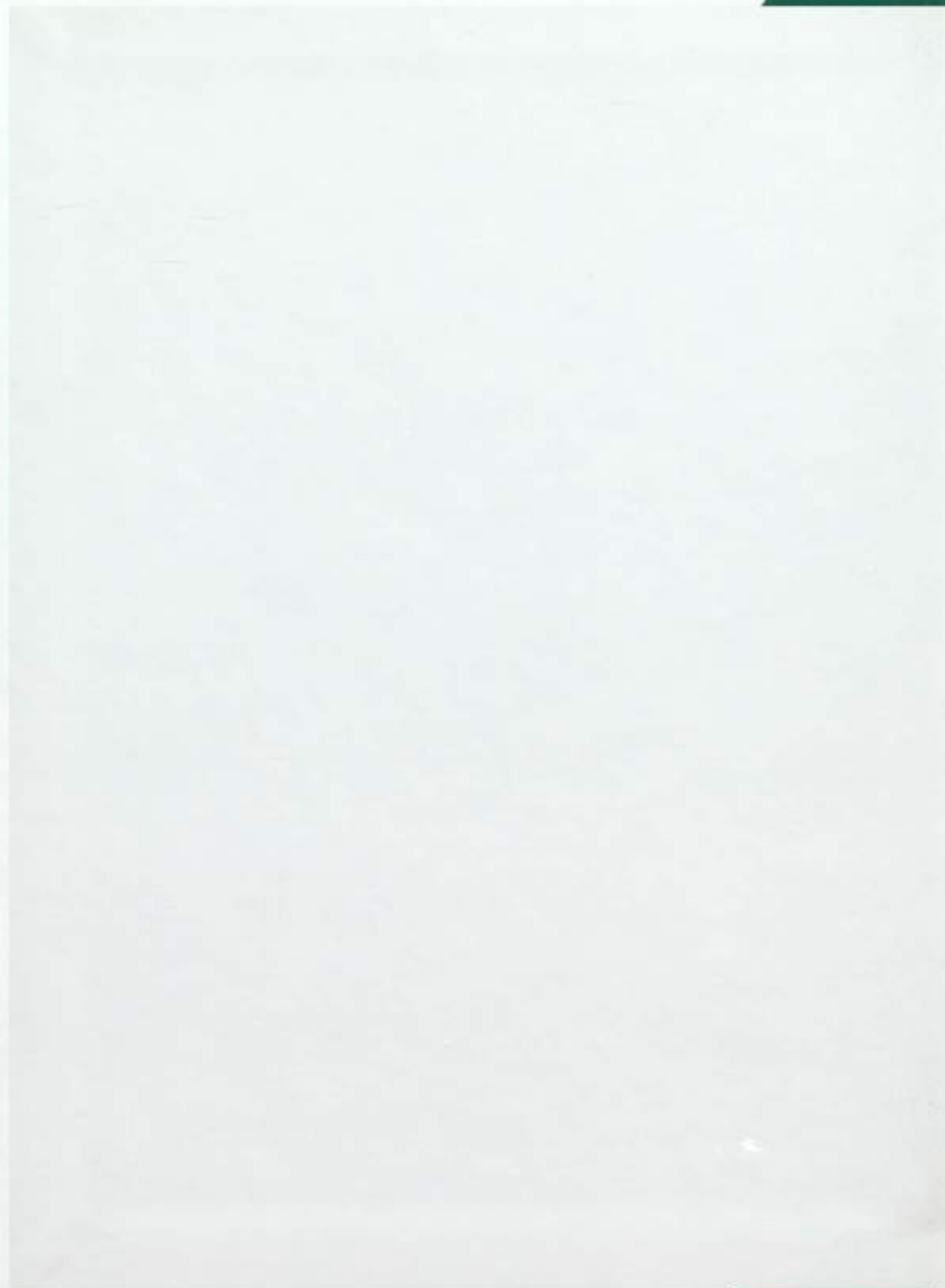


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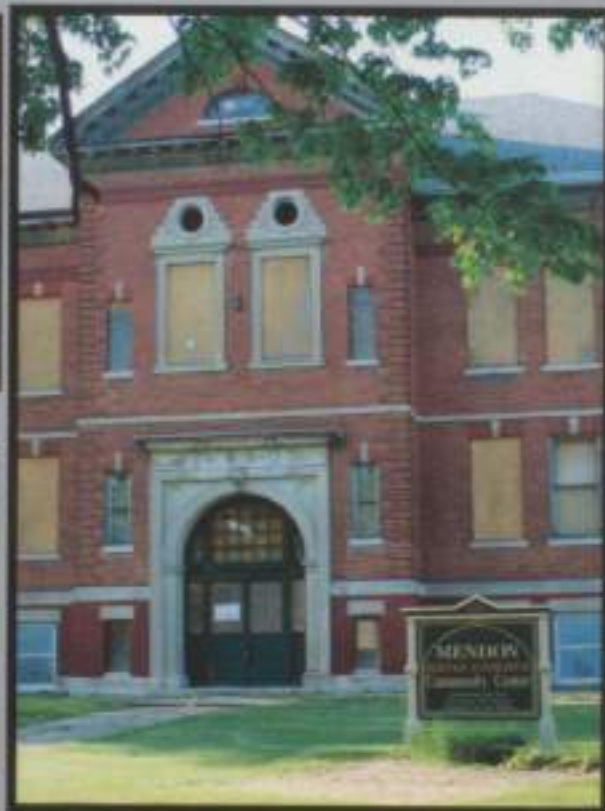
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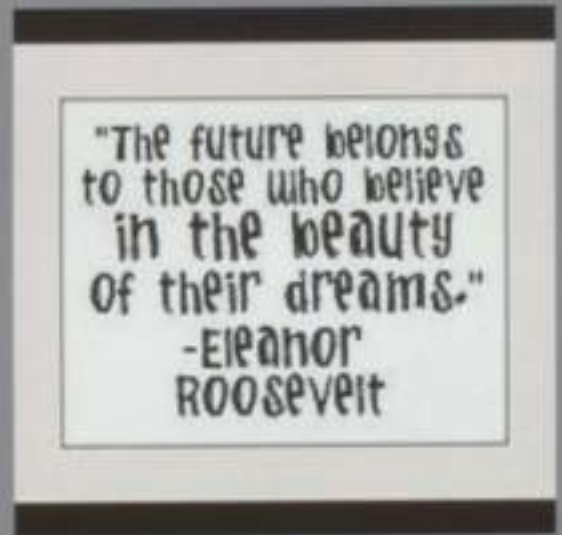
Elementary Days



This is where our journey began for most of us. Mendon Elementary School. But, just like life - things change. The building has changed since we've been there, and our playground is no longer the same either. Many of the teachers that we had in grade school have retired. The old high school building at the far right, is even gone as of the summer of 2016.



The journey begins.....





High School Days....







Mr. Rocky Alva
County Special Ed. Asst.



Mrs. Cindy Hatten
Superintendent's Secretary



Mrs. Sharon Pappas
County Special Ed. Teacher



Ms. Audrey Borkkender
English



Mrs. Janice Charles
Special Education Asst.



Mr. Doug Gardner
Music Director



Mrs. Jan Griffith
MCHS Secretary



Ms. Lanna Griffith
Math Teacher/Administrator



Mrs. Leigh Ann Hagenbush
Guidance Secretary



Mrs. Robin Henckel
Special Education Asst.



Mrs. Elizabeth Joerges
Science



Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley
Special Education Teacher



Mrs. Angie Kemp
Special Education Asst.



Mrs. Darol Kirby
Food Service Director



Ms. Megan Klein
Math



Mr. Matt Kramer
Principal



Mr. Bobby Kretschman
P.E. Director of Students



Mr. Bill Kasper
Math



Mrs. Carolyn Luth
Media Specialist

MHS Faculty & Staff



Mrs. Tina Lowery
Special Education Asst.



Mr. Roger Kaitner
Superintendent



Mr. Billy Roward
Science



Mr. Glen Benson
History/Athletics



Mrs. Julie Stamer
Special Education Teacher



Mrs. Megan Soeman
English/Quilting



Mr. Art Stephenson
Art



Mr. Caleb Stephenson
History



Mr. David Swartwick
Social Studies



Mrs. Autumn Taylor
Special Education Asst.



Mrs. Lisa VanLoest
Accounting Dept.



Ms. Lisa Vahlman
Math



Mrs. Rhonda Vinton
Special Education Asst.



Ms. Gayle Walbeck
Life Management



Mrs. Joy Warren
Math



Mr. Stephen Wickery
English



Mr. Vic
Wilczynski
History P.E.

"In learning you will teach,
and in teaching you will
learn."

~Phil Collins



Above: Mr. Rathburn strolls in to give some exciting news.

Getting The Job Done



Left: Staff members show off their holiday spirit!



“ Good teachers are the reason why ordinary students dream to do extraordinary things. ”

-Unknown





Ms.
Griffith



Jordan
Bell



Trey
Cook



Clay
Decker



Devyn
Furey



Brooke
Gabbard



Austin
Goertler



Zachary
Goodman



Austin
Samson



Braxton
Samson

Yearbook Staff



Nathan
Dedes



Abigail
Eberstein



Emma
Eberstein



Colin
Friel



Sabrina
Griffith



Madison
Haynes



Ashley
Kuhlman



Hannah
Middlehurst



Tyler
Stover



Megan
Zinsmaster



Class of 2016



Trey Mathew Cook

"Nobody is gonna hit as hard as life, but if ain't how hard you can hit. It's how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward."
- Sylvester Stallone

Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12



Nathan Bernard Dodes

"Age is just a letter."
- Lloyd Christmas

Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 9, 10, 11
Baseball 12



Ty Pepper Cool
"Dragon" "Dr. Pepper"

"Don't happen twice."
- Sung by Kenny Chesney
Written by: Lance & McHugh

Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 10, 11
Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12



Cameron Robert Deel
"Smeagol"

"People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do."
- Isaac Asimov

Basketball 10, 11, 12
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12
Cross Country 11, 12
NHS 11, 12
Science Olympiad 10, 11, 12



Clay Dennis Decker

"Tomorrow hopes we have learned something from yesterday."
- John Wayne

Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12
FFA 10, 11, 12



Brandy Jo Lynn DeLeeuw
"B"

"Better to light one candle than curse the darkness."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Softball 9, 10, 11
Student Senate 9, 10, 11, 12
Science Olympiad 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS 11, 12



Abigail Violet Eberstein
"Abby"

In case you don't recognize me,
I'm the girl with "the hair."
-A.E.



Devyn Thomas Furey
"Coug"

"Pain is weakness leaving
the body."
- U. S. Marine Corps

Football 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 10, 11, 12



Emma Elizabeth Eberstein
"Em" "Emmy"

"Well, it may be stupid,
but it is also dumb."
- Patrick Star

Volleyball 9,10,11,12
Basketball 9,10,11,12
Track 9,10,11,12
Student Senate 9,10,11,12
NHS 11,12



Brooke Taylor Gabbard
"Brookie" "Brookie-Pooh"
"Never let success go to your
head, and never let failure get
to your heart."
- Beyonce

Softball 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11
4-H 9, 10, 11, 12



Colin Patrick Friel

Football 9
Wrestling 9
Basketball 10,11
Baseball 9,10,11,12



Jenna Lea Gales
"JG" "Jenny G"

"All the people who knock me
down only inspire me to do
better."
- Selena Gomez

Cross Country 9,10,11,12
Basketball 9,10,11,12
Track 9,10,11,12
Student Senate 9,10,11,12
NHS 11,12



Damion Joseph Fritz

"It must be cajun style."
- Lloyd Christmas

Football 9, 10, 11, 12



Zachary Bruce Goodman
"Goody" "Goods"

"Sorry, I use humor to deflect
my insecurities. Plus, I'm
hilarious, so don't hate."
- Deadpool

Football 9, 10, 11
Wrestling 9



Sabrina Marie Griffith
"Bri" "Beans"

"If there's no food, I'm not going." - Dr. Cristina Yang

Volleyball 9, 10
Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Softball 9,10, 11
Cross Country 11, 12
Class Secretary 9, 10, 12
NHS 12
Student Senate 9, 10, 12



Felisha Marie Kay Hodges
"Feisha" "Fleek"

"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer; it sings because it has a song."

- Maya Angelou



Jonah Michael Grimm
"Savage Passage to Swaggege"

"But not as good as bacon."
- Rap Master

Football 9, 10
Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12



Mariah Jo Hodges
"Riah" "M-J"

"Like the wind."
- Unknown

Fall Cheer 9,10,11
Winter Cheer
Church Volunteer 9,10,11,12



Corey Bryan Gross

Football 10, 11, 12
Wrestling 10



Amanda Jo Holst
"Jo" "Mander"

"Whatever you are, be a good one." - Abraham Lincoln

Fall Cheer 11
Softball 11
4-H 9,10,11,12
FFA 11,12



Madison Irene Haynes
"Pooh"

"I saw Gady Heron wearing army pants and flip flops, so I bought army pants and flip flops." - Bethany Byrd

Cross Country 12
Basketball 9,10,11,12
Track 11,12
Softball 9,10
Archery 9,10,11



Marie Cheyenne Kay
"Mimi"

"I've just got to maintain my passion for what I do."
- Leonardo DiCaprio

Volleyball 9,10,11,12



Ashley Victoria Kuhlman
"A.K."

"Never let the fear of striking out
keep you from playing the
game." - Babe Ruth

Softball 10,11,12
Color Guard 9,10,11,12
B.P.A 11,12
B.P.A Board Member 12
4-H 12



Courtney Lee Ridenour
"Ginger" "Chicken Little"

"Happiness can be found, even
in the darkest of times, if one
only remembers to turn on the
light." - Albus Dumbledore

Softball 9, 10
Cheerleading 9, 10
NHS 11, 12



Hannah Nicole Middlehurst
"Little Middle"

"Everybody wants happiness;
nobody wants pain, but you
cant have a rainbow without a
little rain." - Zion Lee

Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Cheer 9



Lilian Grace Royer

"You are braver than you
believe, stronger than you
seem, and smarter than you
think."

- Winnie the Pooh

Band 9, 10



Dylan James Plummer
"Plum"

"There may be people that have
more talent than you, but
there's no excuse for anyone to
work harder than you."
- Derek Jeter

Football 9
Cross Country 11,12
Basketball 9,10,11,12
Baseball 9, 10
Track 12



Kelsey Marie Schultz

"I'm surrounded by idiots."
-Scar from The Lion King

Softball 9,10,11,12
Prom Committee 11



Logan Dean Quirin

"Being a hero doesn't mean you
are invincible, it means you are
brave enough to stand up and
do what's right."
- Rick Riordan

Band 9,10, 11, 12



Deane Marie Shapley
"Deno"

"This wasn't like High School
Musical at all." - Unknown

Cross Country 9,10,11,12
Fall Cheer 9,10
Track 9,10,11,12
4-H 9,10,11,12
Student Senate 9,10,11,12
Science Olympiad 9,10,11,12
NHS 11,12



Aubrey Marie Shepherd

"What lies behind us, and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Volleyball 9
Softball 9, 10, 11



Katelyn Sierra Walton
"Katie" "Kate"

"All you touch and all you see, is all your life will ever be."

- Pink Floyd

Prom Committee 11



DeLaney Kathleen Stevens
"Laney"

"Real revenge is making something of yourself."

- Gerard Way



Madison Mae Weinberg
"Madi"

"The most important thing is to enjoy your life - to be happy - it's all that matters."

- Audrey Hepburn

Basketball 9
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12



Tyler Wayne Stover
"Stovetop" "Stovedog"

"My philosophy is: If you can't have fun, there's no sense in doing it."

- Paul Walker

Football 10,11
Wrestling 9,10



Austin Mitchel Yunker
"A-Yunk"

"I once prayed to God for a bike, but quickly found out he didn't work that way...so I stole a bike and asked for his forgiveness."

- Erno Phillips

Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12
Track 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS 11, 12
Quiz Bowl 11, 12



Erica Tay Voorde
"Thunder Cow" "Goofy"

"Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got."

- Janis Joplin

Color Guard 9, 10
Cheer 10



Megan Christine Zinsmaster
"Z" "Megatron"

"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will."

- Suzy Kassem

Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12
Volleyball 9, 10, 11
Softball 9, 10, 11, 12
Equestrian 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS 12
4-H 9, 10, 11, 12
Student Senate 10, 11, 12
Science Olympiad 9, 10, 11, 12
Yearbook 11, 12



Mock Elections



Class Flirts:

Devyn Furey & Madison Weinberg



Teacher's Pets:

Austin Yunker & Brandy DeLeeuw



Most Likely To Sleep Though Graduation:

Tyler Stover and Hannah Middlehurst



Most Dramatic:

Clay Decker and Aubrey Shepherd



Class Clowns:

Ty Cool and Kelsey Schultz



★
Best Hair and Eyes:

Nathan Dedes & Courtney Ridenour



Worst Drivers:

Clay Decker and Madison Weinberg

Most Likely to Stay in Mendon:

Zac Goodman and Megan Zinsmaster

Most Athletic:

Trey Cook and Jenna Gales ★

Most Likely to Stay Best Friends:

Grind Boys and Megan Zinsmaster & Ashley Kuhlman

Most Argumentative:

Austin Yunker and Lillian Royer

Most Gullible:

Ty Cool and Hannah Middlehurst

Best Car:

Trey Cook and Brandy DeLeeuw

Worst Car:

Jonah Grimm and Marie Kay

Most Likely to Skip Class:

Damion Fritz and Felisha Hodges ★



Always Late For Everything:

Tyler Stover and Erica Voorde ★

Juniors

Jared Adams
Trenton Adams
Chris Baker
Austin Baldwin
Malakai Baldwin
Jordan Bell



Eathan Bingaman
Jacob Bingaman
Christine Campbell
Gabrielle Cleveland
Johanna Coler
Keli Crotser



Nicholas Coker
Jacob Dentler
Nicole Edwards
Mikah Edwards
Erica Farway
Hannah Fry



Grady Garling
Gregory Gifford
Austin Goertler
Noah Graham
Zackary Green
Jacob Hagenbuch



Alexander Jackson
Graham Jones
Jordan Wood
Nicole Edwards
May Leighton



Noah Graham, John Vandal
and Eathan Bingaman having
fun during Marching Band!



Below: Austin Samson, Ashley
Miller, Keli Crotser, Eathan
Bingaman and Johnny Vandal on
Pajama Day.



Class of 2017



Megann Leighton
Jack Leitch
Allison MacDonald
Taylor McClain
Alexander McDaniel
Mackenzi Medbery



Ashley Miller
Sydney Miller
Jared Moore
Madison Mykelaitis
Gabriel Parks
Cassandra Plummer



Camryn Rhodes
Eduardo Rubio
Garrett Russell
Austin Samson
Braxton Samson
Taylor Schmidt



Angela Smith
Kaley Smith
Curtis Spain
Lana Speece
Cory Steimacker
Caitlyn Stevens



Julia Sotter
Brooke VanZoest
John Vandal
Raben Vorster
Micaela Yoder



Sophomores

Nikolas Amalverde
Hailey Beebe
Mckenzie Blair
Justin Brandys
Cody Burdick
Oraya Chaimongkol



Madiyn Chapman
Wyatt Cool
Chris Cowel
Kaitlin Croser
Lukas Croser
Wyatt Clupp



Michael Jones
Morgan Eckert
Dustin Ekins
Masonna Eby
Zachary Gartin
Arissa Piro



Wade Frye
Sydney Gartin
Zachary Gartin
Taylor Harrison
Kennedy Hawkins
Connor Hawkins



Gary Brown
Haley Long
Kaitlyn Norton
Cory Olson
Skyler Rosenbaum
Laurie Lee



Freshmen

Megan Adams
Jake Allison
Alyssa Arnold
Amajha Bailey
Ryan Bell
Hailey Blair



Matthew Bowers
Dakota Brouse
Mari Clark
Noah Clark
Samuel Cleveland
Zoe Craft



Ashley Cramer
Lindsay Cooney
Aria Cuff
Payson Cuff
Cody Decker
Kody Dwyer



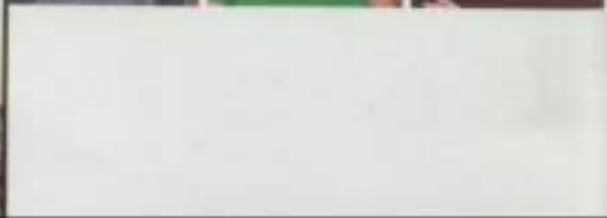
Zachary Dickson
Nathan Dierksen
Kalina Farnell
Crystal Fox
Emily Grillo
Jared Goodwin



Dylan Hardin
Jordan Hirsch
Zack Hilliard
Christylin Hilder
Alissa Hughes
Alyssa Hunt



James Hunter
Gleo Irwin
Alex Kelly



Class of 2019



Alyssa Kloosterman
Liam Koenig
Mackay Kramer
Lindsay Loden
Stephanie Lamb
Taylor Mallot



Devon Martin
Justin Matthews
Olivia Nightingale
Johnny Noel
Madison Owsen
Shane Pittsford



Jacobson Peterson
Dylan Russell
Kaitlyn Sauer
Heather Siskin
Marshall Taylor
Tayghen Salsbery



Dakota Shepherd
Andrew Smith
Lindsey Starrett
Makenzie Starrett
Anthony Vooede
Emily Vroman



Meranda Washin
Ariana Warwick
Corbin Weinberg
Riley Williams
Tonnie Willis



Exchange Students



Nguyen Thao Thanh Le
"Susan" is from Vietnam.



The students enjoyed their first dress up day - Pajama Day - for Fall Homecoming.



Panwad Junhom "Prim" is from Thailand.



Ngoc Vu "Irene" is from Vietnam.



Oraya Chaimongkol
"Ray" is from Thailand.



Kamonchanok
Sikhiwat "Beach" is from Thailand.



Jonah Weger is from Germany.



Huijeong Jang "JJ" is from South Korea.



Student Life

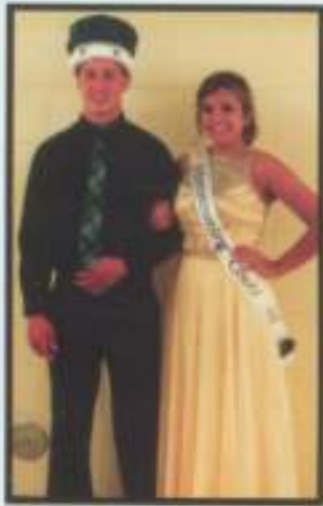


Student Life





Fall Homecoming



Queen Brandy DeLeeuw and King Trey Cook surrounded by the rest of the Homecoming Court.



At the top left is Sabrina Griffith escorted by Trey Cook. Bottom left is Jenna Gales escorted by Ty Cool.



Near right is Deane Shapley escorted by Jonah Grimm.

At the top right is Brandy DeLeeuw escorted by Austin Yunker. Bottom right is Abby Eberstein escorted by Colin Friel.



Star Wars was the theme for the 2015 Fall Homecoming.



Dress Up



Monday - Pajama Day
 Tuesday- Character Day
 Wednesday- Senior Citizen Day
 Thursday- Darth Vader Day
 Friday- Spirit Day!



Assembly



Balance the ball



Tug of war



Balance the ball



Dig for gummy worms



Juniors

Juniors took first place with their float, The X-wing fighter.



Student section



Snowball



Above: Mr. Kramer dances with Nancy Steinacker, Emily Vendal and Lara Speece.

Above: Students gather to play cards.



Winter in the Big Apple



Above: Cheyenne Campbell and Hannah Frye pose for a picture.



Above: Payton Cupp and Gabriel Parks enjoy a slow dance along side Devyn Furey and Emily Vendal.



Above from left to right: Bailey Moyer, Makinna Zetty, Emily Goble, Emily Vroman, and Crystal Acre pose for a picture.



The Snowball Queen and King were Emily Goble and Hunter Lovell.

Winter Homecoming



Nancy Steinsacker escorted by John Vandal.



Alysa Kramer escorted by Ruben Vorster.



Queen, Courtney Ridenour escorted by King, Devyn Farey



Megan Zinmester escorted by Dylan Plummer.



Lauren Lash escorted by Arjun Vorster (Duke)



Aubrey Crotser (Duchess) escorted by Corbin Weisberg.



Amazha Bailey escorted by Ryan Bell.



Rachel Pirkster escorted by Jonah Weger.



Expelliarmus



SLYTHERIN PRIDE



This year's Homecoming theme was Harry Potter. Above are pictures of the hallways decorated. The Freshmen had Hufflepuff, the Sophomores had Ravenclaw, the Juniors had Slytherin and the Seniors had Gryffindor. To the left and below are pictures of some of the games that the homecoming candidates played at the assembly. Some of the games were: quidditch, target shooting, and pass the ball.





THE LITTLE MERMAID



The cast of *The Little Mermaid* taking a bow after a GREAT performance!



Without the assistance of our backstage help, the musical could not happen. Pictured left are: Katelyn Walton, Zackary Green and Malakai Baldwin. Above: Ms. Green helps Nancy with her costume.

Ariel
 Prince Eric
 Grimsby
 Sebastian
 Flounder
 King Triton
 Ursula
 Flotsom
 Jetsom
 Attina/Princess
 Alana/Princess
 Adella/Princess
 Arista/Princess
 Andrina/Princess
 Scuttle
 Chef Louis

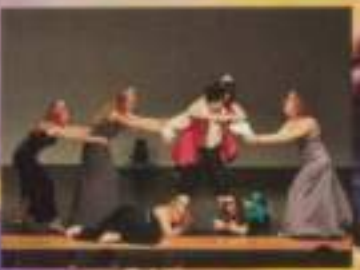
DeLancy Stevens
 Johnny Vendal
 Dylan Tuft
 Eathan Bingaman
 Callie Steinberger
 Nancy Steinacker
 Kaylee Hook
 Teaghen Sellers
 Alyssa Kramer
 Makinna Zetty
 Crystal Acre
 Kaitlyn Slocum
 Rachel Pinkster
 Ciera Kline
 Austin Baldwin
 Sydney Griffith

Chorus

Jillian Koenig, Kerrigan Gage, Micaela Yoder, Emily Vroman, Madison Hessling, Sydney Pierce, Josh Yoder, Chloe Behrends

Directed by: Mr. Douglas Gaertner

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTL 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019
www.MTLShows.com



Prom 2016 Masquerade



Above: Host & Hostess,
Arjuni Vorster & Makenzie
Oatley.
Far Left: King and Queen,
Trey Gook & Katelyn
Walton.
Near Left: Prince and
Princess, Austin Goertler &
Nancy Steinacker.





Jonah Grimm and Deane Shapley take a moment to pose.



Dance



Science Olympiad



Above: Joshua Yoder and John Vandal doing some test flies before competing.



Above: John Vandal and Mr. Trenary doing some final tune ups on their plane.

Right: Mr. Munn, Mr. Trenary, John Vandal, and Cassie Plummer working on their robot.



Below: Austin Baldwin and Chris Jackson head to the next competition.



Below: Jenna and Brandy enjoying their lunch.



Below: Angela making last minute observations on her project.



Above: Sabrina and Emma enjoying their time at the college.



Quiz Bowl

The Quiz Bowl team placed 7th behind Howardsville; it was a great fun filled day.



Angela Smith



Gabriel Parks



Austin Yunker



Cameron Deel



Madison Weinberg



Alexandar McDaniel



Left: The Quiz Bowl crew warming up for the competition. Right: All of the Quiz Bowl teams competing against each other.



Band



On the left, the band poses for a group picture. On the right, Band Major, Emily Vendal.



Above: Eathan Bingaman on the tuba.

Below: Joshua Yoder and Ciera Kline perform during the homecoming halftime show, Star Wars.

Right: Seniors Logan Quirin and Ashley Kuhlman.





Concert Band



Above: Mr. Gaertner directs the concert band.



Above: Noah Graham tunes up.

Left: Stephanie Lamb prepares her music for the evening's performance.



Left: The trumpets practice before the concert.



Right: Joshua Yoder practices for the concert.



Left: Mr. Gaertner directs the concert band.



National Honor Society



Front L to R: Austin Yunker, Deane Shapley, Courtney Ridenour, Emma Eberstein, Jenna Gales, Brandy DeLeeuw, and Cameron Deel. Middle L to R: Cheyenne Campbell, Trey Cook, Blake Everson, Hannah Frye, Sabrina Griffith, Jacob Hagenbuch, Alexander Heckman, Alyssa Kramer, and Mary Leighton. Back L to R: Megann Leighton, Cassandra Plummer, Garrett Russell, Braxton Samson, Taylor Schmidt, Kaley Smith, Ruben Vorster, and Megan Zinsmaster.



Pictured left: NHS members working at the blood drive.



Hannah Frye assisting with the Senior Citizens' luncheon.



Pictured right: The new NHS members are sworn in.



Student Senate



Pictured left:
Julia Sutter, Brandy DeLeeuw, Blake Everson, Megan Zinsmaster, and Lauren Lash donate blankets to the nursing home.



Jenna Gales and Mary Leighton wrap Christmas gifts for the adopted family.



The Student Senate organizes activities and dances for both Fall and Winter Homecomings. They also organize the Snow Ball dance to raise money for their adopted family. This is a huge event each year during December that the NHS and Student Senate join forces to organize. Members of the Student Senate are: President, Blake Everson, Vice President, Brandy DeLeeuw, Secretary, Deane Shapley, and Treasurer, Megan Zinsmaster. Sr. Representative, Courtney Ridenour, Jr. Representatives: Mary Leighton, Eathan Bingaman, & Alyssa Kramer; Sophomore Representatives: Lauren Lash, Wyatt Cupp & Ciera Kline; and Freshmen Representatives: Anna Cupp, Hayley Kramer & Cierra Nightingale.





Pictured above are Austin Baldwin and Ashley Kuhlman who qualified for a Leadership Conference at Regional & State Competitions. Ashley went on to compete at Nationals in Boston.

CTE Programs



Mendon students have a variety of options when it comes to CTE courses. They can take Medical Occupations, Building Trades, Automotive Technologies, Computer Aided Design, Graphic Design, Marketing, Agriscience and Natural Resources, Computer Information Technologies, or Welding. Several offer college credits and others include various certifications.



Video Game Club



The members of the video club can change each week, but those who are in attendance the most are Emily Loudenslager, Austin Baldwin, Eathan Bingaman, Malakai Baldwin, Dylan Tuft, Zack Green, Chris Jackson, Johnny Vendal, Alex McDaniel, Kaylee Hook, Teaghen Sellers, Noah Graham, Taylor McClain and Sydney Miller.

The awesome supervisor of the club's meetings is Mr. Kuiper. It would be more accurate to call the group a game club because it's not only video games being played but board and card games as well. This club was created by Austin Baldwin, and all games and systems are brought in by the students. This room is always filled with laughs and angry shouts of defeat.





Hornet Athletics



Boys' Athletics:

- Cross Country
- Football
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Baseball
- Track
- Golf



Girls' Athletics:

- Cross Country
- Volleyball
- Equestrian
- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- Softball
- Track



Equestrian

This year's team consisted of senior, Megan Zinsmaster and sophomore, Morgan Eckert.

Megan and Morgan competed in many events during three district meets before advancing to the regional meet.

Megan won Champion Barrels after accumulating the most points after the three district meets.



Above: Morgan waits for the judge to acknowledge her in Western Showmanship.

To the left: Megan runs barrels on her horse, Buddy.

To the right: Morgan competes in Western Bareback.



Top right: Megan shows in saddleseat bareback with her horse, Star.

Bottom Right: Morgan competes in English Riding with her horse, Cody.

To the left: Megan works the gate in trail class, after walking over the bridge.



To the left: Morgan runs down for the hand-off.



To the right: Megan races back to the timer to complete the relay.



Above: The hand-off is completed.





Starting from Top left are: Wyatt Cupp, Alexander Heckman, Austin Yunker, Jacob Hagenbuch, Keaton Crotser, Cameron Deel, and Dylan Plummer. Bottom left to right: Timothy Springer, Lukas Crotser, Connor Henckel, Garrett Russell, and Jonah Grimm.

Seniors



Austin Yunker



Cameron Deel



Dylan Plummer



Jonah Grimm

The Boy's Cross Country team finished first in their Regional this year. They entered the day seeded in first, and they did not disappoint as many of the runners ran their personal bests. The State meet was held at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan on Saturday, November 7th. The day was chilly, but not too cold. The boys ended up finishing in 6th place which was tied for the highest finish in school history for a boys' cross country team. It was a great season!

Varsity Boys'



Above: The Varsity Boys' Cross Country team starts off their run against a host of schools to fight for a spot at the Centreville Invitational.



Above: Keaton Crotser moves past a runner. To the right: Cameron Deel takes the inside of the turn.



BCS All League Team:
Jacob Hagenbuch
Dylan Plummer
Austin Yunker



To the left: Austin Yunker runs in front of a crowd of supporters. To the right: Dylan Plummer and Alex Heckman race to the finish line.



BCS Honorable Mention:
Keaton Crotser
Alex Heckman

Scholar Athletes:
Cameron Deel
Jacob Hagenbuch
Alex Heckman
Connor Henckel
Dylan Plummer
Garrett Russell
Austin Yunker



Lukas Crotser finishes strong!



Tim Springer strides ahead of the pack.



Jonah Grimm rounds the bend as he races against the clock.

Below: The boy's get ready to start their run.



Jacob Hagenbuch strides around a bend.

Cross Country

Varsity Girls'



Back row: (left to right) Madison Haynes, Taylor Schmidt, Jenna Galas, MaKenzie Oatley, and Lauren Lash.

Front row: (left to right) Mary Leighton, Deane Shapley, Julia Sutter, and Sabrina Griffith.



Above: Mary Leighton earns a medal at an invitational.



This year, the girls' team qualified for the State Meet at MIS. Runners were: Mary Leighton, Jenna Galas, Julia Sutter, Deane Shapley, Lauren Lash, MaKenzie Oatley and Taylor Schmidt.



Cross Country

Seniors



Madison Haynes
P.R. 32:44

Sabrina Griffith
P.R. 27:42.5

Jenna Gales
P.R. 20:43

Deane Shapley
P.R. 23:59.5

BCS All League 1st Team:
Jenna Gales
Mary Leighton

BCS Honorable Mention:
MaKenzie Oatley
Deane Shapley
Julia Sutter

Scholar Athletes:
Mary Leighton
MaKenzie Oatley
Taylor Schmidt



Above, Lauren Lash
races through the woods.



Above, MaKenzie Oatley
starts out strong. Left: Coach
Art encourages everyone to
run for their personal bests.
Right: Julia Sutter finishes
after a tough battle.

The girls line up for a race on
their home course on Olney
Road. They hosted a fourteen
team invite in September.



Varsity Football



Row One (Coaches): Bobby Kretschman, Glen Samson, John Schwartz, Mitch Ulrich, Bob Critz
 Row Two: Devyn Furey, Trey Cook, Clay Decker, Ty Cool, Nathan Dedes, Corey Gross
 Row Three: Jacob DeRyke, Austin Samson, Grady Garlinger, Braxton Samson, Ruben Vorster
 Row Four: (Manager) Skyler Crespo, Dominique Feister, Kaden Frye, Hunter Lovell, (Manager) Noah Slaughter
 Missing from photo: Damion Fritz and Wyatt Cool

Seniors



Co-Captain
Trey
Cook



Co-Captain
Devyn
Furey



Ty
Cool



Co-Captain
Clay
Decker



Co-Captain
Nathan
Dedes



Co-Captain
Damion
Fritz



Corey
Gross

The Hornets qualified for the playoffs for the 14th time out of the last 15 years but fell short in the Pre-District game to Climax Scotts. The Hornets finished the season with a 5-5 record. All- League honors went to Trey Cook, Devyn Furey, Ty Cool, Braxton Samson, and Wyatt Cool.





Left:
The
Hornets
huddle for
the next
play.
Right: Braxton
Samson tucks
the ball and
gets up field.



Above: Wyatt Cool makes a cut behind Devyn Furey against the Vikings.



Above: Trey Cook kicks a extra point.



Below: The
Hornet defense
gets ready to put
a stop to the
Panther offense.



JV Football

2015-2016 Season



Coaches: Skyler Ford, Lincoln Kinger, and Summer Volunteer, Derek Brueck
Third Row left to right: Clayton Stuka, Corbin Wernberg, Jake Allison, Lincoln Crotser, Austin Goertler, Gabe Parks, Brandon Smith, and Chris Holder.
Second Row left to right: Cole Decker, Tyler Monroe, Zach Duchene, Andrew Smith, Justin Mathews, Kaden Frye, and Arjun Vorster.
First Row (of players) left to right: Logan Hunter, Samuel Cleveland, Josh Harold, Liam Koenig, Jason Reeves, and Jonathan Peterson.
Front Row: All Managers



JV Volleyball

2015-2016 Season



Back Row left to right: Anna Cupp, Kennedy Hawkins, Lauren Oke, Cierra Nightingale, and Zoe Craft.
Middle Row left to right: Emily Loudenslager, Emily Vandal, and Aubrey Crotser.
Front Row left to right: Payton Cupp and Mackenzi Oswald.
Missing from photo: Hayley Kramer and Abby Miller.
Coach: Jamie Mostrom



Varsity Volleyball



Top row (left to right)- Alyssa Kramer, Nancy Steinacker, Megann Leighton, Brandy DeLeeuw, Marie Kay. Middle row (left to right)- Madison Weinberg, Kailey Smith, Emma Eberstein, Cassie Plummer. Bottom row (left to right)- Amajha Bailey and Lara Speece. Not pictured Abby Miller and Hayley Kramer.

Seniors



Left to Right- Brandy DeLeeuw, Emma Eberstein, Marie Kay and Madison Weinberg



Above: Marie Kay digs out a ball. Below: Alyssa Kramer covering for a hitter.



Above: Megann Leighton and Madison Weinberg put up a block while Cassie Plummer covers.



Above: Brandy DeLeeuw celebrates a point.



Above: Lara Speece getting ready to pass a ball.



The volleyball team had a great season this year, their record was 32-11-7. They won the county tournament beating Three Rivers in the finals. They placed second at both the Coldwater and Coloma tournaments. The girls were District champs beating Marcellus in five sets and were Regional champs beating Climax-Scotts in three sets. The Lady Hornets' season ended in the Quarterfinal match to St. Phil in four sets. Abby Miller, Hayley Kramer, Aubrey Crotser, and Emily Vendal were all brought up during the post season. Megann Leighton made first team All State, Kaley Smith was second team All State and Cassie Plummer was Honorable Mention.



Above: Emma Eberstein and Kaley Smith enjoying serve receive. Below: Nancy Steinacker doing her job on the serving line.



Above: The team after they celebrate their Regional win at home against Climax-Scotts.

Fall Cheer



Back Row (Left to Right): Cheyenne Campbell, Hannah Frye, Jasmine Pavey, and Rachel Pinkster.
Front Row (Left to Right): Madisyn Chapman and Micaela Steinberger.



Pictured to the left Cheyenne Campbell and Hannah Frye perform a cheer with aspiring elementary cheerleaders at the Fall Homecoming game.



Go Hornets!



Pictured above are this year's JV cheerleaders. On the left is J.J Jang and on the right is Kaitlyn Slocum.





- #2 Mary Leighton
- #4 Megan Zinsmaster
- #10 Sabrina Griffith
- #12 Jenna Gales
- #14 Emma Eberstein
- #22 Julia Sutter
- #24 Kelsi Crotser
- #30 Brandy DeLeeuw
- #34 Madison Haynes
- #42 Nancy Steinacker

Managers:
 Payton Griffith
 Taylor Heitkamp

Year End Awards
 All State HM:
 Megan Zinsmaster

All League:
 Megan Zinsmaster
 Mary Leighton

All League HM:
 Emma Eberstein
 Jenna Gales
 Julia Sutter

Varsity Girls Basketball



Megan Zinsmaster



Sabrina Griffith



Jenna Gales



Emma Eberstein



Brandy DeLeeuw



Madison Haynes

Seniors



Above: The girls wear their BCS League Champions crowns



The Lady Hornets finished their regular season with a record of 17-3. The girls had only one loss in their division against the White Pigeon Chiefs by a score of 24-31. Even with the one loss, they were named Blue Division Champions. Three of the Junior Varsity girls were moved up to play in the District games. These girls included: Blake Everson, Madison Mykolaitis, and Alyssa Kramer. The first District game was against the Colon Magi. The Hornets won 42-15. After the win, they moved onto the District Finals against the Athens Indians. Unfortunately, the Hornets lost by two points on a buzzer shot in overtime. The final score was 49-51.



Coach Lena Griffith discusses a play with the team during a crucial timeout.



Top Left: Nancy Steinacker waits to receive a pass. Top Right: Madison Haynes passes the ball to a referee. Bottom Left: Mary Leighton lines up for a free throw. Bottom Right: Evana Eberstein smiles as she gets back for defense.

JV Girls Basketball



Left to right: Anna Cupp, Alyssa Kramer, Lauren Lash, Aubrey Crotser

Middle: Manager Caden Everson

Left to right: Kennedy Hawkins, Makenzie Oatley, Blake Everson

Not pictured: Amajha Bailey



Amajha Bailey looks for the open person.

Alyssa Kramer shooting her free throw!



JV Boys Basketball



Left to Right: Liam Koenig, Skyler Kloosterman, Ruben Vorster, Christopher Holder, Keaton Crotser, Corbin Weinberg, Arjun Vorster, Wyatt Cupp, and Cole Decker.



Left: Cole Decker going for the lay up! Right: Corbin Weinberg making a move to the basket.



Team
Huddle!



Varsity Boys Basketball



Back left to right; Coach Ames, Coach Slaughter, and Coach Swanwick. Front left to right; Ruben Vorster, Cameron Deel, Braxton Samson, Greg Gifford, Hunter Lovell, Devyn Furey, Jacob Hagenbuch, Dylan Plummer, and Trey Cook.

Seniors



The Hornets finished with a respectable 13-9 record. The team defeated Athens to make it to the District Final game but came up short against Howardsville Christian.

Earning All League for the Blue Division were Dylan Plummer and Trey Cook, and earning Special Mention was Devyn Furey.



Left: Braxton Samson drives to the hoop. Above: Coach Swarwick gives a pep talk.



Left: Trey Cook avoids the defense. Right: Dylan Plummer goes up hard for a lay-up.



Left: Hunter Lovell ready to shoot a free throw. Right: Dylan Plummer looks to call a play.



Wrestling



Back Row: Coach Art, Coach Bingaman, Austin Samson, Jacob Deryke, Dominique Feister, Kaden Frye, Connor Henckel, Ty Cool, Clayton Stluka, and Coach Stephenson. Middle Row: Mgr. Skyler Crespo, Kody Drewer, Zachary Duchene, Wyatt Cool, Austin Goertler, Justin Mathews, Lincoln Crotser, Samuel Cleveland, Jonathan Peterson, and Kennedy Hawkins. Front Row: Mgr. Colin Cupp, Mgr. Brody Miller, Jonah Weger, Jonah Grimm, Nikolas Andaverde, James Hunter, Tyler Monroe, Johnny Noel, Hannah Frye, and Blake Everson



Top left: The team making an announcement at a pep assembly about an upcoming tournament. Top Middle: Kaden Frye Top Right: Kody Drewer Left: Clayton Stluka Right: Several team members after a long tournament.



Seniors



Ty Cool

Weight Class: 152
 Career Records
 Wins: 59 Losses: 76
 Pins: 27

Jonah Grimm

Weight Class: 135
 Career Records
 Wins: 151 Losses: 36
 Pins: 70



Top Left: Austin Goertler

Top Right: Wyatt Cool

Left: Austin Samson

Bottom: The three

wrestling captains:
 Ty Cool, Jonah Grimm,
 and Kaden Frye



Left: Jonah Grimm:
 State qualifiers Jonah
 Grimm, Wyatt Cool, and
 Nikolas Andaverde
 Top Right: Zachary
 Duchene
 Middle Right: Nikolas
 Andaverde
 Bottom Right: Ty Cool





Left to Right: Coach Travis Crotser, Alex McDaniel, Keaton Crotser, Lukas Crotser, Connor Henckel, Mitchell Dedes and Nikolas Andaverde



Keaton Crotser hits the ball off the fairway and onto the green.

For the Hornet Golf team, each player improved his game from start to finish. The team had to travel to many different golf courses to compete in the BCS. Individually, Keaton Crotser earned All League honors and qualified for the Regional tournament held in May. Overall, the team had a very good season!

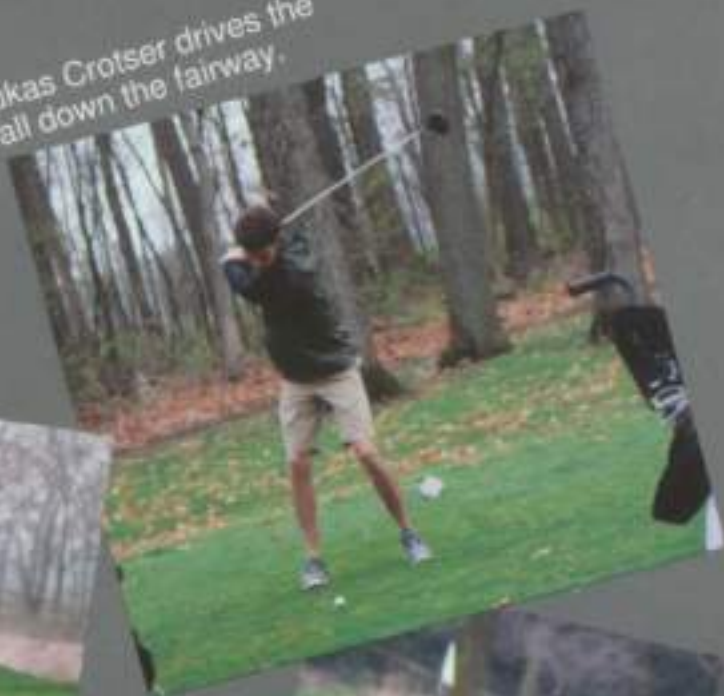


Varsity Golf



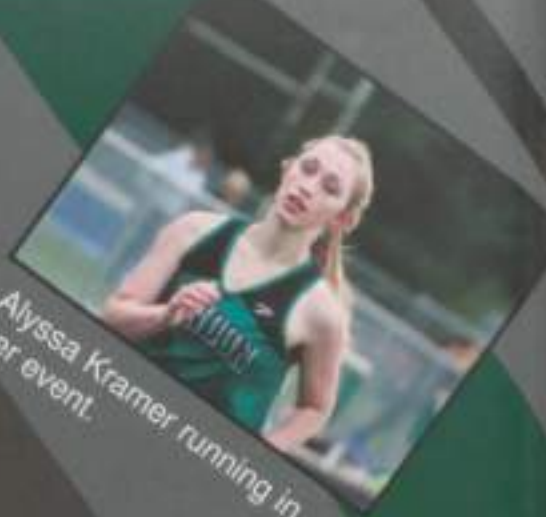
Mitchell Dedes sizes up his putt.

Lukas Grotser drives the ball down the fairway.



Alex McDaniel putts the ball into the hole.





Alyssa Kramer running in her event.



Irene Vu competing in the long jump.



Above: Kaley Smith running hard to the finish line. Below: Mari Clark finishing her race.



Jenna Gales and Emma Eberstein complete a hand-off.



Mary Leighton was State Champion in the 100m hurdles.



Below: Kaley Smith, Jenna Gales, Emma Eberstein, and Mary Leighton after setting the new school record in the 800m relay with the time of 1:49.27; the team also earned All State honors at the State Meet.



Sydney Coler throwing the disc.





Front Row: Hannah Middlehurst, Mari Clark, Jenna Gales, Deane Shapley, Madison Weinberg, Julia Sutter, Mary Leighton and Emma Eberstein

Middle Row: Rachel Pinkster, Oraya Chaimongkol, Irene Vu, Teaghen Sellers, Lindsey Laden, Taylor Mailhot, MaKenzie Oatley, Alyssa Kramer, Brooke VanZoest, Mackenzi Oswald, Kaitlyn Slocum.

Second Row: Coach Bobby Kretschman, Coach Bob Critz, Megan Adams, Emily Vroman, Kaylee Hook, Emily Loudenslager, Nancy Steinacker, Madison Haynes, Sydney Coler, Madisyn Chapman, Coach Dave Neely, and Coach Vic Wilczynski

Seniors





Front Row L to R: Jordan Bell, Andrew Smith, Skyler Kloosterman, Nick Andeverde, Zach Duchene.
 Middle Row L to R: Wyatt Cupp, Dylan Plummer, Josh Yoder, Ruben Vorster, Samuel Cleveland, Arjun Vorster, Justin Mathews, Riley Williams, Chris Rios, Alex Heckman.
 Back Row L to R: Jacob Hagenbuch, Austin Samson, Lincoln Crotser, Devyn Furey, Lucas Crotser, Kaden Frye, Connor Henckel, Jonah Weger, Clatyton Stluka, Austin Yunker.
 Coaches: Bobby Kretschman, Bob Critz, Dave Neely, Vic Wilczynski

Seniors



Austin Yunker



Devyn Furey



Dylan Plummer

Varsity Track





Above Alex Heckman PR's in the 1600m run with a time of 4:37. Alex placed 2nd at the State meet in the event.



Austin Yunker finished 7th in the pole vault at the State Meet earning All State honors.



The 3200m relay team consisting of L to R: Ruben Vorster, Jacob Hagenbuch, Devyn Furey, and Alex Heckman placed 3rd at the State Meet earning All State accolades.

Softball



Amariha Bailey



Ashley Kuhlman



Zoe Craft



Cierra Nightingale



Megan Zinsmaster



Cassie Plummer



Morgan Ecken



Blake Everson



Brooke Gabbard



Abby Miller



Lauren Lash



Hannah Frye



Kennedy Hawkins

Seniors



Brooke Gabbard



Ashley Kuhlman



Coaches:
Dave Cook
and
Buzz Griffith



Megan Zinsmaster



Front Row: Morgan Eckert, Abigail Miller, Megan Zinsmaster, Brooke Gabbard, Zoe Craft and Amaijha Bailey. Back Row: Blake Everson, Ashley Kuhlman, Lauren Lash, Cassie Plummer, Hannah Frye, Kennedy Hawkins, and Cierra Nightingale.

Baseball



Back row from left to right: Coach Ken Kruszka, Coach Michael Kettwich, Braxton Samson, Dominique Feister, Colin Friel, Hunter Lovell, Grady Garlinger, Clay Decker, Nathan Eberstein, and Coach Glen Samson.

Front row from left to right: Trey Cook, Cameron Deel, Nathan Eberstein, Lincoln Crotser, Colin Decker, Wyatt Cool, Gabe Parks, Nathan Dedes, and Volunteer Dakota Springer.

MENDON

The Mendon Hornets Varsity Baseball team went 19-9 this year and finished 4-6 in the BCS Blue Division. This is the ninth year in a row that the Hornets have earned at least 15 or more wins in a single season. Reaching a milestone this year, Coach Glen Samson earned 400 wins in his career. The Hornets had two All-League players in Trey Cook and Braxton Samson.



Seniors



Trey Cook-All League



Clay Decker



Cameron Deal



Collin Friel



Nathan Dodes



Above: Coach Glen Samson reached 400 wins this season in his career at Mendon as Head coach.





Student speakers:
to the left Jenna Gales and Clay Decker
To the right: Austin Yunker
and Brandy DeLeeuw



Graduation Day



Above:
Supt. Roger Rathburn



Above: DeLaney
Stevens sings the Star
Spangled Banner.



Above: Honor Guards
Alex Heckman & Taylor Schmidt
Below: Principal Marc Kramer
introduces Mr. Art.

Below:
Student Address by
Mr. Art Stephenson



Following graduation,
family photos are a must!



Future Plans



Above (left to right): Erica Voorde, Megan Zinsmaster, Abigail Eberstein, Felisha Hodges, Amanda Holst, Emma Eberstein, Colin Friel, Brooke Gabbard, Kelsey Schultz, Ashley Kuhlman, Courtney Ridenour, and Aubrey Shepherd will be attending Glen Oaks Community College.



Left: Zachary Goodman will be attending Southwestern Michigan College.

Right: Austin Yunker and Dylan Plummer will be attending Kalamazoo College.



Class of 2016



Above: Trey Cook, Madison Haynes, and Logan Quirin will be attending Kalamazoo Valley Community College.



Above: Clay Decker and Brandy DeLeeuw will be attending Michigan State University.



Right: Deane Shapley and Jonah Grimm will be attending Concordia University.



Below: Devyn Furey has enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

Left: Nathan Dedes and Lillian Royer will be attending Kellogg Community College.

Below: Corey Gross, Damion Fritz, Tyler Stover, and Katelyn Walton will be entering the world of work.





Brooke,

We can't believe how fast the past 18 years went by. Watching you grow up to be a beautiful, smart and talented young woman has been the best thing a parent could ask for. We are always here to support you. Follow your heart and dreams. You are such an inspiration and a blessing to us, and we are so proud of you. Congratulations!

Love, Always and Forever,
Mom and Dad

Ty,
We are so proud of
your
accomplishments -
football, wrestling
and showing
livestock - you
worked hard to
achieve your goals!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Congratulations, Nathan!
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Love,
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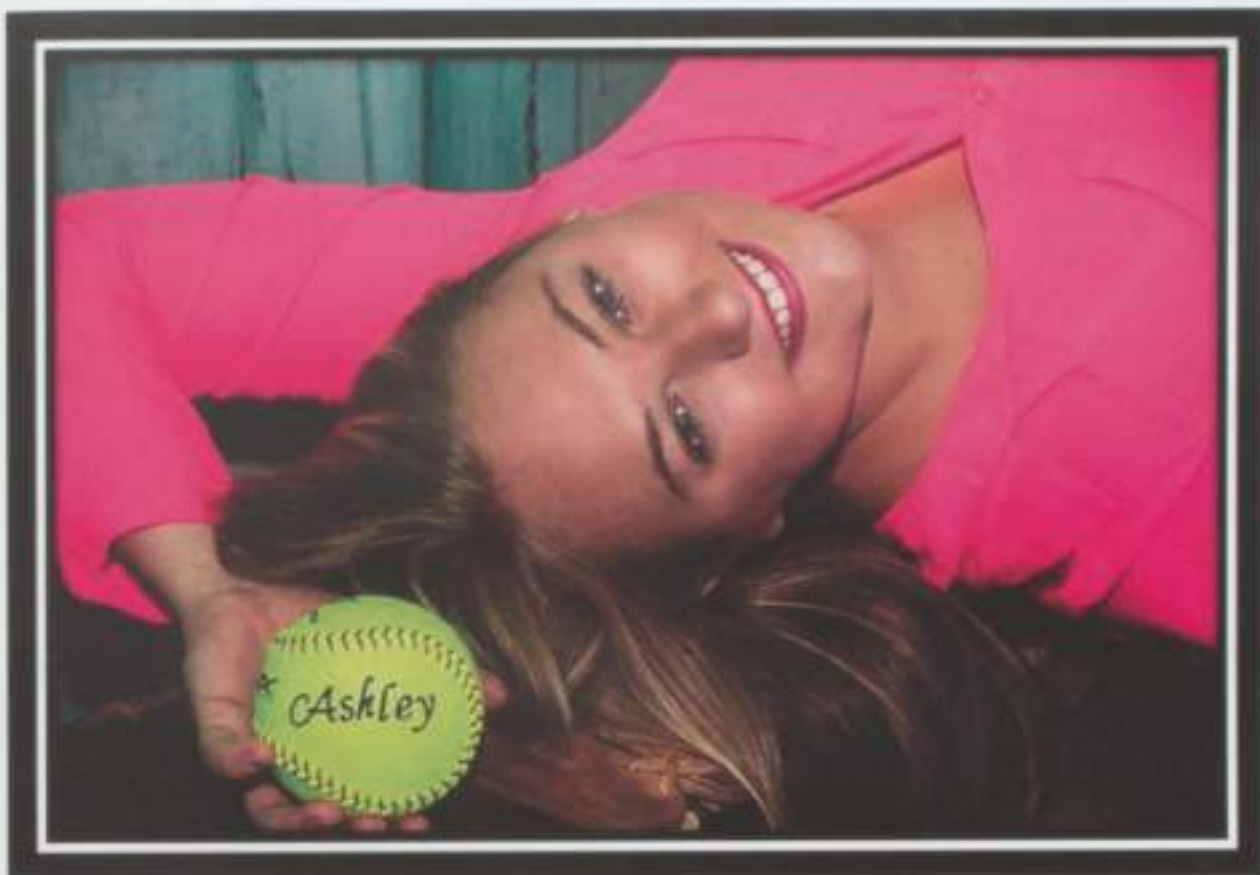


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We are so proud of
you and all of your
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Love,
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Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. -Harriet Tubman



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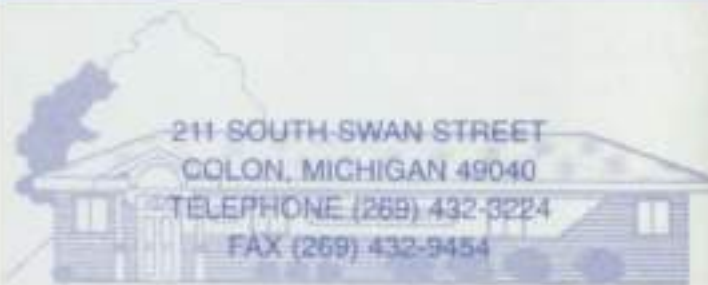
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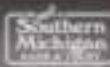
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