



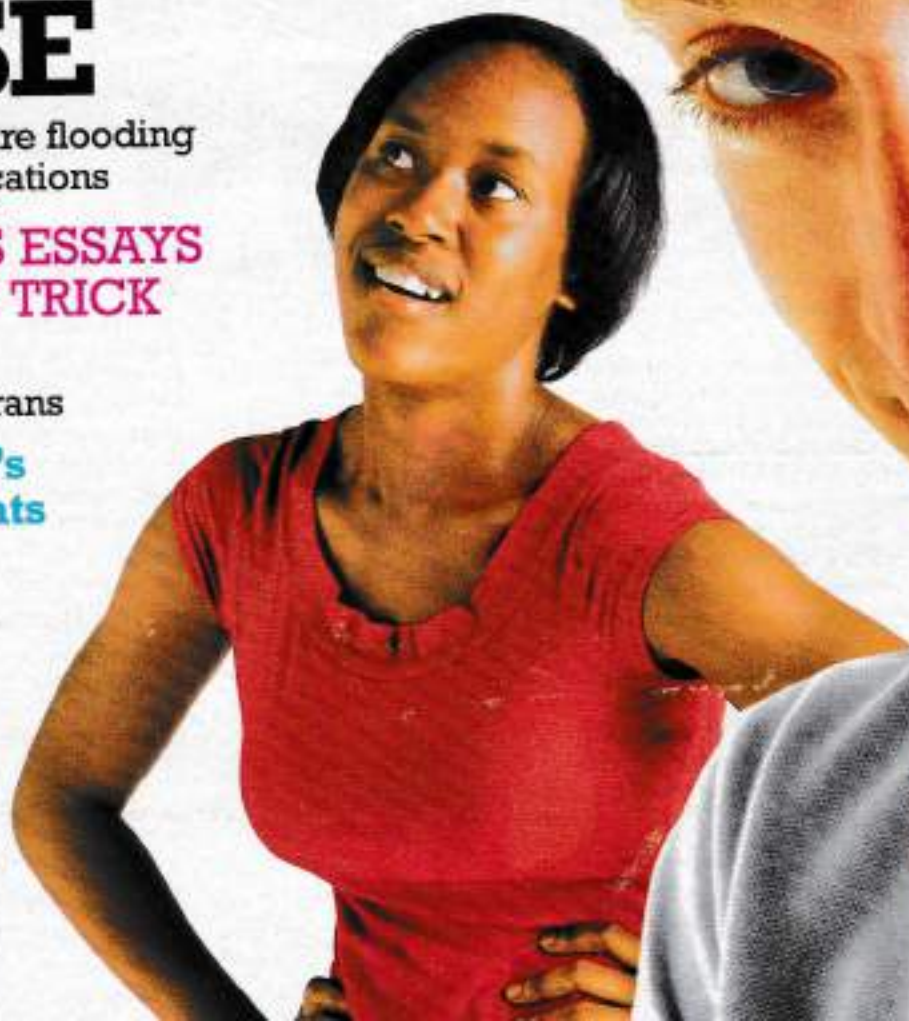
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Samantha Anastasia Sosa

Opportunity knocks Samantha Anastasia Sosa

DePauw University/Maria High School

AN E-MAIL WAS forwarded to me by one of my high school scholarship directors. It was about a possible part-time internship at a foundation called The United Hispanic Leadership Institute. I was instantly interested when I read the title of the organization, which recruits Latinos to vote. The director and I exchanged a couple of e-mails in which I asked questions and told him a little bit about myself; he decided that he wanted to meet me for an interview.

Two days later, I met Mike Rodriguez at his downtown office. We discussed immigration, citizenship and Latinos. The more we talked, the more interested I was.

I asked him what places "we" would go to recruit Latinos. He gave me a list of festivals where a lot of Latinos would be. I realized that the festivals were only on weekends and the events during the week were too early for me to attend because of school. He advised me to be creative and go anywhere that I knew many Latinos were. This was going to be an individual internship.

At first I was nervous, but I decided it would be a great experience and it would also be helping out the Latinos and our community.

The day after my interview was my first day at work. I arrived at the Mexican Independence Festival at Millennium Park. I stood with my clipboard and pens and asked anyone who passed by, "Excuse me ma'am/sir, are you registered to vote?" or "*¿Con permiso senora/senor, esta registrado/a para votar?*" I did this from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. I must have asked about a hundred people and only 15 registered. I realized that I was being that person who people ignore in the streets.

I heard rude remarks such as, "Vote for what? It's not like it will change anything." I also heard, "I would if I could, but I don't have papers," or the very famous quote "*soy majado*," which means, "I'm a wetback."

I thought about my parents and the people who have influenced my life that do not have the opportunity to vote and to make a difference. So

for all of them I worked hard and tried to encourage as many Latinos as I could to register to vote. I stopped seeing the internship as a job; I saw it as a goal and an achievement.

During the week I knocked on people's doors, went to train stations, stood in front of clothing stores and recruited the eligible senior students in my high school. It was all very exciting, and I was feeling very proud not only of myself but also of the Latinos that had registered. Knowing that I might have made a difference in someone's life is priceless.

This internship helped me to see the importance of a vote and the importance of my race. It opened my eyes to see that I should be extremely proud of being a Latina with opportunities. It has taught me to take full advantage of all of the privileges and opportunities given to me, and those that wait for me in my future.

I will think of the people I met with their hopes and dreams of being citizens, and the hopes and dreams they have for their children. □

Tending a garden Sarah Alban

University of Missouri/Fremd High School

IMAGINE A MAN slouched in a chair, punching numbers into a calculator and finding that he's about five times as old as you are. Now imagine him punching the numbers into the calculator again. He's already forgotten.

I was at the nursing home on Arnold's 85th birthday. After you reach 80, every year around the sun feels like a victory lap, a celebratory feat—an epic achievement. Arnold wasn't keen on celebrating, though; he was too busy panting from the effort to get there.

He didn't seem to miss the sweets, candles or presents. Nor did he seem to miss the "thought that counts" behind it all. He sat in his chair, absently punching the calculator as he would any other day and, like any other day, didn't raise his hopes about any visitors coming.

I didn't count as a visitor. Though its alliterative with "visitor," the word "volunteer" has little else in common with "visitor," and in fact the two exist for contrary reasons. "Visitors" are like soft, periodic rainfalls that brighten a field and keep the life there flourishing; when the rain stops coming, that's when doctors in nursing homes force in a volunteer to irrigate and try to get the life back. But no matter how you introduce the sprinklers, the non-visitors are still foreigners prodding unnaturally into the field's environment.

Just trying to get Arnold to flourish again was enough to satisfy the hospital personnel, but I was determined to be something more than a regulation commodity—a visitor.

Yeah, right. Try disguising a wolf as a lamb.

I adjusted a festive sombrero on Arnold's head and complimented him on the tough, Western look it lent his gentle appearance. He grabbed the hat off his head and put it on mine.

"You can have it, you like it so much," he said, with an indifference that pinned me to the back of my chair.

When he later asked for cookies, a nurse told me I couldn't give him any and to ignore him.

He asked for a newspaper, barely skimmed one that I gave him, and then ordered me to take it away. A doctor advised me to ignore Arnold's whimsical demands.

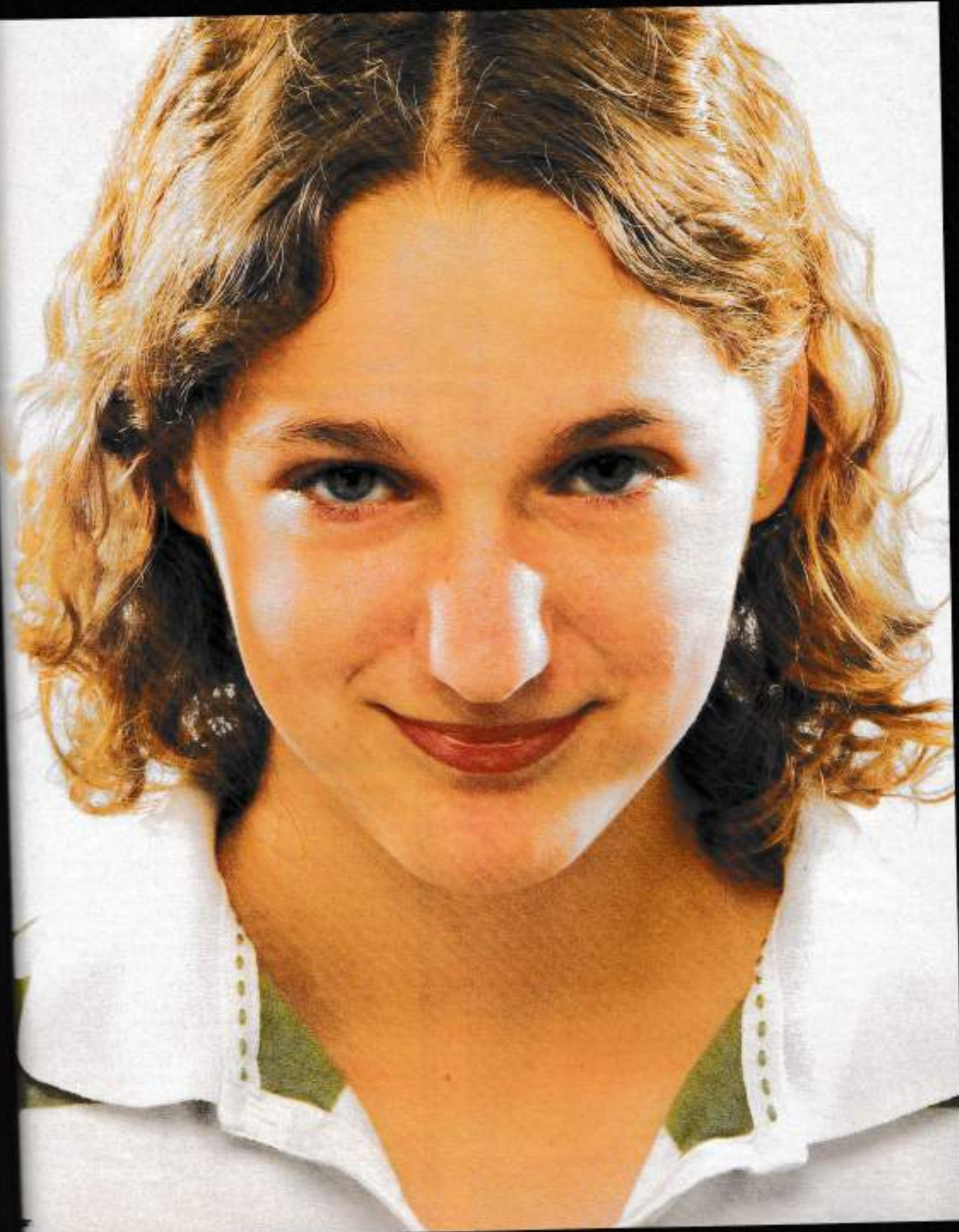
But Arnold asked for water, so I brought him a cup, which he emptied on my shoes. A passing nurse told me to ignore the spill.

That's when it struck me that Arnold was testing me. If I ignored him, I was a sprinkler, providing routine service indifferently. If I gave him my real attention, I was a cloudburst, working as much for my own benefit as the field's, just as two visitors will benefit from their visit.

I resolved to water Arnold naturally, and I think that helped ease his panting a little bit, brightening his prospects for the next lap. As a volunteer, I made a difference, even in the possibilities of the word. □



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Salute to the **Class of 2007**

Fremd seniors ride wave of Viking spirit

BY SARAH ALBAN

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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DAILY HERALD FILE PHOTO

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 Mooring, homecoming king and queen. This year's homecoming was held at Homecoming.



Senior Joe Golota heaves a 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.

Fremd High School Class of 2007

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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 Karman 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

- 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 Misérables."
- Leah Brotzman: 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), Karl 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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