, T. Perez, S. Nieves, S. Montalvo



Organizations and Clubs

Senior Class Officers

Advisers: Ms. Cassano & Mr. Weshnak

Ytzarys Ojeda, Karin Tavares, Catherine Detres, Steven Perez

Prom Committee: Ytzarys Ojeda, Maricela Colon, Karin Tavares, Marison Borges, Steven Perez, Catherine Detres, Karen Ruiz



The Rising Stars

Student Council

Advisers: Mrs. Bauknight and Mr. Rodriguez

Senior Officers: Steven Perez, Luis Velasco, Jessica

Larrosa, Eric Santiago

Junior Officers: Jetsenia Maldonado, Dericka

McNair, La-Mont Wright

Sophomore Officers: Anabelle Barinas, Mariah

Jukes, Monae Mitchell, Marie Joseph

Freshman Officers: Sarah Carrau, Kayla Cotto, Dejon

Lewis, Ashley Aponte, Koi Adams

Skills USA

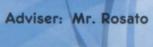
Advisers: Ms. Castello and Mr. Boon

Members: Victoria Bonilla, Ashante Redding, Katherine Lescano, Tanazia Ellis, Khaori Monroe, Manuel Otero, Kelia Santiago, Steven Perez





COE



Seniors: M. Baker, R. Baldwin, J. Bovil, C. Brotherson, J. Bryant, S. Carpio, S. Castillo, J. Cepeda, Y. Cespedes, N. Echeverria, R. England, K. Gonzalez, K. Hernandez, M. Jumbo, J. Matute, J. Pearson, C. Perez, K. Pina, J. Ramirez, C. Rivas, R. Scott, K. Serrano, D. Sprott, C. Zappata



Drama Club

Adviser: Mrs. Pepper

D. Guoins, V. Diaz, J. Rivers, B.
Green, J. Stevenson, M. Ortiz, S.
Almodovar, A. Williamson, I.
Oglesby, D. Crawford, S. Thomas, T.
Collazo, J. Rosario, D. Davis, A.
Price, J. Compton-Jones, F.
Glasgow, L. Wright



FBLA



Advisers: Mrs. Ballance and Ms. Rudolph

Members: A. Agard, J. Alston, J. Anthony, B. Arroyo, A. Barinas, J. Basurto, M. Batista, S. Bishop, A. Brooks, C. Brotherson, R. Calizte, N. Cameron, J. Cepeda, J. Compton-Jones, A. Corum, C. Corum, C. Cosme, S. Deonandan, N. Echeverria, J. Francois, R. Fuentes, E. Fulgencio, J. Gathers, J. Gonzalez, S. Green, K. Hernandez, A. Hinds, L. Johnson, M. Jukes, M. Jumbo, Q. Lacewell, L. Lawrence, N. Lilguichezhca, J. Maldonado, T. Martin, J. Matute, L. McIver, D. McNair, J. Melendez, I. Mendoza, M. Mitchell, C. Nelson, A. Nesbitt, J. Noboa, A.

Okwuego, M. Ortiz, P. Ortiz, S. Perez, B. Price, R. Rivas, B. Rivera, S. Rivera, M. Salas, D. Smith, D. Sprott, S. St. George, T. Subhan, W. Sweeney, K. Tavarez, S. Thomas, A. Washington

Gifted and Talented Club and National Honor Society

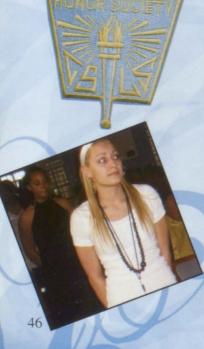
Advisers: Mrs. Sanchez and Mr. DeRosa

Mariah Beckford,
Jesus Beitez,
Felicia Wiltshire,
Marianglea
Feriera, Levitta
Lawrence, Dene
Guions, Jason
Stevenson,
Valerys Diaz,
Shondel
McPherson,
Ruery Monteiro









Advisers: Mrs. Wells and Ms.

Members: K. Santiago, L. Velasco, C. Johnson, S. Quintero, J. Benitez, A. Pacheco, M. Beckford, B. Loja, K. Navarro, C. Nelson, D. Solano, G. Brunson, M. Ferreira, J. Garcia, J. Noboa, L. Aviles, A. Barinas, J. Compton-Jones, O. Bryant, R. Calixte, K. Ruiz, M. Reyes, K. Arocho, M. Jumbo, R. Lall, R. Wright, S. Smith, M. Colon, C. Rivas, L. Lawrence, Y. Ojeda, S. McPherson, J. Stevenson, C. Detres, S.



Salsa Club and Gospel Choir





Adviser: Ms. Velez

Dancers:
Ytzayrys Ojeda,
Mariangela
Ferreira, Jesus
Benitz, Norbertha
Jimenez, Jesly
Noboa, Casey
Nelson, Felicia
Wiltshire,
Kimberly Saracua,
Vivelyn Lebron,
Alison
Espiritusantos,
Irene Mendoza









Members: Levitta Lawrence,
Jennifer Francois, Curtis
Cottle, Frenisha Glasgow,
Rhonda Wright, Lamont
Wright, Tamala Doris,
Shayna Almodovor,
Shanterra Green, Brooke
Davis, Shanna Thomas,
April Nesbitt, AnaMarie
Wallace, Jaleel Ritchwood



Yearbook Committee

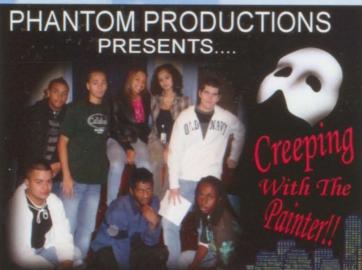


Advisers: Ms. Wojcik & Ms. Belchik

Committee:
Ytzayrys
Ojeda,
Maricela
Colon,
Marisol
Borges,
Catherine
Detres,
Crystal
Brotherson















Vocational Week, gave us a lot of pictures to show off the many great things about ECVTHS. COSMETOLOG

Highlights during the year - Police Academy, Montclair State University Trip, Games, and Fun!



































Carpentry Law & Public Safety Web Design



Selecting the shop class that you like best enables you to begin preparing for future early. vour You can choose from Mechanical Drafting, Cosmetology, Web Business, Design, Network Systems, Law & Public Safety, Culinary Arts, and Carpentry

> Mechanical Drafting Business Network Systems

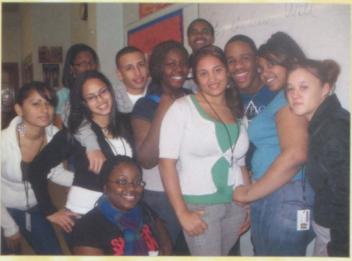
You can choose out of a number of shop classes.

Just select the one you might like to make a career out of and work hard.



If you put all your hours in and pass the State Board Exam, you can be working in a 'high end' salon doing hair. Maybe even take it to Hollywood!

Doing nails is a tricky business. It's not all about making them look pretty. It's about keeping them healthy. Be prepared to study!



Business shops can help you go in a variety of career paths. This class is taking an accounting class from FDU. These students will graduate with 2 college credits.



Choose

Culinary Arts can take you from Prep Cook to Pastry Chef, to Senior Chef and Proprietor of your own upscale restaurant. Work hard and learn the trade.





Mechanical Drafting is not for the faint of heart. Put in effort each day and you can be making designs for any number of companies - and making great money.

Some Business classes teach you all you need to know about working in an office. If you do well, you may be able to manage the office one day.

Law & Public Safety is a newer shop course that has opened up a whole new area for the students. If you want to be a PI, this may be the shop for you.







Network Systems teaches you about computer repair, what goes in to making a computer and running a network.

Business is an intense career. You can go into international business, business management, sports management, having your own business..... this is the place to start.

our Shop





Carpentry
is a shop
where you
need to
have special
shoes and a
steady
hand. You
could be
making
furniture for
the White
House.



Web Design is a fabulous, fun career. However, it is not ALL fun and games. This is a very competitive job and you have to be top of your game to succeed. This class will help you do just that.

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Most Atheltic



Jessica Larrosa & Gerado Cardona

Most Likely to Succeed



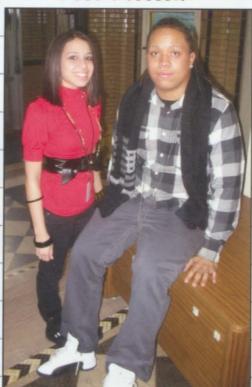
Jason Stevenson & Yteyarys Ojeda

Most Often Late



Luis Velasco & Doneisha Crawford

Best Dressed



Kimberly Flores & Eric Hopkins

Class Clown



Jakeary Cepeda & John Bryant

Friendliest

Brendaltz Hernandez & Candido Perez



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Nicest Eyes



William Sweeney & Nadia Echeverria

Nicest Smile



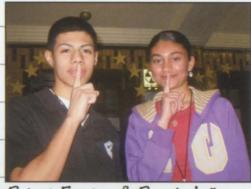
Ashley Price & Jabari Mason

Most Talkative



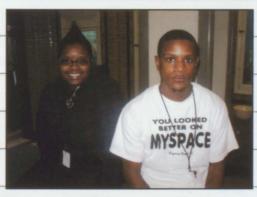
Jose Rosario & Monae Shelley

Most Quiet



Robert Fuentee & Ramelia Lall

Teacher's Terror



Dene Guione & Ahmad Baekerville

Teacher's Pet



Jose Rosario, Catherine Rivas, Candido Perez

Senior Fun!!





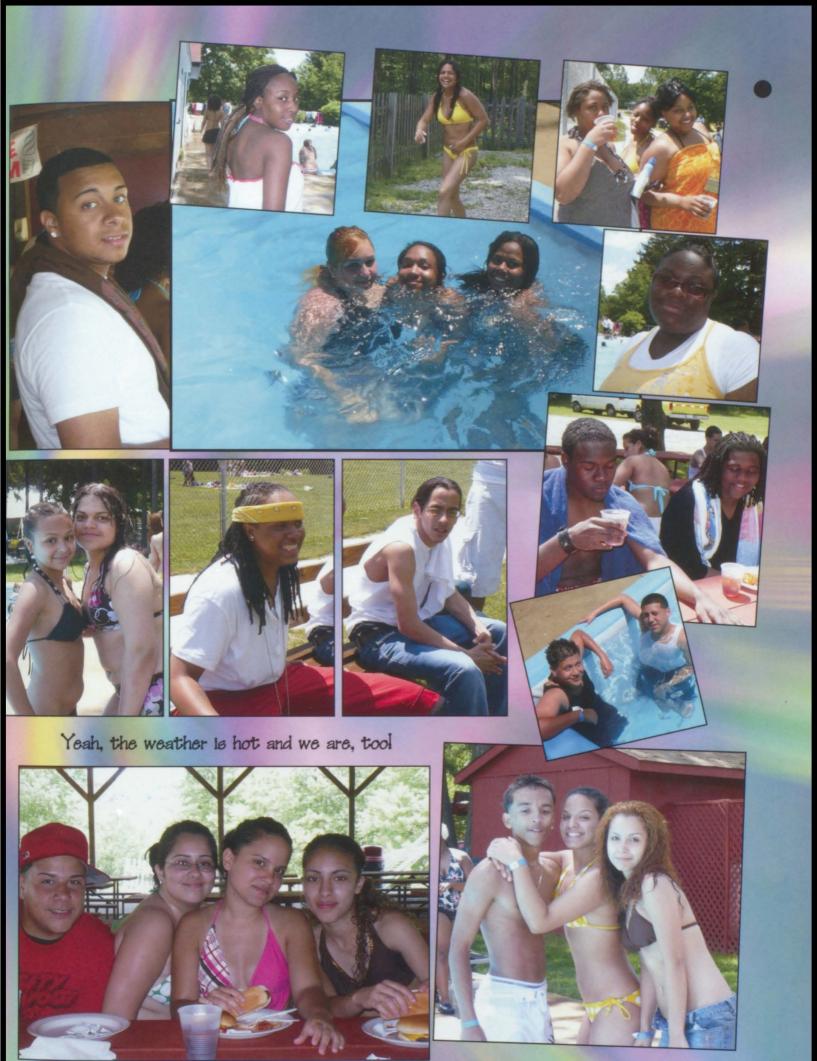












June 2008

The Senior/Junior Pionic is the highlight of the JUNIOR YEAR! We all attend the cook-out knowing that we need to get in as many pictures as possible. We know that these pictures will be used in the yearbook. So, we play ball, we swim, and best of all, we pose for the camera.













The guye pose on the court as some of the seniors to be take a dip.



Don't forget to make the bus ride interesting while practicing your Paris Hilton look.





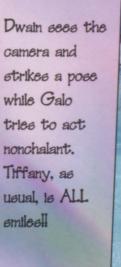


Candido takes a break while Sugreve, Imani, and Victoria model their towels. Shawn gets ready to dry off while Monae pute on her Jacte-O hat. Frank is showing off his six pack. Can you name the eleeping beauties??









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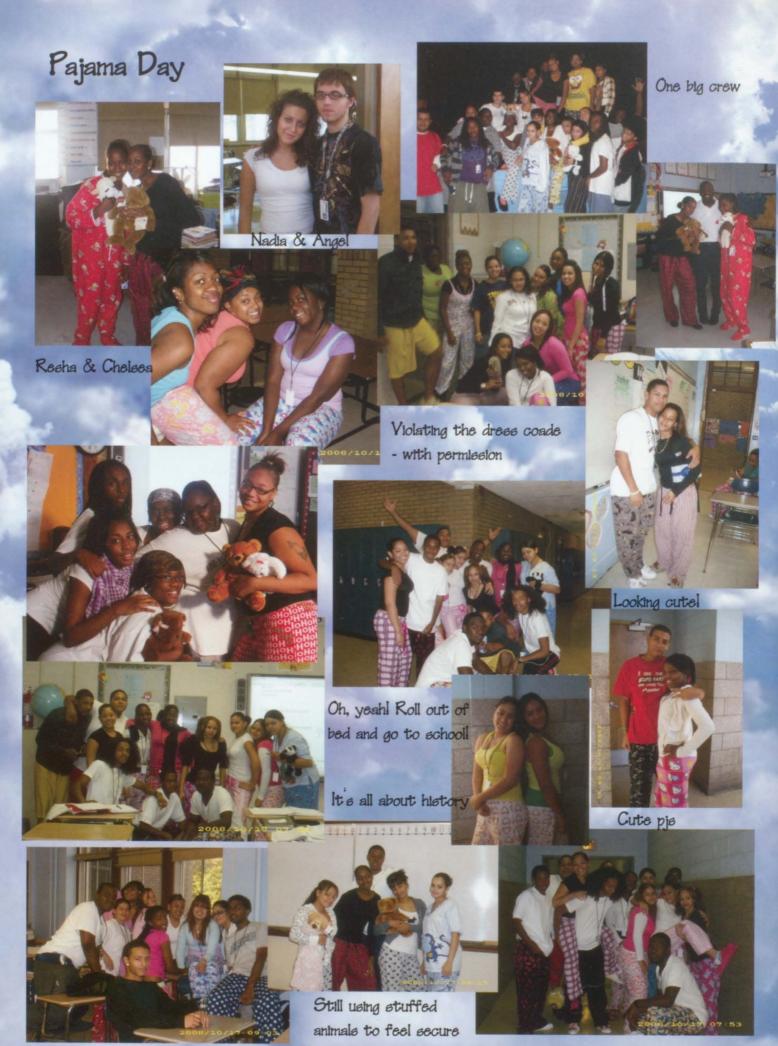




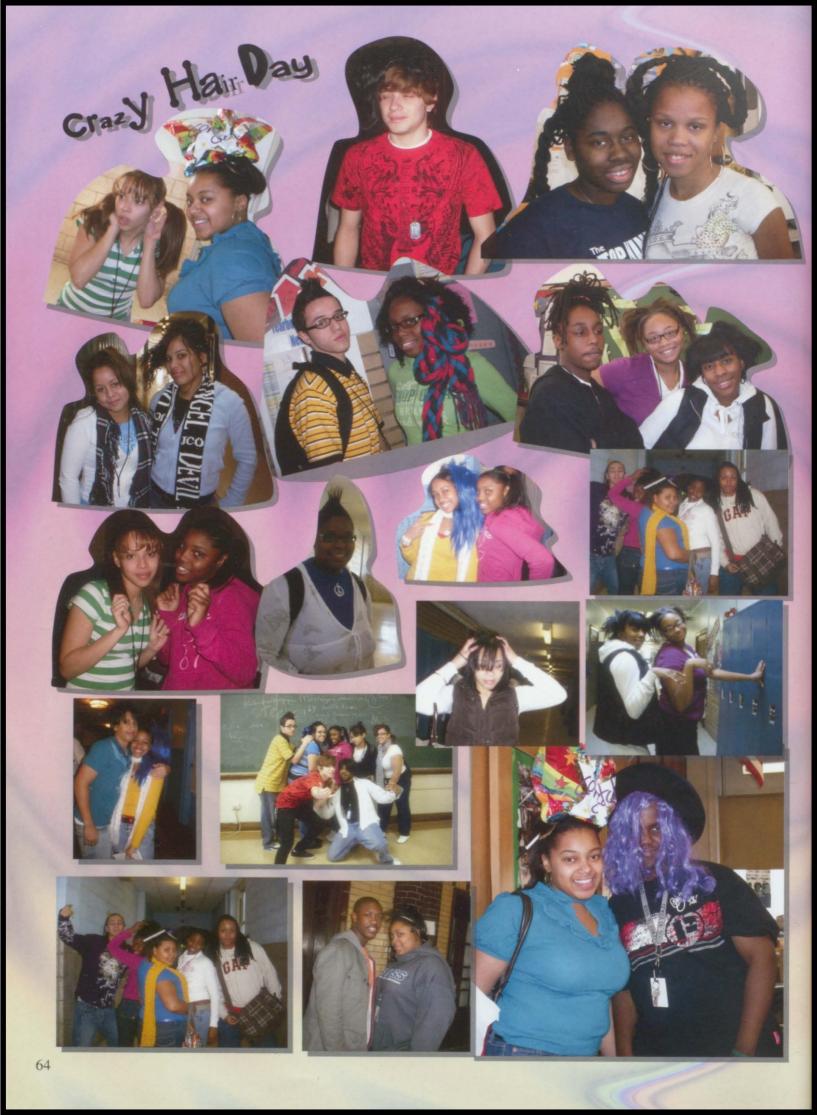


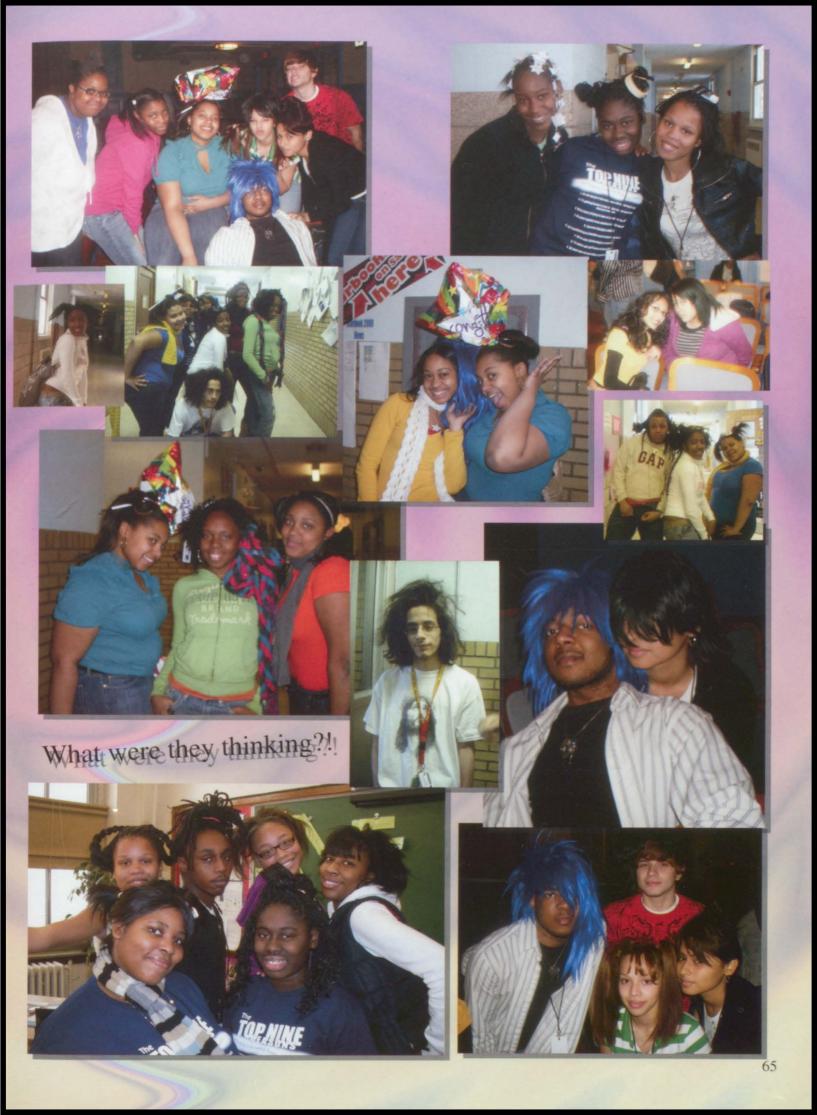














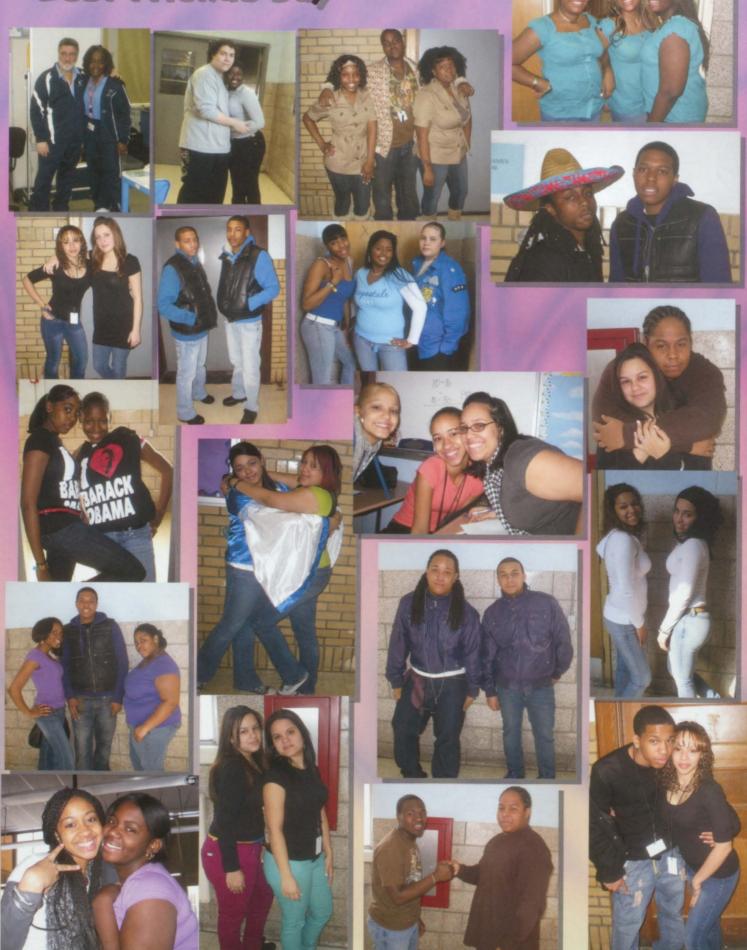
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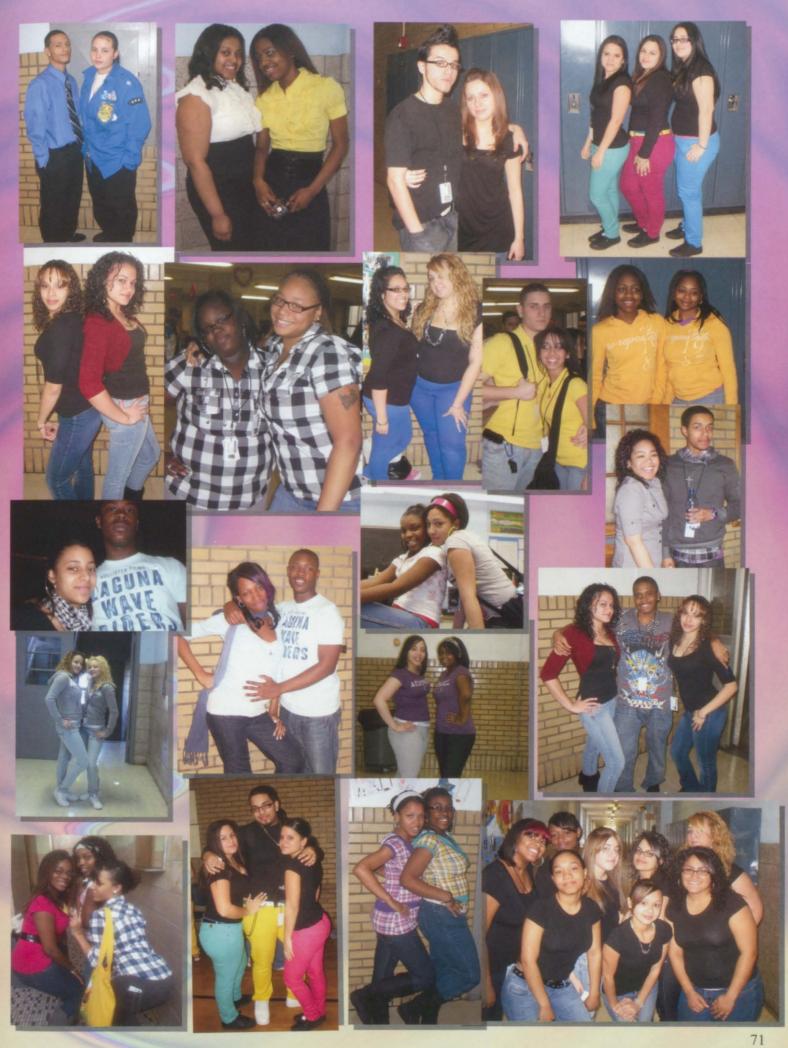






Best Friends Day







Graduating elass of class of 2009









Remember Whenooo

Steven shaved his head

Candido fell ice skating and broke his ankle

Marquise fell on his neck in Allied Health freshman year

Adaleha fell out of her seat in Mr. Sais class

We walked out of school because we had no heat

We had water fights in the hallway

We played freeze tag in the hallway

Nelson smacked Carla in the cafeteria

John did a stink bomb in the hallway

Ms. Switzer did the Wu Tang

Trishanti stabbed Shawn with a pencil

Jasmine Rivers did a good luck cheer up the street for the softball team and fell

Mr. Dolan would get mad and turn red and scratch his head

Monae was running up the stairs to fight and broke her heel



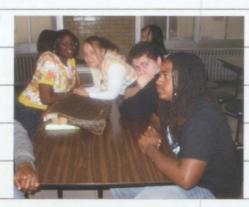






































Some of the many things we did here at North 13th Street can be remembered as firsts. We voted for President in November. We celebrated the holiday with our FIRST Holiday Program. The Drama Class participated in Poetry Out Loud. The NHS held its induction ceremony and had a luncheon. Students sang the National Anthem.

We even skated last year and can look back and smile.





More firsts for North 13

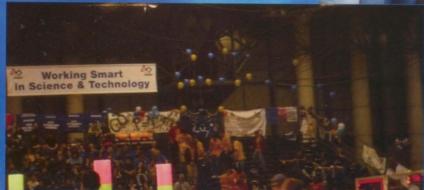




Working Smart in Science & Technology















Some crazy fun at North 13















BOOSTERS

Congratulations, Monae. Good luck in college! From. Ms. Freeman
Monae. Keep reaching for the stars!
Good luck! Ms. Virginia
Monae. congratulations on a job well done. Love, Ms. Allen
Congratulations, Monae. Keep your eyes

Congratulations, Monae. Keep your eyes on your goall From, Solange

Monae, Congratulations, sister | I love youl Love, Kiera

Be a good girl in college and make sure your "" finished Mr. Smith

Monae, You did it graduated We are

proud of youl Love, Cynthia, Kiera and Nikki

Congratulations, Monae. Keep your eyes on your goall From Cynthia Monae, God Bless you in all your future

plane. Love, Grandpa & Grapndma

Congratulations, Mari! We are proud of you! Love Sorangel You did it! You are the best! Much sucess in the future.

From Alexis

Mari, the adventure has just begun. Good luck in college. Love Sammy

Mari, Reach for the stars! Achieve your dream! Love, Grandpa

Mari, The adventure has just begun! Good luck in the future! Love, Carolina

I knew you would make us proud! Love, Evy

Baby, you did it! Love Lois

I bet your super excited for college! Congrats! Love, Eliza Mari, you did it. I'm so proud of you. Love, Mom

Wish you the best in college. I love you sweetheart. From, Dad

Freedom comes with knowledge. Stay focused. The world is yours. Jessica

Mari, The adventure has just begun! Good luck in college! Love Iran

Congratulations, Mari! We are proud of you! Love, Davelin

Kimberly, Congratulations, sister! I love you! Love, James

Congratulations, Kimberly. Good luck in college! Love, Mom and Dad

Kimberly, Keep reaching for the stars! Good luck! From Boy & Andrea

Kimberly, You did it graduate! We are proud of you! Love Kamo & Videsh

Congratulations, Kimberly. Keep your eyes on your goal! Love, Lovie & Family Michael - FINALLY!! 18. God Bless.....
Remain a good young man with great
values. Love, Maria & Family
Congratulations, Michael! We are proud
of you! Love, Grandma and Grandpa
You did it, Michael! We are so proud and
we love you! Mom & Sam



Mommy. You did it with me by your side!
- Jha'lae

Twin, I'm so proud of you. You did it! Congrats - Mommy

Sis. Good luck in college. I'll be there soon. LOL - Ms. Diva

Nay, Nay, Grandma is so proud of youl Keep it up.

Little sis. Ya big bro is happy for you. Good Luck - Mike

Congrats, Nenny. Don't have too much fun in college. - Gina

Congratulations, Andres!!!

Andres, You did it graduate! We are proud of you! From, Mr Rodriguez [RH CAT.]

Congratulations, Andres. Good luck in college! From, Ms. Endaya
Andres, Keep reaching for the stars! Good luck! From Sabrina
Andres, Keep reaching for the stars! Good luck! From Wilson [Politics]
Andres, Congratulations on a job well done. From, Willie [Politics]
Andres, where you've been determines where you're going. Mr. Hector Rios [R H.

Congratulations: Andres. Keep your eyes on your goal! Love, Mom

For Andy
with our love!
We want to say how
PROUD we are of YOU!
Keep up the good work.
Love always,
Mom, Melissa & Christian
(Bebo)





Wishing you, Andres, & the rest of the Graduates at ECVTHS -North 13th Street the BEST for their future!

Rafael Hernandez
Child Assistant Team

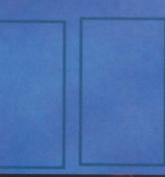
Can you put a caption under the pictures???















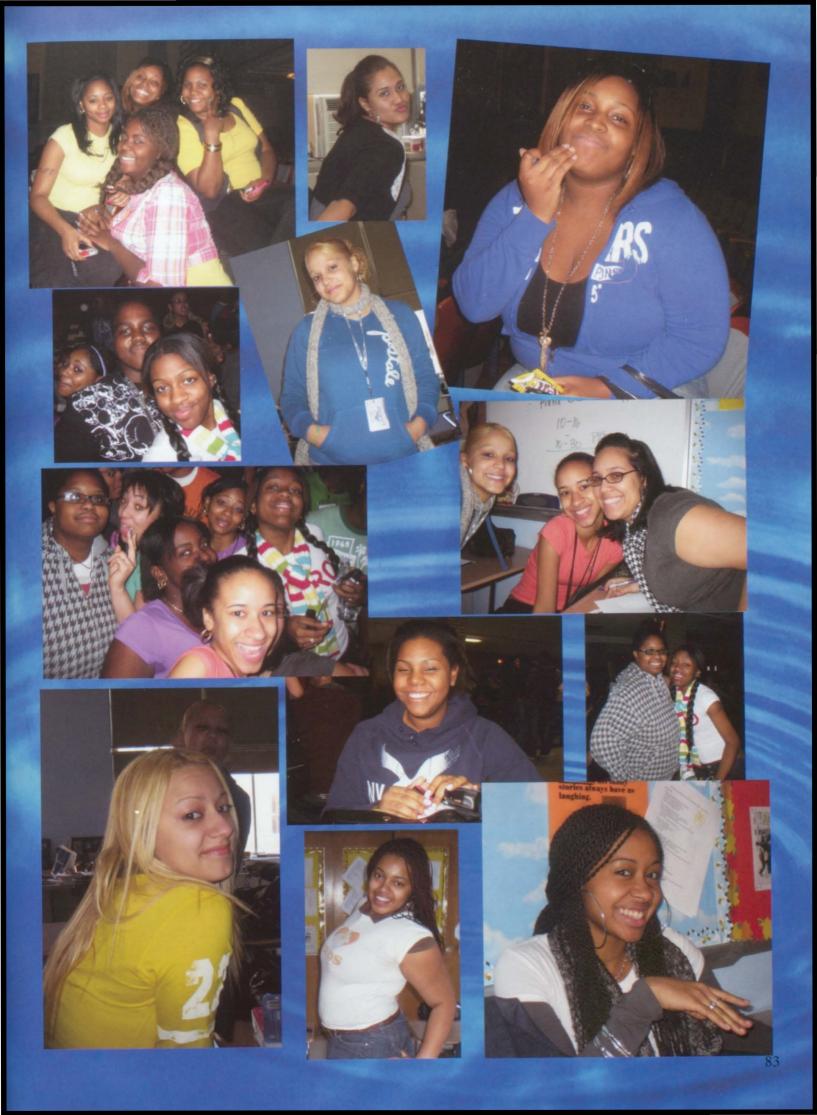












Congratulations

To all of the students who played on my teams.

Moira Batista

Erin Boyles



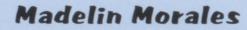


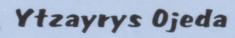
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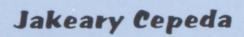


Congratulations

To all of the girls who cheered relentlessly for years!



Crystal Brotherson



Brittany Holloway

Levitta Lawrence







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The dream begins with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you to the next plateau.... ~Dan Rather



Congratulations, Class of 2009! The ADVENTURE is not ending. On the contrary, it is just beginning. Keep dreaming. Constantly assess what you have attained and make the necessary adjustments. Keep reaching for the biggest dream you can dream. Best of luck in all you do.

Ms. Wojcik and Ms. Belchik

Autographs

Security Guard E.C.V.T.S. North 13th Street

In Memory

gary Terrell



Gary worked at ECVTS for 14 years. He was a man loved by not only the faculty but the students as well.

He had the best bar-b-q sauce on the East Coast. We all looked forward to the faculty cook-out in June.

If you were ever in a jam, Gary was there, just don't touch his car!

Gary left this world in 2008.

He is deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him at ECVTHS.

A note to Gary:

I want to thank you for being you. You loved busting my chops, It took a while to understand that you were trying to teach me. I hope I'm making you proud while watching over me, especially at N I3. We didn't always walk the same walk or talk the same talk but our hearts were passionate. NI3 and you go hand in hand. You were a true blessing. I hope your spirit continues to help myself and others make our school a special place. Politics are politics and people are people, but we need to realize that our students are more important than anyone's ego or next election. We are privileged to be employees of a school district that helps mold young adults into responsible citizens.

Forever in my heart, Diane

year in review

ELECTING CHANGE

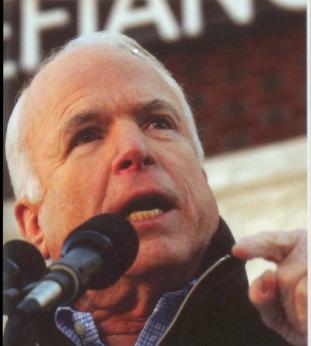
Using the campaign slogan, "Change we can believe n," Democrat Barack Obama won the 2008 election to become the 44th president of the United States. Obama, 47, is the first African-American to lead the nation. After his election, Obama quickly began selecting his cabinet, including asking New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, who he defeated to win the Democratic nomination, to be secretary of state.





THE TECHNOLOGY STUMP ◀

Campaigning style changed with Obama's use of the internet. Obama had about four million "friends" on Facebook and had collected about 10 million email addresses. He used texting to announce his vice presidential pick – Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware. His campaign website morphed into a transition website within 24 hours of his election.





MAVERICK RIDES OFF ◀

To win the election, Obama, a Democrat, beat Sen. John McCain, a Republican from Arizona. McCain's running mate was Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the first woman to run as a Republican vice presidential candidate.

LIVE FROM NEW YORK... ◀

Nobody took advantage of the election season more than the sketch comedy show Saturday Night Live, which brought back former cast member Tina Fey due to her resemblance to VP nominee Sarah Palin and rode Fey's impersonation to its highest ratings in years.

HISTORIC ELECTION ➤

To win the Democratic nomination, Obama defeated New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, the former first lady and the person considered the front-runner of her party. The highly charged campaign included five other serious Democrat candidates. The Republican field was even bigger, with McCair coming from behind to best eight others to win his party's nomination.

DRAWING A CROWD Y

People came to hear Obama speak during the campaign. His Democrative Party nomination acceptance speech was held at Invesco Stadium, about two miles from the convention center in Denver, to enable more than 70,000 people to attend. On election night, Obama held a victory rally in Grant Park, attended by 225,000 people.







BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

Jenna and Barbara Bush, the daughters and granddaughters of President George H.W. Bush and President George H. Bush, wrote a letter to Malia and Sasha Obama that included this advice:

- Get hugs from Ramsey, smiles from "Smiley" and talk football with Buddy, three of the White House ushers.
- Slide down the solarium banister.
- · Have swimming parties.
- Get comfort from your pets.



PARTY HARDY ◀ ¥

Washington, D.C., was packed with more than two million people on Jan. 20 for the historic inauguration of the nation's first African-American president. Despite the cold weather and the need to huddle together, the crowds remained enthusiastic. Obama took the oath of office with his hand on the Bible used by President Abraham Lincoln during his first swearing-in ceremony.





SEEKING VOTES A

Candidates would do a lot of things on the campaign trail in pursuit of votes. Obama got winded playing basketball with the University of North Carolina's team. Mike Huckabee, a Republican candidate, played bass in his rock band Capitol Offense and even took a turn trying to rope a fake steer at the Fort Worth Stockyards.



VOTERS TURNED OUT A

In the general election, a record 127 million votes were cast, with about 31.7 million voting early for the first time in 30 states. However, as a percentage of voters, turnout was about 61%, versus the record of 67% in 1960. Long lines to vote, either early or on Nov. 4, were orderly. Lines were also orderly the next day as many people snatched up newspapers carrying the results.

POLITICIANS BUSTED ➤

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich faced federal corruption charges for allegedly trying to sell or trade Barack Obama's Illinois senate seat. U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens of Alaska was convicted of trying to conceal home renovations and other gifts from an oil industry contractor. And Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick pled guilty to obstruction of justice and resigned amid a sex scandal.





October approved a \$700-billion bailout plan for the nation's financial system to try to get the economy moving. In February, President Obama signed a \$787-billion economic stimulus bill to pump more money into the economy.

WHO ARE YOU? A

The fight against insurgents continued in Iraq and Afghanistan. While violence decreased in Iraq, Defense Secretary Robert Gates revealed plans to send more U.S. troops to Afghanistan to battle the Taliban. Deployment of American troops meant tearful farewells and joyful homecomings. Sometimes, servicemen returned to meet new family members.



GREENING OF AMERICA

Going green affected several aspects of daily life. Reusable shopping bags became a fashion statement. Buying locally produced food saved on gasoline and meant fresher tastes. And at home, more people began buying compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL) as incandescent bulbs will be phased out in a few years. CFLs save energy and add a new shape to lighting fixtures.



Quarterback Tim Tebow led the Florida Gators to their second college football national championship in three years, when they defeated Oklahoma in the BCS title game, 24-14. However, the championship did not come without debate. Several other teams including Utah, Texas and USC - continued to question why there was no playoff system and staked their own claim to the crown.

GAS UP, GAS DOWN Y

After a record high of \$4.11 per gallon on July 17, gasoline prices were down 60% to a five-year low of \$1.63 during the last week of December, according to the American Automobile Association. Prices began rising again in early 2009. Despite the lower prices. Americans continued to drive les









WHO CAN YOU TRUST? A

Investors ranging from small charities to major international banks appeared to have lost about \$50 million in a fraudulent investment allegedly devised by a former chairman of the Nasdag Stock Market. Bernard Madoff, 70, was charged with securities fraud in what might be one of the biggest fraud cases ever.

BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT A

The comeback of actor Robert Downey Jr. from a serious drug problem became complete this year when he landed the lead role in the hit movie Iron Man. Downey followed it up with another critically praised role in the comedy Tropic Thunder.

A MORE URGENT NEED A

Rising oil prices and continued climate changes made the search for alternative, renewable sources of energy a more prevalent topic of discussion. Solutions like wind farms, using large turbines, became more common.

GAMES TO REMEMBER ▼ ➤

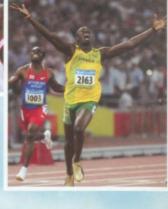
American swimmer Michael Phelps made history at the Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, by becoming the first athlete ever to win eight gold medals at one Olympics. During his breathtaking week in the pool, seven of Phelps' eight victories were new world records.

But Phelps was not the only American making history at the Beijing games. Kobe Bryant led the men's basketball team, dubbed the "Redeem Team," to a gold medal and helped vindicate U.S. basketball after a poor showing four years ago. Nastia Liukin won the women's gymnastics all-around and tied the American record for most gymnastics medals at one Olympics with five.

Perhaps the fastest-rising star outside of Phelps' pool was Jamaica's Usain Bolt, who ran a 9.69 in the 100 meters to win the gold and shatter the previous world record.



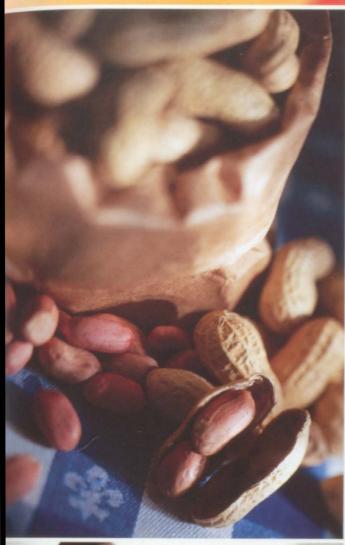








2008 OLYMPICS MEDAL (COUNT			
	TOTAL	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
1 - United States	110	36	38	36
2 - China	100	51	21	28
3 - Russia	72	23	21	28
4 - Great Britain	47	19	13	15
5 - Australia	46	14	15	17



PEANUT WITHDRAWAL <

Peanut butter products were recalled in 43 states after salmonella was found in peanut paste made in a Georgia plant. At least six people died and more than 485 people got sick. Peanut paste is a product used widely in snack foods, leading to goodies such as crackers, cookies, nutrition bars and ice cream leaving store shelves. Most peanut butter brands were not affected,

TIME FOR A SWITCH Y

Governments around the world, including the United States, continued the mandated switchover from analog television broadcasting to digital. In the U.S., an original February 2009 deadline was pushed back to June when Congress deemed that millions of people weren't ready. The switch to digital was being done to allow for more advanced services, like high-definition TV, and to free up radio spectrum bandwidth.







NEW NUMBER ONE A

Rafael Nadal finally completed his quest to replace Roger Federer as the number one tennis player in the world. The rivalry reached a new level at Wimbledon, where Nadal defeated Federer in a five-set, five-hour classic that some sportswriters called one of the greatest matches of all time. Six months later, Nadal did it again when he beat Federer in another five-set marathon to win the Australian Open.

CONTAMINATED FORMULA KILLS ≺

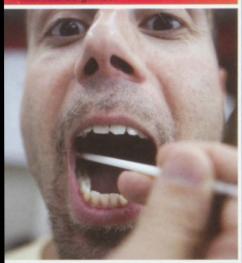
In China, several babies died and more than 12,000 were hospitalized after drinking baby formula contaminated with melamine. Melamine also was found in chocolate and other products exported from China to other countries, including the United States. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration began limiting imports of Chinese dairy products until they were free of melamine.

DNA SELF TEST Y

Over-the-counter home DNA tests could now be found at the local drugstore. Kits and results could be purchased for as little as \$200, and all they required was a swab of saliva. However, debates raged on the accuracy of the tests, as well as the ethical concerns.

GREEN MACHINE Y

The Boston Celtics re-emerged as the dominant team in basketball when they defeated the L.A. Lakers to win the 2008 NBA title. Then, the Celtics picked up where they left off by beginning the new season winning 27 of their first 30 games.



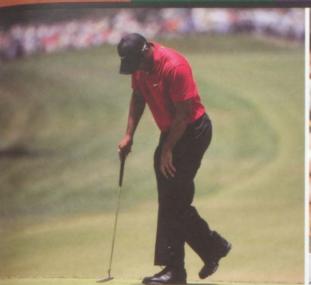


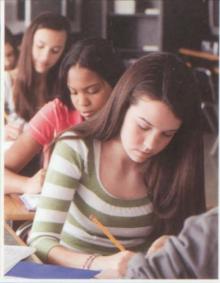


Anchored by the haunting, tragle final performance of the late Heath Ledger as the Joker, Batman sequel *The Dark Knight* drew rave reviews and shattered box office records. Earning more than \$500 million, *The Dark Knight* became one of the most commercially successful American movies ever made.

ROCKETS AND RETALIATION ≺

Israel declared war with Hamas, the Islamic militant group that rules Gaza, in an effort to stop continued rocket attacks from Gaza into southern Israel. Israeli officials said they were targeting militants in its air and ground assault of Gaza, while Hamas said it would continue to defend its people against Israeli aggression. The Israeli offensive lasted 22 days.





EPIC WIN <

Despite playing on what was later found to be a torn knee ligament and a stress fracture in his left leg, Tiger Woods played through the pain and won his third U.S. Open title, defeating Rocco Mediate in a playoff. Afterwards, surgery on the leg forced Woods to miss the remainder of the season, the first extended absence of his pro career.

CREATIVE CLASSROOM FUNDRAISING ◀

Needing money to print tests, a California calculus teacher began selling ads on his quizzes, tests and exams. Tom Farber of Rancho Bernardo High School sold ad space on the bottom of the first page to parents and businesses. Parents and students enjoyed the ads, but Farber said he did not plan on using the fund-raising method permanently.





American Adol.

SULLY SAVES THE DAY A

An experienced pilot, Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, was hailed a hero when he crash-landed his US Airways plane into the Hudson River in New York after the engines failed during the takeoff ascent. All 155 passengers and crew on board survived by escaping onto the wings, where ferries and U.S. Coast Guard boats rescued them. Birds were initially blamed for blowing the engines.

PHOENIX LANDING A

NASA's Phoenix spacecraft became the sixth vehicle to make a successful landing on Mars. Phoenix conducted more than five months of experiments before losing contact, more than expected, and discovered the presence of ice on the red planet.

STILL ON TOP ◀

Despite ratings being down slightly, American Idol was still the most watched show on TV, averaging more than 27 million viewers a week. David Cook was chosen the winner of the 7th season, and changes were made for the show's 8th season when producer Kara DioGuardi was added as a fourth judge.



\$530 million
\$318 million
\$317 million
\$227 million
\$223 million

Source: boxofficereport.com

ANOTHER TROUBLING ADMISSION ►

New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez, a 12-time All Star and three-time MVP, shocked many when he confirmed published reports indicating he had used performance enhancing drugs during the 2001-03 seasons. Rodriguez's admission came after news surfaced that had failed a confidential drug test in 2003. Despite his apology, Rodriguez's legacy was immediately debated.

PRESERVING THE PLANET ➤

The Global Seed Vault was built in Norway, where it holds and preserves thousands of seed types from around the globe should a major catastrophe strike the planet.







DRIVER DISTRACTION A

Investigators said a Los Angeles Metrolink train engineer appeared to have been texting on the job prior to a crash that killed 25 people and injured 130 in September. It was not immediately known whether the engineer was texting at the time of the crash, however, investigators said the brakes were not applied before the crash.

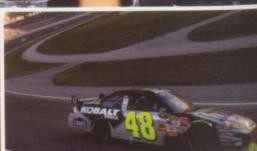
MILLIONS GO SLUMMING >

Slumdog Millionaire, the story of an inner-city teen from India who strikes it rich on a popular TV gameshow, won Best Picture at the Oscars. The rest of the nominees included Milk, The Reader, Frost/Nixon and The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.



HARD TO STOP 48 ➤

Jimmie Johnson became just the second driver in NASCAR history to win three consecutive season championships, when he put together a 2008 that included seven race wins and five runner-up finishes.

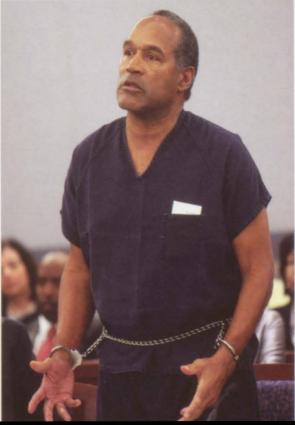


SIX-BURGH Y

The Pittsburgh Steelers ended a memorable Super Bowl XLIII when wide receiver Santonio Holmes grabbed the game-winning touchdown in the corner of the end zone with less than a minute left in the game to defeat the Arizona Cardinals, 27-23. It was the sixth Super Bowl victory for the Steelers, the most for any NFL team.







SOME JUICY GOSSIP ◀

Gossip Girl, the TV drama based on the series of books of the same name, continued to get strong ratings from the teen crowd. There were even rumors that the show, centered on the lives of socialite New York City teens, could lead to spin-offs.

JUICE GOES TO JAIL ≺

Former Heisman trophy winner O.J. Simpson began serving at least nine years in prison for his conviction in the robbery of sports memorabilia from dealers in a Las Vegas hotel room in 2007. The trial garnered fewer headlines than his 1995 trial, in which he was acquitted of the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ron Goldman.

FAR-REACHING STORM ►

Hurricane Ike devastated Galveston, Texas, when it hit Sept. 13, and caused damage and power outages in at least 10 states from Texas to Ohio. At least 34 people were still missing at the end of Janaury. Also in the wake of the storm, the southeast U.S. experienced grave gasoline shortages.

NOT QUITE SASQUATCH Y

Two Georgia men, Rick Dyer and Matthew Whitton, fooled much of the country when they claimed to have found the infamous Bigfoot in the northern Georgia hills. The two even went as far as producing a deceased body, fooling several news outlets and collecting reward money. Very quickly, the body was found to be a costume and the entire story to be a bad hoax.







PARENTS ABANDON CHILDREN A

Nebraska's legislature revised its Safe Haven Law after parents abandoned 35 children, some of them teens. All states have Safe Haven laws regarding infants, but Nebraska's original law allowed parents to drop children as old as 18 without fear of prosecution. Some parents came from other states, including Teri Martin of Michigan, who faced parental termination rights in Michigan.

NOBODY BETTER THAN ANNIKA ➤

Annika Sorenstam announced her retirement from competitive golf. She ended her career as the winningest female golfer of all time with 90 career tournament wins, including 10 LPGA major titles.





FINDING AN AUDIENCE ≺

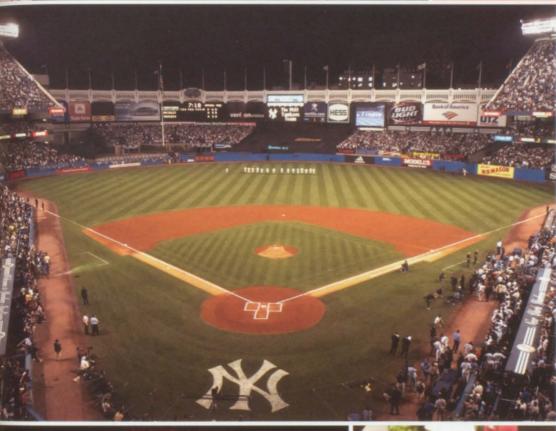
For the second straight year, critically acclaimed sitcom 30 Rock won Outstanding Comedy Series at the Emmy Awards and began to slowly gain in the ratings, possibly getting a boost from the fame star Tina Fey gained during the presidential election.

ONE LAST PITCH Y

After 85 years, the original Yankee Stadium closed its doors to make way for the new stadium being built for the New York Yankees. The final game was played in the "House That Ruth Built" on Sept. 21, 2008, against the Baltimore Orioles, with the Yankees winning 7-3.

SETBACK FOR THE LHC Y

European scientists build the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland, a giant particle accelerator designed to study advanced physics and unlock many of science's mysteries. Before the LHC's launch, conspiracy theorists speculated that the machine's power would create a disaster such as a black hole. While that did not happen, the LHC did suffer a malfunction shortly after becoming operational, which delayed the project's work.





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THEY'RE OUT THERE ≺

Astronomers have known for several years that exoplanets, or planets outside of our solar system, existed. But it was not until this year that a group of astronomers from the U.S. and Canada were able to produce photographs of two of these planets in actual visible light.

A BOLD EXPERIMENT <

Kanye West, the most commercially successful rap star of the moment, released an experimental pop album titled 808s and Heartbreak. West surprised his fans and critics alike by choosing to sing, rather than rap, on most of the songs. The heavy use of drum machines and an audio processor to alter West's voice brought mixed reviews, but earned the star praise for innovation.

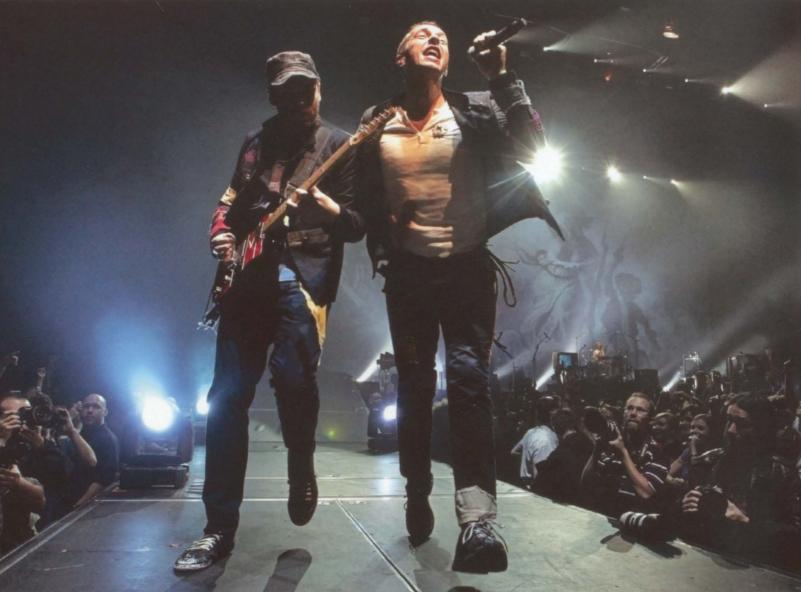
PIRATING FLOURISHES ►

A multinational task team led by the U.S. Navy was cracking down on pirates off the coast of Somalia. In February, the U.S. Navy made its first arrests of pirates on behalf of the team. Piracy has become big business and a big nuisance in the Gulf of Aden. In 2008, pirates attacked almost 100 vessels, hijacked at least 40 and received an estimated \$150 million in ransoms.

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE Y

British alternative rock band Coldplay released the album they spent the previous two years working on, *Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends*, and it became one of the best selling records of the year. The quartet also landed sever Grammy nominations and launched a successful tour.







BY THE NUMBERS • According to various surveys:

Half of primary care doctors said they would change careers because of paperwork in their practice. A shortage of family doctors was predicted by 2025.

About 2.5 million grandparents act as parents to their grandchildren. Parents who moved in with their adult children increased 67% between 2000 and 2007, mostly for financial reasons, not age.

About 25% of American adults are obese. Obesity rates for children remained the same after a 25-year increase. About 32% of children were overweight, 16% obese and 11% very obese.



QB SHUFFLE A

It was an NFL regular season where big name, veteran quarterbacks made big headlines. Green Bay's Brett Favre decided to end his retirement and coaxed the team into trading him to the New York Jets. At 37, Arizona's Kur Warner had his finest season in years and led the Cardinals to the Super Bowl. Meanwhile, New England's Tom Brady missed virtually the entire season when he was knocked out in week one with a knee injury.

RAMPAGE IN INDIA ◀

More than luxury hotels and a hospital were damaged in the bombings in Mumbai, India, which killed almost 200 people, mostly Westerners. The fragile relationship between India and Pakistan was strained. Indian officials demanded that Pakistan turn over the suspects. While Pakistan officials said no evidence linked the terrorists to Pakistan, they promised to help with the investigation.





THE FUTURE OF COUNTRY <

At only 19, young country star Taylor Swift became Billboard's highest-selling country artist of the year when her second album, Fearless, joined with her self-titled debut record to pass five million in sales. Swift later won Favorite Country Artist at the American Music Awards.

CARRY IT ALL ≺

Big purses were one of the big fashion statements of the year. Neutral or multicolored, girls and women could carry almost anything they needed with them. Scarves and boots remained must-have accessories. For boys, the slightly spiky look was being worn in short to medium hair. In college, showing up to class in sweats was cool.

IS IT SAFE? ◀

Governments struggled to get a handle on the potential dangers of Bisphenol A, or BPA, an organic compound present in some plastics used to make products such as baby bottles. When new studies showed that exposure to BPA had links to many diseases, Canada and several U.S. states moved for legislation to ban the use of BPA in bottles.

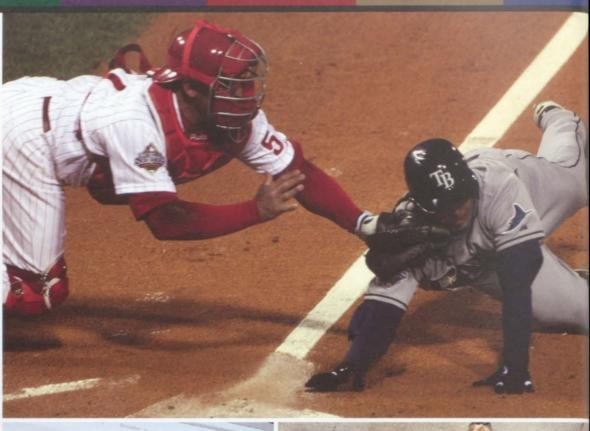
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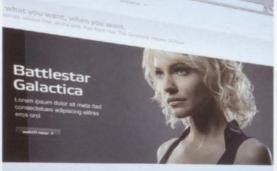
The Philadelphia Phillies won just the second world title in their 125-year history by defeating the Tampa Bay Rays in the World Series. By winning a rain-soaked Game 5 that was delayed for two days by storms, the Phillies ended Tampa's hopes of going from the worst record in baseball to the championship.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM ▼

Rapper Lil Wayne's latest album, *Tha Carter III*, was one of the best selling records of the year, going platinum five times. It also earned him eight Grammy nominations, more than any other musical artist.











IT'S ON HULU ≺

When NBC and News Corp. launched their streaming video website Hulu.com with almost no content, there were skeptics everywhere. By the end of the year, once full episodes of TV shows from a variety of channels was up on the site for free, Hulu.com had become one of the most popular destinations on the internet and a rival to YouTube.

NO MORE BRATZ A

The makers of Bratz dolls were ordered to stop making them after Mattel Inc., makers of Barbie dolls, won a four-year legal dispute. MGA Entertainment, which manufactures Bratz, planned to appeal the decision. The federal court order cited jury findings that designer Carter Bryant developed the Bratz doll concept while working for Mattel.

VAMPIRE TALES ◀

Twilight, the first novel in the popular "Twilight" series about a teenage girl who falls in love with a fellow high school student who is a vampire, was made into a movie that drew huge box office numbers.



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