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Salute to the **Class of 2007**

Fremd seniors ride wave of Viking spirit

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Fremd High School

The color black might evoke gloomy feelings, but for the 3,000 students and staff who bustled in and out of William Fremd High School this year, the all-encompassing color represented rejuvenated school spirit.

At fall football games, Vikings fans filled stands, dressed completely in black for self-prescribed "blackout" games and white for "white-outs." Black and white appeared so often during the season that rumors spread

about Fremd's trademark green and gold colors officially changing.

Although the football team lost to York in the IHSA semifinals on "Black Saturday," the girls varsity swim team revived spirits in winter by placing first at sectionals. Most recently, the girls varsity gymnastics and badminton teams added two state championships to the trophy case.

Members of the band, orchestra and choir proved that not all Viking pride lay in sports, when they earned

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News of the year

- Girls gymnastics team wins Illinois State Championship
- Music department receives Grammy Signature School Award
- Construction began on a new music department area
- English teachers Gary Anderson and Tony Romano have book, "Expository Composition, Discovering Your Voice," published.

Athletic achievements

Team

- Boys Soccer: Regional Champions
- Boys Golf: State Qualifier
- Football: MSL Champions
- Girls Swimming: Sectional Champions
- Girls Cross Country: 10th place finish at state meet
- Girls Gymnastics: State champions
- Badminton: State Champions
- Boys Gymnastics: State Qualifier
- Girls Soccer: MSL Champions

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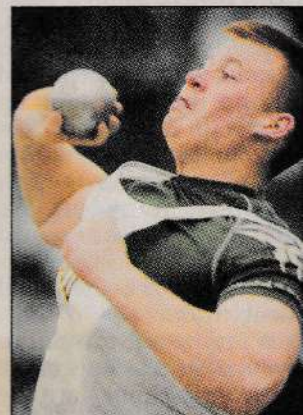


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Members of Fremd's marching band perform during this year's annual Knights of Champions marching band festival at Prospect High School.



Nick Lange and Carolyn Mo... king and queen. This year's to Homecoming."



Senior Joe Golota heaves the shot put during a track and field meet earlier this season.

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Spirit: Honor society collect

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recognition as one of 21 national recipients of the Grammy Signature School Award.

The Drama Club claimed more accolades for the school's fine arts program by winning sectionals in both contest play and group inter-

pretation.

Members of the student council and National Honor Society decorated hallways to boost school spirit while sponsoring charitable projects. In December, NHS collected more than 700 gifts for underprivileged children as part of two local programs: Grant-A-Wish and Palatine's Needy

Family Fund.

In one day alone, members raised more than \$2,000 to purchase 50 last-minute "wishes" for infants a shelter took in during the week of the drive.

The loss of any teacher hit a school hard. Next year Fremd will lose 10 of its most loyal when they retire.

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- Boys Gymnastics: State Qualifier
- Girls Soccer: MSL Champions

Individual

- Erik Baker, Sean Dolan (boys soccer): All-Area
- Logan Guinaugh, Todor Stefanov, Charlie Weber (boys soccer): All-Area honorable mention
- Chelsea Bolton (girls cross country): Sectional Champion
- Caroline VanAcker, Brittany Geegan, Katie Leginski (girls volleyball): All-Area
- Jake Smith, Joe Golota, Steve Schwegman, Anthony Farella (football): All Area
- Chris Bulak (football): All-Area, All-State honorable mention
- Andrew Jacobi (boys cross country): State Qualifier
- Holly Reichard (girls gymnastics): state champion on bars; state medalist on vault, beam, floor and all-around
- Michael Froehlich (wrestling): Regional Champion
- Tom Banasiak, Tom French, Pat Matuszewski (boys swimming): State Qualifier
- Ryan Trostrud (boys swimming): Sectional Diving Champion
- Kelly Andrew (boys basketball): All-Area
- Dave Mohr (boys gymnastics): State Medalist on pommel horse

Academics Group or teams

- The debate team qualified for the state tournament.
- Robotics team placed first at the BEST competition at Purdue University
- Rube Goldberg team won the People's Choice Award at the Rube Goldberg competition at Navy Pier
- School news paper The Logue won a Gold Medal at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's national competition.
- Speech team finished second at the MSL tournament

Individual

- Sarah Albon named to all-state journalism team
- Emily Coleman, Brianna Williams, Sravan Kannan and Adams Sheng earned recognition for excellent performances at the model United Nations event at the University of Chicago
- Caroline Van Acker: All-State Academic Team
- Kathryn Brannon: 2007 Golden Apple Scholar of Illinois
- Nina Shaede: Special Commission on Tournaments, Individual Events (SCOTIE) Tournament's Top Scholarship winner
- Elodie Senetra: Special Commission on Tournaments, Individual Events (SCOTIE) Tournament 3rd top scholarship
- Katherine Lee: Speech Team

- Jonathan Grzesik: BPA State Qualifier in Advanced Accounting
- Nick Sarantakis: First place at BPA State event
- Matt Hauer: BPA State Qualifier in Entrepreneurship
- Jenelle Huddleston, Angie Serviss, Laurieann Wojnowski, Carolyn McChesney, James Kuo, Olivia Lewis: Journalism State Qualifier
- Julie Kim: Finished sixth at Journalism State competition
- Allison Cipolla: Finished second at Journalism State competition

The arts Group or teams

- Group Interpretation team finished in 6th place at state tournament
- Contest play, "Crossing Delancey" finished 10th at state competition
- Marching band performed at halftime of Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, FL

Individual

- Justin Kim, Lauren Roark, and Jackie Schiffer selected for all-state cast for group interpretation
- Steve Mlynarczyk was selected for the Technical Crew and Lauren Roark was selected for the Costume Crew for the All-State production of "Les Miserables."
- Leah Brottman: Honorable Mention in Claudia Ann Seaman Poetry Award Contest for the poem "The Artist's Wife"

s 700 gifts for area charities

Retirees include science teachers Ken Ahlmann and Neal Benton; Applied Technology Department chairman Frank Biskner and teacher Frank Cusenza; English teachers Kevin Brewner, Henry Sampson and James Wyman; guidance counselors Paul Cleary and Dan Stanowski; Math Department chairman

Gary Wilson and teachers Joe Martina and Joe Saccomanno; and history teacher Lew Miskowicz.

Nevertheless, they are leaving the school in capable hands, like those of English Department chairman Gary Anderson and psychology teacher Tony Romano, who recently published the

textbook "Expository Composition: Discovering Your Voice." In May, Romano also released his novel "When The World Was Young."

As Fremd prepares for vacation, students and staff are anticipating summer together, ready to absorb the changes that coming days may bring.

- Natalia Gut: Creative Communication, Inc. Top Ten essay writer

- 2007 Pinhole Photo Show Award Winners: Rob Steinberg (Best of Show), Alex Parrent (2nd in color photography), Megan McSherry (3rd in color photography), Kelsey Bacha (2nd in B&W photography), Ambria Hardy (Honorable Mention in B&W photography), Kari Jenkins (Honorable Mention in B&W photography), Kat Brewer (Honorable Mention Color Photography), and Tierni Lurie (Honorable Mention Color Photography)

- Mick Cannon: octofinalist at State Debate Tournament

- Aakash Chudasama: quarterfinalist at State Debate Tournament

- Great Frame-up Competition winners: Anna Papuga (Painting) and Angela Serviss (Photography)
- Contest Play All-Sectional Cast: Erin Hotchkin and Erik Babcock

Service projects

- Raised \$4,200 for the Palatine Senior Center Water treatment system during the homecoming powder-puff game.

- Mr. Fremd raised \$3,000 for the American Brain Tumor Association's Annual Walk in honor of teacher Robert Green.

- National Honor Society participated in both the Needy Family of Palatine Grant a Wish of Chicago programs. The group raised \$2,000.

- Kristi Ihara organized "Art Students for Autism" event on

in grocery store gift cards and 600 treat bags for the community for the Adopt-a-Family North Pole project

- Family & Consumer Sciences Department donated over 1000 cookies and treats to families at the Adopt-a-Family gift distribution and the holiday party at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly

- Spanish classes translated Adopt-a-Family "Thank you" notes before being sent to the donors

Plays/musicals

- Musical: "Thoroughly Modern Millie" – Oct. 25-28

- Spring play: "The Dining Room" – May 10-12

Homecoming

- Dates: Sept. 25-30

- Theme: Second Star to the Right and Straight on to Homecoming

- King, Nick Lange; Queen, Carolyn McChesney

Prom

- Date: June 1, 2007

- Location: Westin Hotel in Itasca

- Theme: A Night of Mystery

- Post prom location: Navy Pier

Senior honors

- Shraddha Adhikari, Sarah Alban, Chelsea Bolton, Caitlin Brady, Anita Calwas, Meghan Childs, Rikki D'Angelo, Dennis DiGioia, Marie Elise Gonzalez, Alexander Gumz, Hailey Hartman, Victoria Hewitt, Sarah Hong, Judy Hsieh, Nathaniel Hubbard, Jenelle Huddleston, Sravan Kannan, James Kuo, Katherine Lee, Olivia Lewis, Jeanne Li, Stephanie Lovitt, Michael Maas, Nicole Maila, Christine Meister, Ester Mellado, Soeren Palumbo, Daniel Parker, Claire Reising, John Rosencrans, Jacqueline Schiffer, Daniel Schmitt, Marybeth Southard, Alexander Tatara, Courtney Tuegel, Caroline VanAcker, Mary Van Houten, and Esther Yeo.

Graduation

- Date: June 3, 2007

- Location: Sears Centre

- Student Speakers: Carolyn McChesney

- Staff speakers: Principal Marina Scott

In memoriam

- Melissa Fragen, Class of 2008

- Kristen Larson, would have been a freshman in the fall of 2007

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