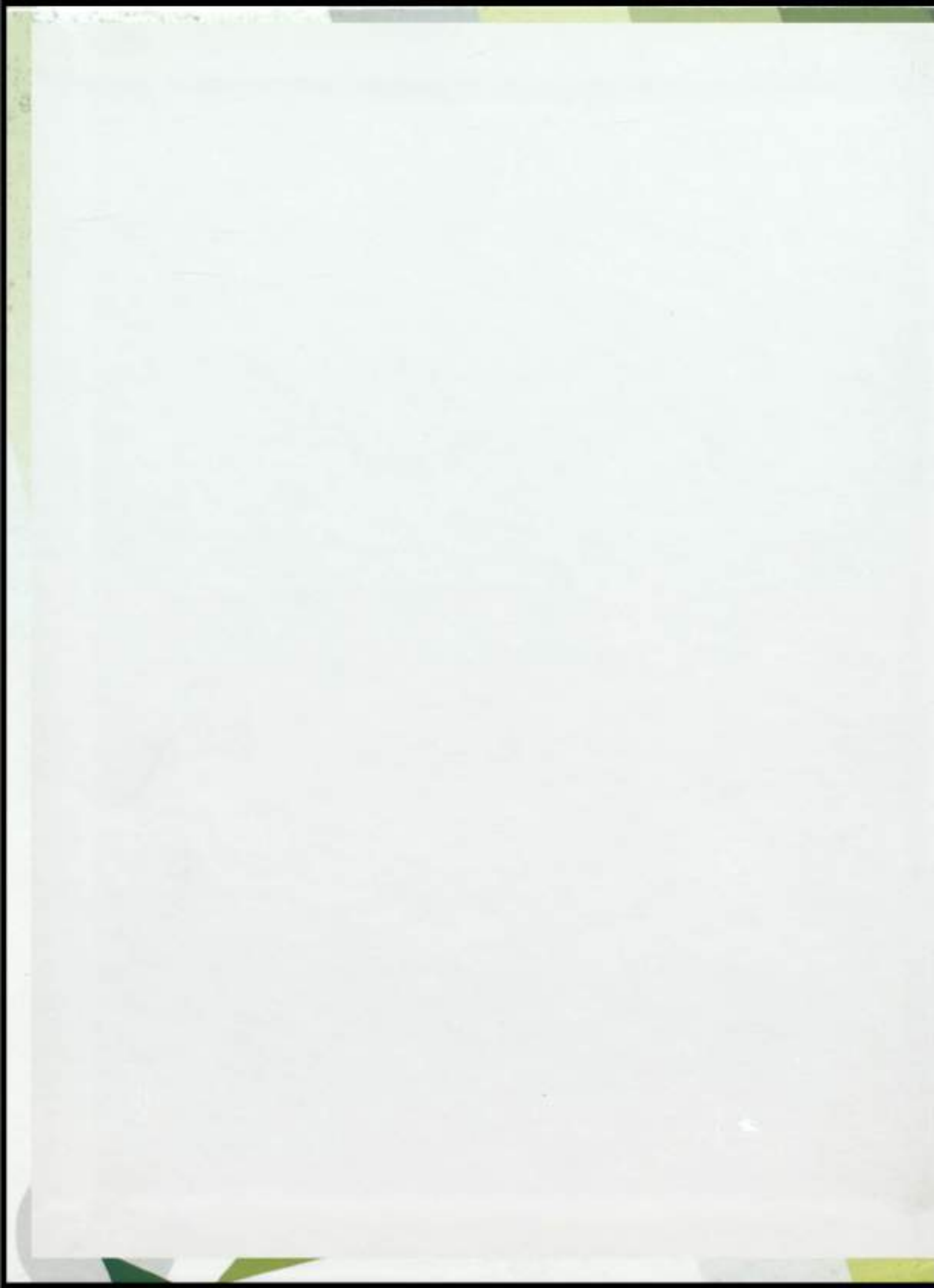




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POP CULTURE







2017 Pop Culture

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Mendon High School



POP CULTURE 1998-1999

Price of gas in
1998
\$1.03/gallon



Top 5 Movies of 1998

1. Saving Private Ryan
2. The Big Lebowski
3. American History X
4. A Bug's Life
5. Armageddon



Tom Hanks
saving private ryan

U.S.
Population
(1998)
275.9
million



Top 5 songs of 1998

1. Too Close - Next
2. The Boy is Mine - Brandy & Monica
3. You're Still the One - Shania Twain
4. Truly, Madly, Deeply - Savage Garden
5. How Do I Live - LeeAnn Rimes

Best selling vehicle in 1998

Ford F Series



Credit to billboard.com, IMDB.com, and google.

**Top 5
Movies of
1999**



**Price of gas
in 1999
\$1.14/gal**

1. Sleepy Hollow
2. American Beauty
3. Fight Club
4. The Matrix
5. The Green Mile



**US Population
(1999)
279 million**

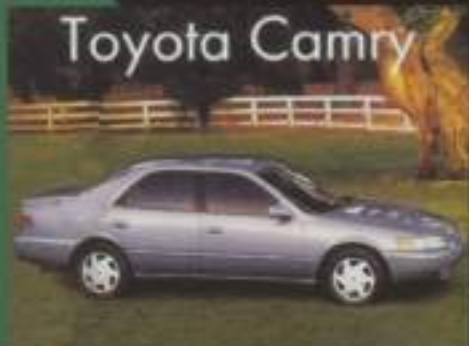


**Top 5
songs of
1999**

1. Lullaby-Shawn Mullins
2. Save Tonight-Eagle-Eye Cherry
3. Slide-Goo Goo Dolls
4. Baby One More Time-Britney Spears
5. Every Morning-Sugar Ray

**Top selling
vehicle in 1999**

Toyota Camry



Guess Who I Am?



Jacob Deryke



Austin Goertler



Sydney Coler



Jared Adams



Mary Leighton



Alexia Lange



Jacob Binghamman



Greg Gifford



Braxton Samson



Ruben Vorster



Camryn Rhodes



Jordan Bell



Madi Mykolaitis



Shyannah Stevens



Eduardo Rubio



Brooke VanZoest



Jacob Hagenbuch



Jack Leitch



Hannah Frye



Nicole Elkins



Kaley Smith



Sydney Miller



Garrett Russell



Noah Graham



Alex McDaniel



Malakai Baldwin



Trenton Adams



Ethan Bingham



Kaylee Hook



Taylor Schmidt



Gabriel Parks



Cheyenne Campbell



Grady Garlinger



Blake Everson



Erica Farmer



Micaela Yoder



Alex Heckman



Austin Baldwin



John Vendal



Megan Gilbert



Julia Suther



Angela Smith



Megan Leighton



Cossie Plummer



Lara Speece



Alyssa Kramer



Halley Gore



Gillian Himes



Zack Green



Nancy Steinacker



Austin Samson



Nicholas Grosler

Elementary Years



2004-2010



Middle School Years

2010-2013





Thank goodness those years are behind us!

POP CULTURE 2016-2017

Credit to Rotten Tomatoes,
Ford.com, and, Google.

Top 5 Movies of 2016

1. Doctor Strange
2. Hacksaw Ridge
3. Captain America: Civil War
4. Sausage Party
5. Suicide Squad



Top Selling Vehicle
in 2016
Ford Fiesta



U.S. Population
[2016]
324,118,787



Top 5 Songs of 2016

1. Don't Let Me Down - The Chainsmokers
2. Closer - The Chainsmokers
3. Heathens - Twenty One Pilots
4. Me Too - Meghan Trainor
5. Starboy - The Weekend



Price of Gas \$2.40/gallon



Top 5 Movies as of May, 2017

1. The Fate of the Furious
2. Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2
3. Transformers: The Last Knight
4. Justice League
5. Spider-Man: Homecoming

Large Bucket of Popcom \$8.15



TRANSFORMERS
THE LAST KNIGHT


Top Selling
Vehicle in 2017
Ford F-Series



U.S. Population
[2017]
326,474,013



Price of Gas
\$2.49/gallon

1. Bounce Back - Big Sean 
2. Down - Marian Hill
3. Something Just Like This - The Chainsmokers
4. Stay - Zedd & Alessia Cara
5. Sugar - Robin Schulz

Photos and info provided by Google.

TOP 5 SONGS OF
2017

CLASS OF 2017

Seniors



Jared Paul Adams

"Ja-rod"

"Fortis Fortuna Adiuvat
Fortune Favors the Bold."
- Latin Proverb

Trenton Michael Adams

"Trent"

"Push yourself harder today
than you did yesterday."
- Mark Schultz

Wrestling: 11



Austin Sean Baldwin
"The Bald Eagle"

"Free your mind and
everything'll follow."
- J.Cole

Game Club: 10, 11, 12
Band: 12
Drama Club: 10, 11, 12
Science Olympiad: 11

Malakai Chance Baldwin

"Greatness exists in
all of us."
- Will Smith

Game Club: 9, 10, 11, 12
Musical Tech: 10, 11, 12



Jordan Michael Bell
"JJ"

"My situation does not
define who I am. I define
who I am."
- Will Smith

Track: 11, 12

**Eathan Boyd
Bingaman**
"Eeeeee"

"If I cannot fly... let me
sing."
- Stephen Sondheim

Theatre: 9, 10, 11, 12
Band: 9, 10, 11, 12
Game Club: 10, 11, 12
Student Senate: 10, 11, 12
Elementary Tutor: 12
NHS: 12





Jacob James Bingaman
"Bing"

"If you don't like something,
change it. If you can't change
it, change your attitude."
- Maya Angelou

Baseball: 9

**Cheyenne Dean
Campbell**
"Chey"

"The future is as more
uncertain than the
present."
- Walt Whitman

Fall Cheer: 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS: 11, 12



Sydney Marie Coler
"Squidney"

"You can never win if you're
afraid to lose, so much that
you refuse to put up a fight."
- Rika Furude

Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
Game Club: 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS: 12

Nicholas Crotser
"Nic"

"What seems so hard now,
will someday be your
warm up."
- Ben Francis



Jacob Joe Deryke
"Pook Bear"

"Never put off till tomorrow
what may be done day after
tomorrow just as well."
- Mark Twain

Football: 11, 12
Wrestling: 11, 12

Nicole Rae Elkins

"One footstep among
many is silent. One
footstep alone is
deafening."
- Magic the
Gathering

Winter Cheer: 9



Blake Elizabeth Everson
"Blakely"

"Our greatest glory is not in
never falling, but in rising every
time we fall."
- Confucius

Scholar: 9, 10, 11
Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Student Senate: 9, 10, 11, 12
Science Olympiad: 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS: 11, 12

Erica Ann Farmer

"Annabell"

"Never back down and
never give up."
- Jean Reno





Hannah Nicole Frye
"Banana"

"Go confidently in the
direction of your
dreams."
-Thoreau

S softball: 9,10,11,12

Grady Brian Garlinger
"Ace"

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



Gregory Michael Gifford
"Giffy"

"My belief is stronger
than your doubt"
-Deyane Wade

Basketball: 9,10,11,12

Megan Ruth Gilbert
"Sha Moo Moo"

"Everything has changed and
yet, I am more me than I have
ever been."
-John Thomas

NHS: 12
Musical: 12



Austin Goertler
"Ger"

"I'm not perfect - I don't
live to be - but before you
start pointing fingers,
make sure your hands
are clean."
-Bob Marley

Football: 9
Wrestling: 10, 11

Noah Bryan James Graham
"Whiskey"

"I'm like 2017% done with
school."
-Noah Graham

Band: 9, 10, 11, 12
Game Club: 10, 11, 12
Musical: 9, 10, 11



Zackary Green
"Zack"

"Bad decisions make
good stories and might
leave scars."
-Unknown

4-H: 9, 10, 11, 12
Drama: 9, 10, 11

Jacob Matthew Hagenbuch

"If you're reading this -
I graduated!"
-Jacob Hagenbuch

Cross Country: 9, 10, 11, 12
Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS: 11, 12





Alexander True Heckman

"Some people create with words or with music or with a brush and paints. I like to make something beautiful when I run." - Steve Prefontaine

Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS: 11, 12
Basketball: 10 Musical: 12
Cross Country: 9, 10, 11, 12

Gillian Mae Himes

"Kivoli Boy"

"I'd sell my soul for a 10 piece... McNugget!" - Halsey



Kaylee Elizabeth Hook

"Kay"

"Throwing a line out to sea to see if I can catch a dream."
- Song by Panic! at the Disco

Mascot: 9
Track: 11
Band: 10, 11, 12
Game Club: 10, 11, 12
Musical: 11, 12

Alyssa Katherine Kramer

"Kate"

"Life is a picture, paint it wisely." - Unknown

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



Alexia Lange

"Lexi"

I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move.
- Matthew 17:20

Golf: 9, 10, 11

Mary Margaret Leighton

"Leighton"

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."
- Leo Buscaglia

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



Megan Elizabeth Leighton

"Meg"

"Life is a journey to be experienced, not a problem to be solved."
- Winnie the Pooh

Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS: 11, 12

Jack Ardin Leitch

"To each his own."

- Marcus Tullius Cicero





Alexander Michael McDaniel
"Micky D"

"Every great person in history has started out as nothing more than we are now, students. If they can do it, why not us?"
-Harry Potter
(J.K. Rowling)

Golf: 10, 11

Sydney LaRain Miller
"Squidney"

"I believe that everything happens for a reason. People change...and sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together."
-Marilyn Monroe

Game Club: 10, 11, 12
NHS: 12



Madison Diane Mykolaitis
"Maddie"

"Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Basketball: 10, 11, 12
Equestrian: 9, 10, 11, 12

Gabriel Thomas Parks
"Wonder Boy"

"It's easy to miss something you're not looking for."
-Eliasa Elliot

Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Baseball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Football: 11
Project Unity: 12



Cassandra Nicole Plummer
"Cass"

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."
-Dr. Seuss

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

Camryn Leighann Rhodes
"Potato"

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."
-Albert Einstein

Band: 9
Yearbook: 12



Eduardo Rubio
"Eddy"

"I think I can. I think I can. I think I can. I think I can."
-Thomas the Train

Garrett Ronald Russell

"Only dead fish go with the flow."
-Andy Hunt

Cross Country: 9, 10, 11, 12
Science Olympiad: 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS: 11, 12
Class Treasurer: 10





Austin Douglas Samson

Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it.
-Charles Swindoll

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

Braxton Glen Samson
"Brax"

"Do or do not, there is no try"
-Yoda

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



Taylor Nicole Schmidt
"Schmidty"

"Even if you can't see me,
you can definitely hear my laugh"
-ES

Cross County: 9, 10, 11, 12
Track: 9
NHS: 11, 12
Science Olympiad: 9, 10, 11

Angela Nicole Smith

"Bursts of inspiration are wonderful, but a great deal of creating a work of art is just work - putting in the hours to get it done."
-Unknown

NHS: 12



Kaley Brianne Smith
"Kaley B"

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

Track: 9, 10, 11
Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS: 11, 12

Lara Beth Spence
"Savage"

"Some people graduate, but they still stupid."
-Kanye West

Volleyball: 9, 10, 11
Track: 9



Nancy Ann Steinacker
"Nance"

"I'm going to go stand outside, so if anyone asks I'm outstanding."
-Anonymous

Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Track: 11, 12
Musical: 10, 11
Class Rep: 12

Shyannah Mackenzie Roanne Stevens

"Shy"

"To thine own self be true."
-Hamlet (William Shakespeare)

Saltball: 10





Julia Karen Sutter
"Julia"

"Be fearless in the pursuit of what sets your soul on fire."
- Jennifer Law

Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Cross Country: 9, 10, 11, 12
Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
NHS: 12
Student Senate: 9, 10, 11, 12
Class President: 10, 11, 12
Science Olympiad: 9, 10, 11, 12

Brooke Helene VanZoest
"Brooklyn"

"You positive? Only fools are positive. You sure? Positive."
- Betty (Robin Williams)

Volleyball: 9, 10
Track: 10, 11, 12
NHS: 11, 12



John Bradley Vendal
"Johnny"

"Can't never did anything."
- John Jay Vendal

Band: 9, 10, 11, 12
Golf: 9, 10
Drums: 9, 10, 11, 12

Ruben Vorster
"Roqben Booben"

"Football is my life. I love football. You can be playing football on the football field with a football."
- Rob Nelson

Football: 9, 10, 11, 12
Basketball: 9, 10, 11, 12
Track: 9, 10, 11, 12
Student Senate: 10, 11
NHS: 11, 12



Micaela Marie Yoder
"Yoder"

"Always believe in yourself. Do this and no matter where you are, you will have nothing to fear."
- Hayao Miyazaki

Band: 9, 10, 11, 12
Cheer: 9, 10
Golf Club: 12
Color Guard: 9, 10, 11, 12
Medical: 9, 10, 11, 12

Hailey Janell Fern Gore
"Cinderella"

"Close your eyes and let the music set you free."
- Phantom of the Opera

Choir: 9
Band: 9, 10, 11, 12
Musical: 10, 11, 12



Class of 2017



Academic Top Ten



Back Row: Mary Leighton, Garrett Russell, Cassandra Plummer, Alexander Heckman, Nicole Elkins, and Julia Sutter. Front Row: Angela Smith, Hannah Frye, Taylor Schmidt, and Lara Speece.

"When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us."

- Alexander Graham Bell



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Mendon Middle/ High School



Mrs. Bannen
Superintendent's
Secretary



Mrs. Biggus
Special Education



Mrs. Berkhedder
English Teacher



Mrs. Charlier
Paraprofessional



Ms. Griffith
Math Teacher
Athletic Director



Mrs. Griffith
High School Secretary



Mrs. Hagenbuch
Guidance Secretary



Ms. Hawkins
Science Teacher



Mrs. Henckel
Paraprofessional



Mrs. Jergens
Science Teacher



Mrs. Kelley
Special Education



Ms. Klein
Math Teacher



Mr. Kramer
Principal



Mr. Kretschman
Physical Education
Dean of Students



Mr. Kniper
Math Teacher



Mrs. Link
Media Specialist



Mrs. Lowery
Special Education



Mr. Phillips
Special Education



Staff and Faculty



Mr. Rathburn
Superintendent



Mr. Rivard
Science Teacher



Mr. Samson
History Teacher
Athletic Director



Mrs. Stimer
Special Education



Mrs. Sorensen
English Teacher
Guidance Counselor



Mr. Stephenson
History Teacher



Mr. Stephenson
Art Teacher



Mr. Swanwick
History Teacher



Mrs. Taylor
Paraprofessional



Mr. Trenary
Spanish Teacher



Mrs. VanZoest
Business Office



Ms. Vedmore
Math Teacher



Mrs. Vroman
Paraprofessional



Ms. Walbeck
Health and Life Skills
Teacher



Mrs. Westra
Math Teacher



Mr. Wickey
English Teacher



Mr. Wilczynski
Physical Education



Faculty and Staff



Our faculty and staff are involved in many aspects of life in and out of school. They teach, inspire, coach, empathize, advise and go above and beyond in so many ways to make our lives so much more enriched.





Above: Miss Black started teaching band after winter break, and she loves Pep Band!



Mary Englebreit





Juniors



Nikolas Andaverde
 Hailey Burbs
 McKenzie Blair
 Justin Brandys
 Madisyn Chapman
 Noah Clark



Wyatt Coof
 Keaton Crosser
 Lukas Crosser
 Robert Cunningham
 Wyatt Cupp
 Mitchell Dedes



Morgan Eckert
 Moazzama Eling
 Dominique Feiner
 Kaden Frye
 Sydney Griffith
 Zachary Gross



Megan Happel
 Taylor Harrison
 Kennedy Hawkins
 Connor Henckel
 Gary Hison
 Chris Klum



Skyler Klousterman
 Lauren Lash
 Emily Loadenlager
 Hunter Lovell
 Devon Martin
 Abigail Miller



CLASS of

2018





Class of 2018



Alyssa Miller
Tyler Monroe
Bailey Meyer
Makenzie Outley
Laurie Oko
Jonathan Peterson



Rachel Pinkster
Jason Rivera
Richard Rizzit
Cassidy Rimmer
Kaitlyn Sloan
Wendell Smith



Timothy Springer
Micaela Steinberger
Clayton Straka
Dylan Tait
Erin Vonasa
Aron Vossler



Kelina Walter
Gage West
Justin Yeager
Makenna Zetty





Sophomores

Crystal Acce
Megan Adams
Jake Allison
Alyssa Amold
Antaijah Bailey
Ryan Bell



Hailey Blair
Mari Clark
Samuel Cleveland
Chris Cowels
Zoe Craft
Anthony Crisler



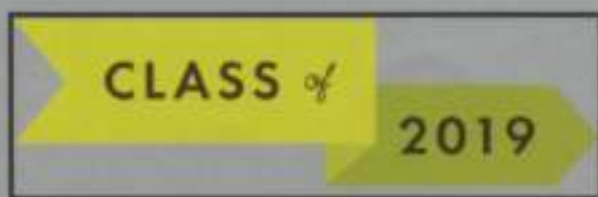
Lincoln Crosser
Anna Cupp
Pryton Cupp
Cole Decker
Alexis Denaway
Kady Dinesen



Zachary Duchene
Nathan Eberstein
Kallia Farmer
Yuka Fujii
Elizabeth Gilbert
Emily Goble



Imad Goodman
Dylan Harden
Christopher Holder
James Hunter
Gino Irwin
Christopher Jackson



Class of 2019



Alex Kelly
Alyssa Kloosterman
Liam Koenig
Hayley Kramer
Lindsey Loden
Stephanie Lantz



Taylor Mathus
Justin Matthews
Isabelle Mattis
Cierra Nightingale
Johnny Noor
Mackenzie Owsen



Shane Patonide
Christopher Ross
Heather Sussman
Marshall Taylor
Toughan Sellers
Mackenzie Ulrich



Ashley Young
Emily Yonman
Carlin Weinberg
Riley Williams





Freshman



Dakota Ames
 Emmett
 Bingham
 Matthew Bowser
 Anthony Butler-
 Wells
 Skylar Czapko
 Wyatt Dickman



Hannah Duchene
 Max Eberstein
 Kylee Eckert
 Dylan Elkins
 Adelia Fisher
 Paige Frays



Payton Friel
 Kerygan Gage
 Justin Gates
 Trentin
 Gracwald
 Brendan Griffith
 Julima
 Hagenbuch



Trey Heath
 Taylor Hezkamp
 Isaiah Hinojosa
 Harley Hult
 Kora Kindig
 Carissa Klize



Jillian Koenig
 Monica Larsen
 McKenna
 Leighann
 Bailey Makowski
 Kimberlee
 McDaniel
 Anna Moon



CLASS of 2020





Class of 2020



Julia Moore
Courtney Meyer
Nicole Parsons
Trey Raschke
Christopher Reid
Arielle Rossi



Sehran Kian
Rayburn
Robinson
Luke Rubin
Grace Russell
Ethan Smith
Taylor Schubert



Stephanie Schultz
Dakota Shepherd
Nash Slaughter
Nicholas Stewart
Ashley Szezik
Rylan Smith



Audrey Swann
Jacqueline
Trinity
Jenniah Yonatan
Meranda Walton
Tommye Willis
Skyler Wood



Kennedy Young



Student Life



Left picture: Ethan Bingaman and Kaylee Hook are posing for a quick picture in English.



Right picture: Grady Garlinger and Kaley Smith are partners for the Homecoming assembly.



Above picture: Nancy Steinacker and Alyssa Kramer on pajama day.



Left picture: Students in the Sophomore/Junior hallway.

Exchange Students



Sirasit Ketwaravech is a 17 year old from Thailand. He goes by "Gene." He can speak many different languages, and Gene hopes to go into Psychology.



Miguel Patrick Reynes is a 18 year old from Spain. His favorite thing about Mendon is the St. Joseph River. Patrick wants to travel the world to surf.



Chaio Huang is a 16 year old from Taiwan. He goes by "George." He loves to play basketball and wishes to become a doctor.



Vitor Lopes is a 16 year old from Brazil. Victor loves to play soccer, and he wants to go into law or become a doctor.



Baptiste Halipre is a 17 year old from France. He likes History and Science. Baptiste hopes to go into engineering or the Army.



Yuka Fujii is a 16 year old from Japan. She loves children and wants to become a teacher.

Foreign exchange students come from all over the world to get a chance to experience what it's like in America. Students stay with Thanks to all of the Host families for welcoming the students into their homes!

Student Senate



President - Blake Everson
Vice President - Anna Cupp
Secretary - Libby Gilbert
Treasurer - Alyssa Arnold

Representatives - Mary Leighton,
Eathan Bingaman, Alyssa Kramer,
Nancy Steinacker, Kennedy
Hawkins, Makenzie Oatley,
Wyatt Cupp, Hayley Kramer,
Kylee Eckert, Taylor Heitkamp,
and Taylor Schabes

Sponsor: Mrs. Link

Each year, the Student Senate is in charge of a variety of activities in and around the school. They organize all Homecoming activities, the Snow Ball, they have made blankets for nursing homes as well as performed other services and they adopt a family during the holidays. Students are able to run for officer as well as representative positions. It is a worthy organization.



National Honor Society



NHS Induction



The Floyd S. Locke chapter of the National Honor Society is the most prestigious organization in the school. This year, under first time sponsor, Lisa Vedmore, the group volunteered at the Community Dinners in town as well as concession stands in the winter. They also organized a district wide food drive for the local food cupboard. Students are inducted in November, and they are expected to volunteer as much as possible. The four pillars of the NHS are Character, Service, Leadership and Scholarship. This group truly illustrates all four.

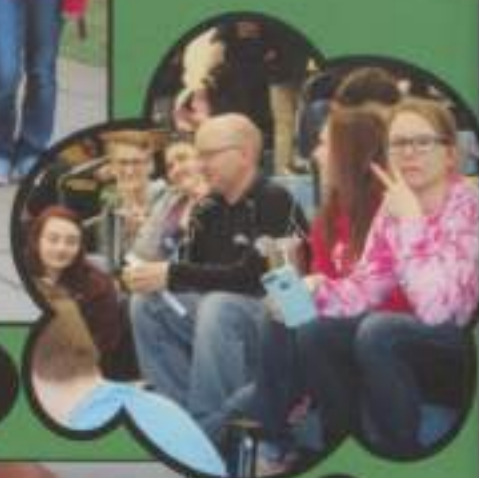
Food Drive



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



Picture outside at Southwestern Michigan Community College.



Johnny Vendal showing off his project for Science Olympiad.



In 1998 Scientists discovered the accelerated expansion of the Universe and Dark Energy.



VIDEO GAME CLUB



From left to right: Malakai Baldwin, Sydney Miller, Eathan Bingaman, Noah Graham, Austin Baldwin, Jillian Koenig, Dylan Tuft, Sabrina Rios, Kaylee Hook, Teaghen Sellers, Alex McDaniel, Sydney Goler, and Stephanie Lamb.

HIGH SCORES:

1. *Super Smash Bros. Melee - Eathan*
2. *Super Smash Bros. Wii U - Kaylee*
3. *Call of Duty - Kaylee*
4. *Just Dance 2017 - Eathan*
5. *Mario Kart 8 - Kaylee*



Pictured above: Our fearless leader Mr. Kuiper being scolded by the entire club for making bad choices in the game.



According to the group, the top games of 2016-2017 so far are: Overwatch, Persona 5, Injustice 2, Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild, Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, and Pokemon Sun/Moon.

The Top Selling Video Game of 1998/1999 was: **Pokemon Yellow** for '98 and **Pokemon Gold and Silver** for '99

Marching Band

To the right is Drum Major Emily Vendal preparing to conduct the Mendon Hornet Marching Band.



A big thanks to Mr. Brian Shetterly!

Concert Band



Our new leader is Ms. Black.



Yearbook Staff



Star Photographers:
Starting at the top (L to R):
Camryn Rhodes, Kaley
Smith, Jack Leitch, Kaylee
Hook, Nancy Steinacker,
Trenton Adams, Jared
Adams, Eathan Bingaman,
Noah Graham, Sydney
Miller, Jordan Bell, Braxton
Samson, Shyannah Stevens,
and Sydney Coler.
Not pictured: Miss G

Welcome to the HIVE



Support From Our Students





Giving back.....



In the Spring, the juniors and seniors give back to the community and school by cleaning and sprucing up. Fun times!

FALL HOMECOMING

Dress Up Days:
 Monday- Hippie Day
 Tuesday: Pajama Day
 Wednesday: Patriotic Day
 Thursday: Grease Day
 Friday: Spirit Day



Nancy Steinacker



Emily Vandal



Ruben Vorster



Freshmen Float

Sophomore Float

Junior Float

Senior Float





Our fall candidates above starting at the top left corner are: Hannah Frye escorted by Austin Samson, Megan Gilbert escorted by Garrett Russell, Blake Everson escorted by Eathan Bingaman, and Cheyenne Campbell escorted by Ruben Vorster. To the left is Alyssa Kramer escorted by Braxton Samson and Brooke VanZoest escorted by Jacob Hagenbuch.



Above: Homecoming King and Queen, Eathan Bingaman and Alyssa Kramer



Left: Seniors' Wall
The Wheel of Fortune. Right:
Juniors' Wall
Jeopardy.



Winter Homecoming

Megan Gilbert, Cheyenne Campbell

Austin Samson,



and Blake Everson

Top Left: Seniors, holding a Wheel of Fortune for
GAME DAY.
Bottom Left: Sophomores dress up for Color Day.
Bottom Right: Students dress up for Neon Day.

Makenzie Starrett, Kalisa Farmer

Trentin Greenwald,



Lindsey Starrett,

Heather Saxton, Aubrey Croset

Hannah Duchene, Mckenna Leighton,

Ashley Smith,



Taylor Heikamp,

Kora Kindig, Skyler Wood



Left:
Sophomores' Wall
The Price is Right.
Right:
Freshmen
Wall Family
Feud.



Right:
Homecoming
King, Nikolas
Andaverde &
Queen, Madisyn
Chapman

Below: Duke,
Patrick Reynes &
Duchess, Lindsey
Laden.



Seniors gather for a
final Homecoming
Spirit Day picture.

Homecoming Candidates:

SENIORS: Angeia Smith, Gillian Himes, Gabriel Parks, and Austin Baldwin.
JUNIORS: Nikolas Andaverde, Madisyn Chapman, Wyatt Cupp, & McKenzie Blair.
SOPHOMORES: Lindsey Laden, Patrick Reyes, Zoe Craft, & Sam Cleveland.
FRESHMEN: Wyatt Diekman, Kaitlyn Cooper, Skyler Crespo, & Juliana Hagenbuch.



Below: Homecoming
Candidates participating in
Charades at the school
assembly.

Right in Orange: Freshmen
dress in orange for Color Day.



Left: Students and
Mr. Kuiper dress up
for school spirit day.



Right: Austin B. and his mom
dab for the camera.
Below: Everyone gets down for
the Cha Cha slide



Below: Sydney
Miller escorted
by Malakai
Baldwin



Nicole Elkins, Taylor Harrison
and Camryn Rhodes with
their escorts,



CAKES!!

Right: Ms.
Vedmore
enjoying her
night as a
chaperone.



PROM 2017



Students line up @
Grand March



Above: Hosts Hayley Kramer & Cole Decker
Bottom Left: Prince & Princess, Abby Miller &
Connor Henckel pose with Prom King & Queen,
Ruben Vorster and Nancy Steinacker.
Bottom: Alexia Lange poses with Kaitlyn Slocum &
Kelsea Walton.



Eathan and his friends
dancing.



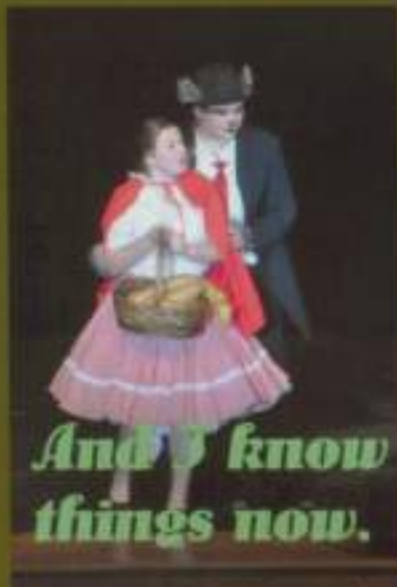
Thanks to Mr. Rathburn
for allowing us to have the
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Sauganash Golf Club.



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Jack: Teaghen Sellers
Jack's Mother: Callie Steinberger
Snow White: Alexis Zinsmaster
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Baker's Wife: Kaylee Hook
Cinderella's Stepmother: Makinna Zetty
Florinda: Rachel Pinkster
Lucinda: Ciera Kline
Sleeping Beauty: Emily Goble
Cinderella's Father: Dylan Tuft
Little Red Riding Hood: Sydnee Pierce
Witch: Megan Gilbert
Cinderella's Mother: Alyssa Kramer
Granny: Madison Hessling
Giant: Micaela Yoder
Wolf: Nancy Steinacker
Cinderella's Prince: Alex Heckman
Rapunzel: Crystal Acre
Rapunzel's Prince: Johnny Vendal
Steward: Emily Loudenslager



a sad young lad, and a childless baker.....with his wife.

No one is alone.



Children will listen.



No More.



The Seniors:



That's what woods are for... for those moments in the woods.



No knot unties itself.



...I wish

Student Life



Mendon students even have fun when they are learning.

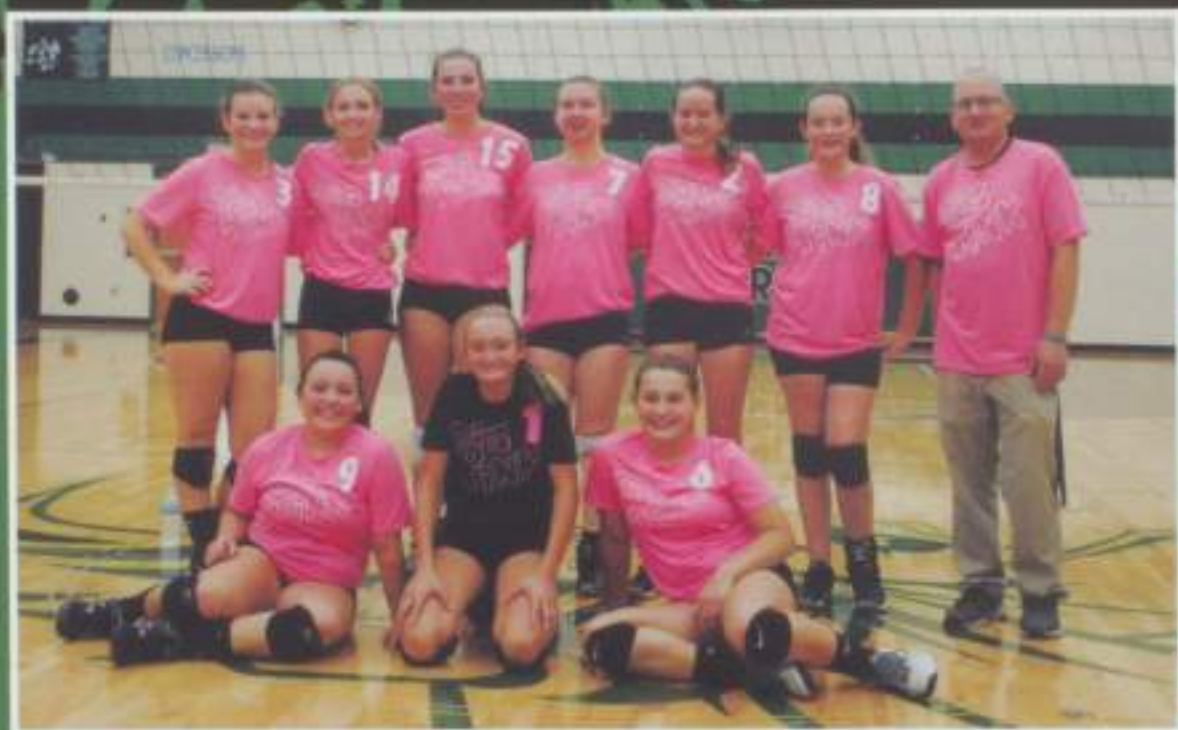




Intro To Athletics



Freshman Volleyball



Back Row: Sophia Schultz, Taylor Schabes, Kennedy Young, Audrey Sweet, Kimberlee McDaniel & Coach Rivard. Front Row: Kylee Eckert, Gracie Russell, & Skyler Wood.



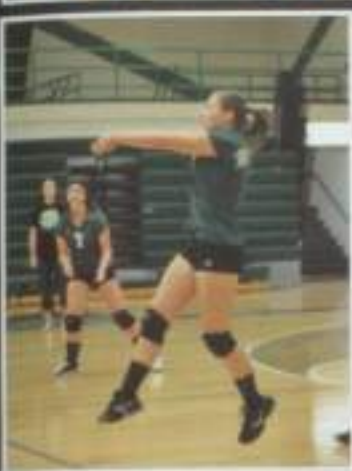
Freshman teams line up to shake hands after the Olivet match.



JV Volleyball



Back Row: Mckenzie Blair, Taylor Heitkamp, MacKenzi Oswalt, Aubrey Crotsler, Mackenzie Urick, Elizabeth Gilbert and Coach Mostrom. Front Row: Nicole Parsons, Juliana Hagenbuch, and Payton Cupp.



Varsity Volleyball



Back Row (L to R): Coach Bill Trenary, Cierra Nightingale, Nancy Steinacker, Lauren Oke, Megann Leighton, Hannah Duchene, and Coach Kathy Trenary. Middle Row (L to R): Alyssa Kramer, Kaley Smith, Abigail Miller, and Emily Vendal. Front Row (L to R): Amajha Bailey, Abigail Miller, and Hayley Kramer.



Nancy Steinacker



Alyssa Kramer



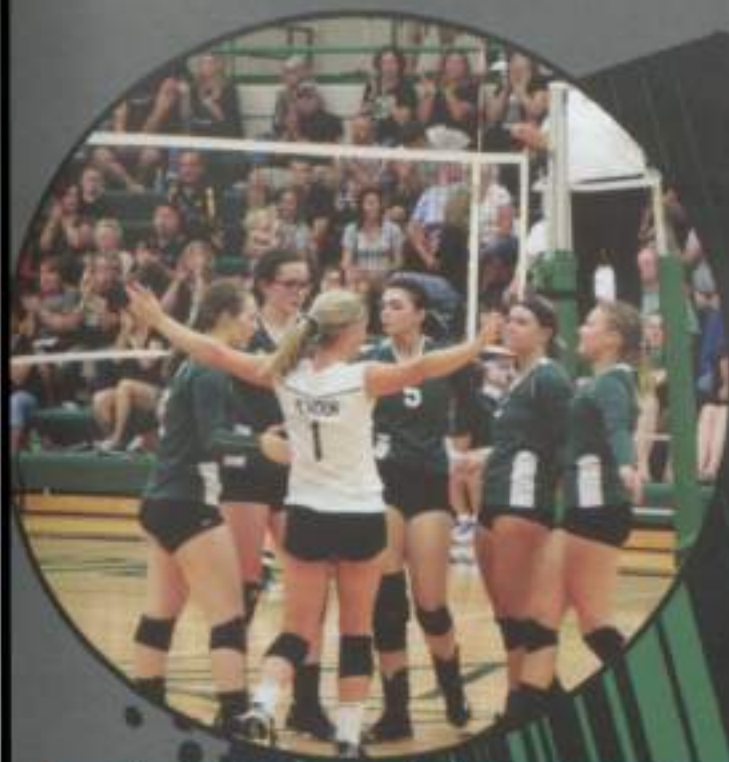
Kaley Smith



Megann Leighton



Cassie Plummer



The Lady Hornets had an extremely successful season taking home both District and Regional trophies. The team finished the season with 42 wins and only 6 losses. What a season for the Mendon Volleyball team!



Fall Cheer



Senior Hannah Frye



Senior Cheyenne Campbell



Back Row(L to R): Hannah Frye, Kaitlyn Slocum, Kora Kindig, and Rachel Pinkster. Front Row(L to R): Madisyn Chapman, Cheyenne Campbell, and Micaela Steinberger.
Coach: Christina Riley



JV Football



Back row (L to R): Luke Rubio, Christopher Rios, Isaiah Hinojosa, Wyatt Diekman, and Payton Friel.
Middle row (L to R): Liam Koenig, Skyler Crespo, Zachary Duchene, Ray Robinson, Samuel Cleveland,
and Lincoln Crotser. Front row (L to R): Logan Hunter, Dakota Ames, Max Eberstein, Cole Decker, Justin
Mathews, and Josh Harold. Managers seated in the very front.
Coaches left to right: Skyler Ford, Ron Friel, and Lincoln Klinger



Above (R): Number 6, Skyler Crespo runs the ball
Below (R): Number 58, Jake Allison helps make a tackle.



Varsity Football



Back Row (L to R): Austin Rensi, Emmett Bingaman, Arjun Vorster, Jacob DeRyke, Kaden Frye, and Jason Reeves. Middle row: Clayton Stluka, Dominique Feister, Lukas Crotser, Hunter Lovell, Noah Slaughter, and Corbin Weinberg. Front Row: Ruben Vorster, Austin Goetler, Grady Garlinger, Austin Samson, and Wyatt Cool.

Coaches (L to R), Mitch Ulrich, Skyler Ford, Tim Slaughter, Head Coach Bobby Kretschman, Ron Friel, Glen Samson, Bob Critz, and Lincoln Klinger



Seniors



Grady Garlinger



Ruben Vorster



Braxton Samson



Jacob Deryke



Austin Samson



Pictured above: Ruben Vorster kicks a extra point.

The Varsity Football team went 8-3 this year. They made the playoffs for the 10th year in a row where they came up short in the District title game. The Hornets were led by first year head coach, Bobby Kretschman.



Above picture, Wyatt Cool runs the ball down the field.



Words of wisdom from Coach.





Taylor Mailhot



Mary Leighton



Makenzie Oatley

ALL STATE:
Mary Leighton
ALL CONFERENCE:
Mary Leighton
SECOND TEAM ALL CONFERENCE:
Julia Sutter
ALL REGION:
Mary Leighton
CLASS D ACADEMIC ALL STATE:
Mary Leighton



Taylor Schmidt



Lauren Lash



Julia Sutter



Girls Cross Country



**L to R: Taylor Mailhot,
Mary Leighton, Julia
Sutter, Taylor Schmidt,
MaKenzie Oatley and
Lauren Lash.
Coached by: Art
Stephenson**



Boys Cross Country



Front Row, L to R: Alexander Heckman, Garrett Russell, Jacob Hagenbuch. Back Row, L to R: Connor Henckel, Nikolas Andaverde, Skyler Kloosterman, Wyatt Cupp, Timothy Springer, Keaton Crotser. (not pictured: Patrick Reynes)



Alex



Garrett



Jacob



State Qualifiers

- Nikolas Andaverde
- Keaton Crotser
- Wyatt Cupp
- Jacob Hagenbuch
- Alexander Heckman
- Connor Henckel
- Garrett Russell



Connor

All Conference

- Keaton Crotser
- Alexander Heckman



Patrick

All Region

- Keaton Crotser
- Jacob Hagenbuch
- Alexander Heckman



Nik



Timmy

Class D Academic

All State

- Keaton Crotser
- Connor Henckel

Coach:

Art Stephenson



Keaton



Wyatt



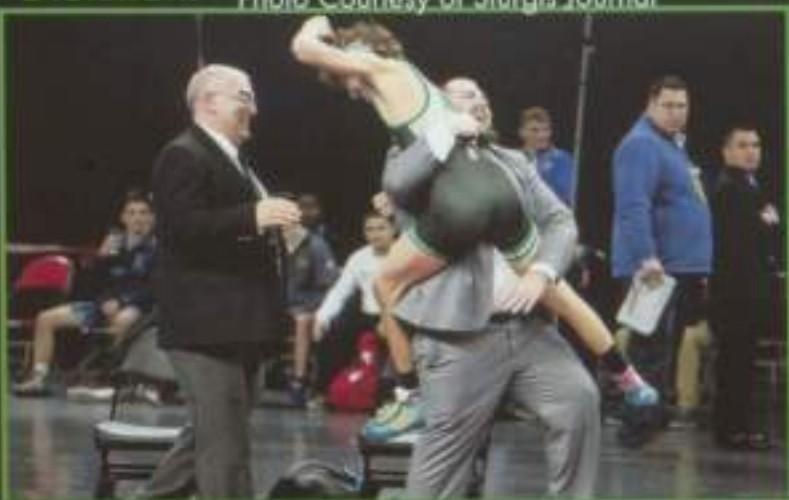
Skyler

Wrestling

The wrestling coaches (pictured below and right) are Art Stephenson, Caleb Stephenson, Jason Bingaman, and Larry Diekman. Photo Courtesy of Sturgis Journal



Nik Andaverde (below) went 48-5 this year earning All State Honors.



Skyler Crespo (above) went 52-1 all the way to state where he became State Champion in his weight class.



Wyatt Cool, right, finished the season with 49-5 record. He earned All State Honors this season.



Emmett Bingaman (above) went 42-12 and made it to state as a freshman this year.

Varsity Boys Basketball



Back Row (L to R): Coach Tim Slaughter, Lukas Crotser, Jacob Hagenbuch, Hunter Lovell, Keaton Crotser, Greg Gifford, & Head Coach Dave Swanwick. Front Row (L to R): Wyatt Cupp, Arjun Vorster, Braxton Samson, Gabe Parks, & Ruben Vorster.

Seniors





The boys basketball team went 10-12 this season. The team worked hard throughout the season and never gave up in all the games. They finished 5-5 in league play.



Above: Hunter Lovell goes up for the contested shot.



JV Boys Basketball

Roster

10 Josh Harold

14 Cole Decker

20 Dakota Ames

22 Chris Holder

24 George Huang

30 Liam Koenig

32 Corbin Weinberg

34 Max Eberstein

40 Noah Slaughter

Head Coach: Lincoln Klinger

Asst. Coach: Drew Cupp



JV Girls Basketball

Roster

- 2 Amajha Bailey
- 5 Nicole Parsons
- 22 Taylor Mailhot
- 24 Hannah Duchene
- 30 Cierra Nightingale
- 32 Taylor Heitkamp
- 34 Mackenzie Urick

Head Coach: Lisa Vedmore

Asst. Coach: Alli Heath



Varsity Girls Basketball



Back Row (L to R):
Hayley Kramer, Alyssa
Kramer, Nancy Steinacker,
Julia Sutter, Aubrey
Crotser, and Lauren Lash.
Front Row (L to R):
Makenzie Oatley, Mary
Leighton, Blake Everson,
and Maddie Mykolaitis.



Seniors

Mary Leighton



Nancy Steinacker



Maddie Mykolaitis



Blake Everson



Alyssa Kramer



Julia Sutter





To the right, the team gets into a huddle before the game.

Above, the ladies show respect for the National Anthem in their first round of districts.



District Champs!

Coaches Miss G and Bruty



Winter Cheer

GO TEAM!



Above L to R: Megan Adams, Hailey Gore, Micaela Steinberger, Crystal Acre, and Sabrina Rios



Below: The cheer team performs their routine for the crowd.



JV Softball



Coach Jessica Balk



Front Row (L to R): Kylee Eckert, Korn Kindig, Nicole Parsons and Sabrina Rios, Back Row (L to R): Coach Chelsea King, Skyler Wood, Rachel Pinkster, Sophia Schultz, Taylor Schabes, Morgan Eckert, Mackenzie Urick, and Lindsey Laden. Not pictured: Coach Jessica Balk.



Rachel Pinkster, right, poses for a shot.



Nicole Parsons pitched for the JV.



Varsity Softball

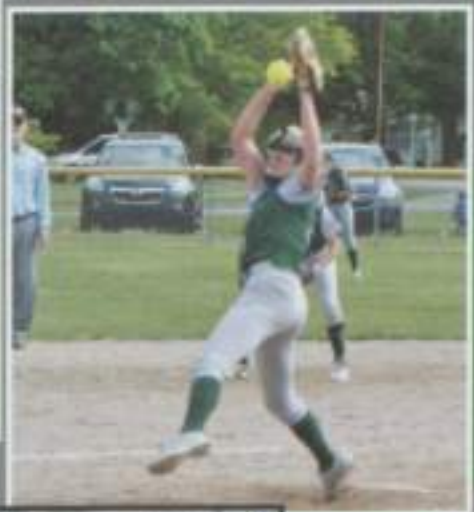


Front Row (L to R): Nicole Parsons, Juliana Hagenbuch, Amajjha Bailey, Abigail Miller, and Gracie Russell. Back Row (L to _ Head Coach Christina Duchene, Lauren Lash, Cierra Nightingale, Hannah Frye, Hannah Duchene, Nancy Steinacker, Cassie Plummer, Kennedy Hawkins, and Coach Billy Rivard.

Seniors Cassie Plummer, top, and Hannah Frye, bottom, played huge roles in leading the team to a Regional Championship.

The Varsity Softball team brought home the Regional trophy this year. They lost in Quarter-Finals to Kalamazoo Christian, but the girls played hard until the very end. Congrats on a GREAT SEASON!





The Varsity Softball team also earned Academic All State honors.



Cassie Plummer, Amajha Bailey and Hannah Duchene were named to the All League team. The same three girls along with Lauren Lash were named to the All District team, and Plummer, Bailey and Lash were named All Region as well.



LEAVE YOUR MARK

Varsity Baseball



Back Row(L to R): Head Coach Glen Samson, Corbin Weinberg, Braxton Samson, Noah Slaughter, Hunter Lovell, Mikki Feister, Ray Robinson, Emmett Bingaman, Grady Garlinger, and Coach Michael Kettwich. Front Row (L to R): Manager Jady Samson, Wyatt Cool, Cole Decker, Gabe Parks, Nate Eberstein, Austin Rensi, Payton Friel, Liam Koenig, Wyatt Dickman and Volunteer Dakota Springer.

Seniors



Braxton Samson



Gabe Parks



Grady Garlinger



Braxton Samson and Wyatt Cool were named to the All League team for the 2016-2017 season.





Above are the Seniors! (left to right): Sydney Coler, Julia Sutter, Brooke VanZoest, Nancy Steinacker, Mary Leighton, and Alyssa Kramer.



Standing (l to r): Coach Kretschman, Mckenzie Blair, Jasmine Mathis, Mackenzi Oswalt, Emily Loudenslager, Taylor Mailhot, Aubrey Crotser, Mari Clark, Hayley Kramer, Madisyn Chapman, Taylor Heitkamp, Kerrigan Gage, Makenzie Oatley, Heather Saxman and Coach Wilczynski

Seated (l to r): Alyssa Kramer, Nancy Steinacker, Julia Sutter, Mary Leighton, Sydney Coler, and Brooke VanZoest.

GIRLS TRACK



To the left is Coach Bobby Kretschman, the girl's fearless leader!



Mary Leighton

Mary Leighton was State Champion in the 100m hurdles for the second year in a row. She also earned All State honors in the 300m hurdles. Great Job, Mary!



Boys Varsity Track



Front (L to R): Wyatt Cupp, Austin Samson, Sam Cleveland, Logan Hunter, Ruben Vorster, Kody Drewer, Jordan Bell, Patrick Reynes, Dakota Ames, AJ Butler, Chris Rias, and Zach Duchene.

Back (L to R): Coach Kretschman, Justin Mathews, Alex Heckman, Jacob Hagenbuch, Keaton Crotser, Lukas Crotser, Kaden Frye, Connor Henckel, Arjun Vorster, Max Eberstein, AJ Voorde, Mike Ellard, Clayton Stluka and Coach Wilczynski.

Not shown: Joshua Yoder and Joshua Harold



Seniors



Jordan



Jacob



Austin



Alex



Ruben



All League 2017
Sam Cleveland, Hunter Lovell, Lukas Crotser,
Arjun Vorster, Corbin Weinberg, Jacob
Hagenbuch, Alex Heckman, Jordan Bell, and
Kaden Frye

All State 2017
Alex Heckman, 1600m run
Sam Cleveland, 100m dash
800m Relay team:
Jordan Bell, Ruben Vorster,
Kaden Frye, and Sam Cleveland
3200m Relay
Keaton Crotser, Jacob Hagenbuch,
Alex Heckman and Ruben Vorster





Spring is in the Air





High School Rewards Trip



Mock Elections

Most Musically Gifted



Best Eyes



Pictured above:
Eathan Bingaman &
Megan Gilbert
Pictured adjacent:
Mary Leighton &
Ruben Vorster
Pictured Below L to R:
Greg Gifford & Jacob
Bingaman
Followed by Camryn
Rhodes & Nicole
Elkins

Inseparable Duos



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FOREVER!

Most Creative
Eathan Bingaman
Sydney Coler

Best Laugh

Taylor Schmidt
Ruben Vorster
Loudest
Austin Goertler
Nancy Steinacker

Quietest

Sydney Miller
Malakai Baldwin

Will Do Anything for a
Retweet

Gregory Gifford
Lara Speece



Worst Case Of Senioritis

Noah Graham
Lara Speece

Class Savage

Kaylee Hook
Garrett Russell

Best Character

Angela Smith
Garrett Russell

Best Smile

Megann Leighton
Nicholas Crotser



Most Accident Prone



Pictured top L to R: Julia Sutter & Noah Graham followed by Austin Goertler taking a mid day nap, as usual.



Likely to Sleep Through Graduation

Class Flirts



Class Clowns



Best & Worst Cars



Seen hugging are Austin Baldwin and Kaley Smith, the most flirtatious of the 2017 senior class.

Followed by Grady Garlinger and Kaylee Hook. Their antics manage to lighten the mood in class with their laughter.

Seen on the outside Jack Leitch and Maddie Mykolatis show off the best vehicles of the class. While Jacob Bingaman and Nancy Steinacker posing with signs demonstrating the lack of their cars.

Class of 2017

Graduation



The senior class selected three speakers for graduation. They are above: Eathan Bingaman, Alexander Heckman, and Garrett Russell. Left, Julia Sutter gives delivers the Welcome speech. The class selected Ms. Vedmore, pictured to the right, to address the audience as well as the Class of 2017.



The Big Day!

Left: Johnny Vencal played the National Anthem to begin the celebration. Right: The class is finally ready to begin the next step toward their futures.



Austin Baldwin



Eduardo Rubio



Angela Smith



Above, Austin Samson, Jacob DeRyke, Braxton Samson and Ruben Vorster pose for a photo after graduation. Left, Mr. Kramer gives his daughter, Alyssa, her diploma.



FUTURE PLANS

Alex Heckman will enroll at Tiffin University in Ohio this upcoming year.

Nicole Elkins, Camryn Rhodes, Alyssa Kramer, Braxton Samson, Jacob Hagenbuch, Brooke VanZoest, Sydney Coler, and Sydney Miller will become Vikings.



Below Left: Cassie Plummer, Nancy Steinacker, and Megann Leighton plan to take classes at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Blake Everson will attend Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois.



Below: Alex McDaniel will enlist in the military soon after graduation.

Megan Gilbert plans to attend to Hope College.



Taylor Schmidt will attend Adrian College.



Julia Sutter will attend GVSU.



Hailey Gore will attend East New Mexico University.



Mary Leighton will be attending Indiana Tech.



Hannah Frye will attend Trine University this fall.



Garrett Russell, Eathan Bingaman, Austin Baldwin, Kaley Smith, Johnny Vendal, and Noah Graham will all be attending Western for various degrees.

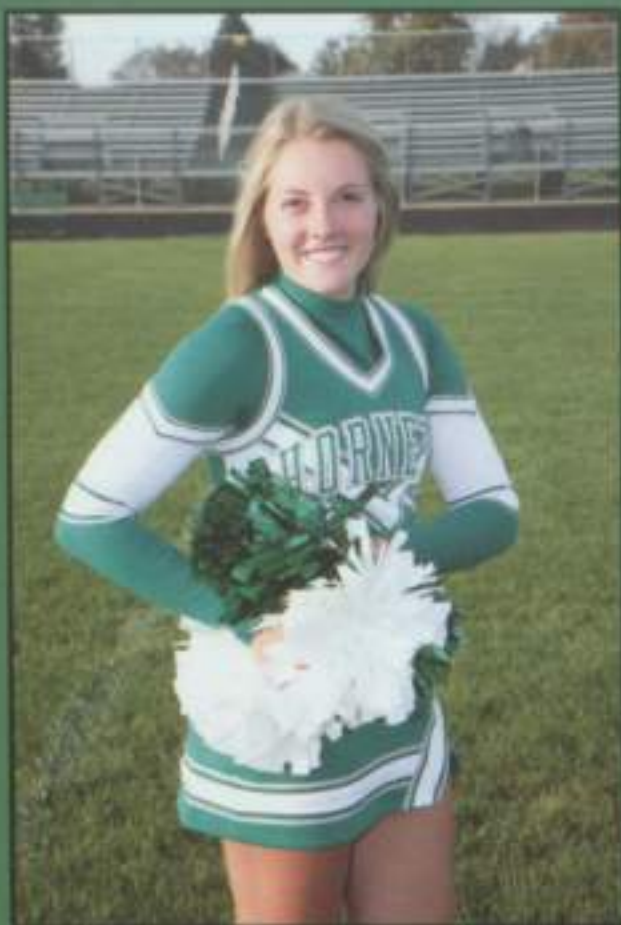


Gabe Parks will attend the University of Northwestern Ohio.

Cheyenne Campbell will join the Spartans next year.



Kaylee Hook and Micaela Yoder plan to attend Southwestern Michigan College.



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

You are loved so very much,
Cheyenne Campbell.
Always with you.
- Love, Mom & Dad



Hannah,
We are so proud
of the young
woman you have
become. Your hard
work, dedication,
and determination
to succeed will
follow you in life.
The sky is the limit
for you so follow
you dreams!

- Love,
Mom and Dad



Alex,
Congratulations!
We are so
proud of you!

Love,
Mom & Terry



Gabe,
Wishing God's
best for your
future!
We love you and
are very proud of
you!
Love,
Dad and Mom



Congratulations,
Braxton!

We are so proud of
your character,
leadership, and your
unique sense of
humor. We know
you will be successful
wherever
life takes you!

We love you!
Mom, Dad & Jadyn



Shyannah,



I've watched you
through the years.
You have touched
so many lives. You
helped children
who were burned
go to Burn Camp
by making things
to sell. You trained
to become a fire
fighter - and now
you are one!
I am so proud of
you, my
granddaughter, for
all that you have
accomplished.

Love,
Grandma Carol

We are so proud of you, Micaela.
Congratulations on all of the hard
work you have done over these
last four years. No matter where
life takes you, you are going to be
amazing!

Love,
Dad, Mom & Josh



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Congratulations, Graduate!**

**Love,
Tim, Mom, Lauren, Nicole & Paizlee**



Megann,

You are braver
than you believe,
stronger than you seem,
smarter than you think,
and loved more than
you'll ever know



**Congratulations Noah,
We are so proud of the young man
you have become, and we can't
wait to see what your future holds!**

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The image features a complex abstract composition. A fountain pen nib is positioned at the top center, pointing downwards. It is surrounded by several overlapping geometric shapes: a large, light green triangle, a smaller yellow triangle, and a dark green triangle. A thick, dark green line forms a jagged, angular path across the middle. The background is a light, textured surface with faint, diagonal lines. In the lower-left corner, there is a faint, semi-transparent image of a window with horizontal blinds. The overall color palette consists of various shades of green, yellow, and grey.

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