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On Top of the World

If you love somebody
Better tell them while they're here 'cause
They just may run away from you

You'll never know quite when, well
Then again it just depends on
How long of time is left for you

I've had the highest mountains
I've had the deepest rivers
You can have it all but life keeps moving

I take it in but don't look down

'Cause I'm on top of the world, 'ay
I'm on top of the world, 'ay
Waiting on this for a while now
Paying my dues to the dirt
I've been waiting to smile, 'ay
Been holding it in for a while, 'ay
Take you with me if I can
Been dreaming of this since a child
I'm on top of the world.

I've tried to cut these corners
Try to take the easy way out
I kept on falling short of something

I coulda gave up then but
Then again I couldn't have 'cause
I've traveled all this way for something

I take it in but don't look down

Been holding it in for a while, 'ay
Take you with me if I can
Been dreaming of this since a child
I'm on top of the world.

And it's a long way up when you hit the ground
Get up now, get up, get up now.

And I know it's hard when you're falling down
And it's a long way up when you hit the ground
Get up now, get up, get up now.

I've been waiting to smile, 'ay
Been holding it in for a while, 'ay
Take you with me if I can
Been dreaming of this since a child
I'm on top of the world.



Rodney Berwanger

what he'll miss and won't miss. "I'm going to miss seeing people I enjoy being around the most. I'll also miss, I guess I can say, everything a high school has to offer. I'm going to miss coming every day and having an awesome time with my friends and teachers. I'm going to miss school lunch the least cause it started going downhill after sophomore year," said Rodney

Rodney also had several teachers that he remembers most. "Mrs. Block from Monroe because she would always reward me at the end of the week with a king size candy bar. Mrs. Shouse from Monroe because she would always help me in any situation and was always there for me. Ms. Cornette from here because she is just all an all-

around great teacher and I'd like to thank her for giving Corey and I a hard time in English."

Rodney also had a few favorite memories to share. "Watching kids get in trouble for dropping their pants in Troubs, sitting in English with Corey Maness bugging the heck out of Ms. Cornette, and falling asleep in Mrs. Senter's class sitting up in the desk and her putting candy in my mouth to 'try and wake me up'," said Rodney.

When asked what advice he had to offer as he leaves, Rodney said, "Never wish a day away. I spent my first three years of high school wishing the day would come to an end. Now it is almost the end and I regret ever wishing it. I should have taken advantage of every waking moment."



Rodney also wanted to say one last thank you. "I'd like to thank every teacher who ever told me how it is, anybody who was a real Stiffler to me, and most of all I'd like to thank Ms. Spinatti for helping me with and understanding every situation and handling it correctly."

After high school, Rodney plans on going to college.

When asked about what extracurriculars he's participated in, Rodney said, "Men's chorus, chemistry club, one year track, three years wrestling."

Rodney had plenty to say about

Alex Bach

After high school, Alex said he intends to attend the University of Cincinnati.

Alex has participated in golf, tennis, and the National Honor Society.

He said he will miss a couple of things about NHRS, "I will miss seeing my friends every day and taking enjoyable classes, I will not miss the drama."

Alex said that he had a few teachers in his school career that stood out. "Some of my favorite teachers are: Mrs. Dalton, Ms. Cornette, Mr. Wright and Mr. Crowley. My favorite teacher was my sixth grade teacher, Mrs.



Fender."

Alex shares the following advice as he leaves. "Enjoy high school while it lasts."

He said the following in conclusion. "I'd like to thank all of my teachers. Without them, I wouldn't be the person I am today."

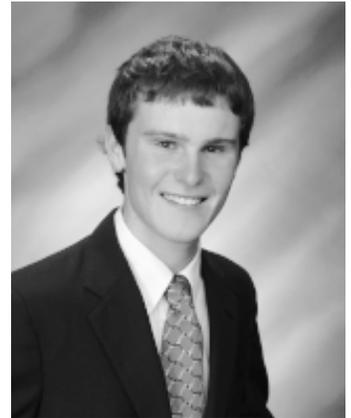
Henry Bezold

After high school, Henry plans to attend either Ohio State or Northern Kentucky University for a Bachelor's degree in engineering.

During his time here at NRHS, Henry has participated in swimming, National Honor Society, and Troubadours.

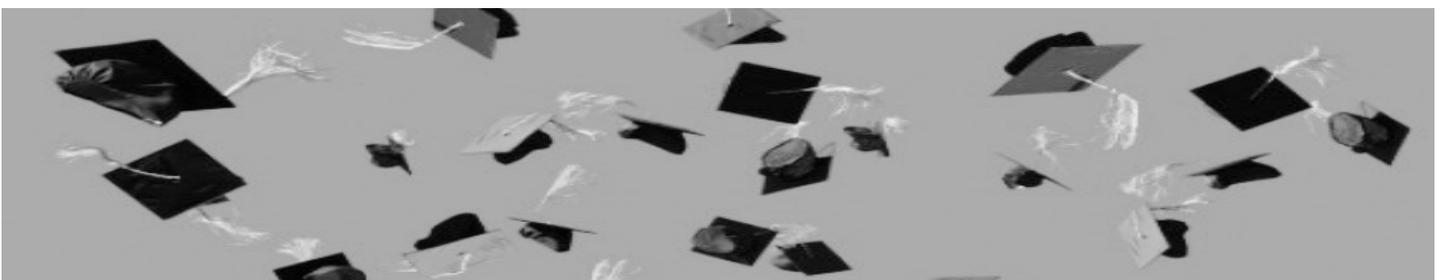
Henry said that seeing his friends will be the thing he will miss most about high school.

Favorite memories for Henry



include his senior Homecoming week and AP English class.

"Keep your pants up," are Henry's last words of wisdom he'd like to offer.



Cole Bird

Cole Bird plans to attend the University of Cincinnati. "I plan on attending UC next year, I am going into business and studying accounting," he said.

While attending New Richmond High School, Cole has spent much of his time participating in extracurricular activities. "I participated in the talent show for three years, baseball for four years, football for four years, basketball for four years, and I was on the swim team for one year," he said.

Most of what Cole will miss about high school has to do with being on the field. "I will really



miss Friday night football games, playing baseball in the warm spring weather, and swim meets," he said.

Cole has a number of teachers he will miss at NRHS. "I will miss being Mrs. Parker's second favorite student, spraying glue all over Mr. Crowley's ceiling, all of the Western Civ class students waiting for Mr. Harris to teach again because Mrs. G. was a hippie communist," said Cole.

Cole said that one of the best memories he had during high school was trying out for the swim team.

Cole is a man of many words, yet he doesn't have much advice to leave behind. "Have fun," he said.

Cole said he would like to thank many people. "I'd like to thank the fans and my close friends that have made all this possible," he said.



After high school, Austin plans on attending the University of Cincinnati. "I plan on earning my degree in business and working

my way up to a successful career," said Austin.

Austin has been very active at NRHS with extracurricular activities. He said, "I have had four years of football, three years of basketball, and two of National Honor Society."

Austin will miss his four great years of football at NRHS.

Austin has a couple of teachers he will particularly remember. "First off, Mr. Callebs for accepting me into the Big Blue Nation. I will also remember Mr.

Sierra Branam

Sierra said, "After high school I plan to get a better job, and go to college."

Sierra said there were a few things she would miss about high school. "I will miss my friends and caring teacher. I won't miss waking up every morning."

Sierra mentioned the teacher that has impacted her. "Mrs.



Moore my second grade teacher at NRE, now a kindergarten teacher; she has always been so nice and willing to help anyone."

Sierra shared some of her favorite memories from high school. "My favorite memories are of Spirit Week, seeing how creative people are. English class, sophomore year; Mrs. Griffin's class, she always had stuff to do."

Sierra offered the following advice, "Wake up on time, stay on top of your work, don't trust people; by the time you're a senior your friends now won't be friends then."



Austin Campbell

Crowley or 'The Crowdog' for sticking with me for four years and always keeping it fresh," said Austin, "Lastly, Sheba, no words needed."

Although Austin didn't have too many good memories actually at the school, he still had some good memories during high school. "A couple of my favorite memories from high school came from playing recreational basketball with my best friends and going to the Beechmont Racquet Ball Club

every day," said Austin.

Austin also would like to thank a couple of his good friends. "Thanks for teaching me that in ten years, none of this will even matter and that if I just keep my head down, I will be better in the long run," said Austin.





Kara Burns

said.

There are a few things that Kara will miss about NRHS, but a few that she will miss the least as well. "I will miss swimming and cross country the most. I loved being part of these teams and I can't believe it's over. I will probably miss all the strict rules such as not being allowed to go to see teachers before school the least. The freedom in college will be a nice change," said Kara.

After high school, Kara Burns plans to attend the University of Cincinnati. "I plan on attending UC next year in their pre-med program, and from there either go to medical school or get my doctorate in physical therapy," said Kara.

As Kara looks back on her years of school, she said that she will miss several of her past teachers. Mrs. Parker and Mr. Shebesta are two that stand out the most to her. "I will particularly remember Mrs. Parker and Mr. Shebesta. Mrs. Parker could always make you laugh even when you were having a bad day. She was also the most understanding teacher and our class could always talk to her about anything. I always looked forward to AP English. I will re-

member Mr. Shebesta because of his way of teaching. He always taught in a way that I understood and if I didn't, he would find a clearer way to explain it," said Kara.

Several high school memories will stick with Kara as she prepares to leave. "One of my favorite memories was when the girls' cross country team won districts my senior year. All of that hard work really paid off. Another one of my favorite memories was when Ms. Spinnati showed up at a pep rally.

The whole school was so happy to see her. I don't think anyone will ever forget that moment when she took off the lion head and the whole school started cheering," Kara said.

Kara offered a few words of wisdom to give to others after being a part of NRHS for four years. "Aim high, believe in yourself, and never give up. At



the moment, you may not want to do your homework and you may not want to study, but if you do it now, tomorrow you will thank yourself. Do not procrastinate!" said Kara.

Kara said that she owes a lot to her teachers. Kara's final words are, "I'd like to thank all of my teachers for making my four years of high school such a great experience. They were always patient and I always felt that they enjoyed teaching."



Caleb Branson

Caleb only participated in one sport while at NRHS, and that was baseball for three years.

There are a lot of things Caleb will miss about his time at NRHS. Going to the football games and being on the baseball team were among his most missed.

After high school, Caleb plans on going to college, but he is still unsure on where he wants to go. He is debating between four schools: UC, Mt. St. Joe, Xavier, and Wilmington.

"I will miss going to the football games on Friday nights, seeing all my friends every day in class, and playing on the baseball team. The amazing season we had junior year is something I will never forget, having won the first 16 games of the season."

There are a few teachers Caleb is really going to miss.

"I am really going to miss Mrs. Griffin. She always knew how to get me to work harder and fo-

cus. Even though sometimes I slacked in her class, well actually a lot, she always could keep me on track. One way she did this was blackmailing me with a very embarrassing story I wrote in the 4th grade, when I didn't get my work done. And constantly reminding me that I am a slacker, and need to get my work done. Her class was always my favorite class and I will never forget it."

Caleb has a few words of advice for freshman that he has been waiting to share for two years.

"Freshman, I know you are new to the school and all, but seriously, it is really not that hard to walk down the right side of the hallway. Blocking the hall-

ways is a very good way to make a grumpy senior mad at you. So walk down the hallway the right way, without stopping, and don't be a slacker like me, get your work done."

Caleb also has a few things he would like to say before he leaves.

"I really would like to thank all of my teachers, especially Mrs. Griffin, for helping me get through my three years here, and keeping me from slacking off too much. And I would also like to share that what Mrs. Griffin says about me being a slacker is 100% true. I wrote this thing at the last minute."



Maggie Campbell



she will miss her best friend, Natalie. One thing she will miss the least is math class.

Maggie would like to thank a few teachers in particular, Mrs. Reaker. "She taught me to read and many other things."

Ms. Wilson who also helped her with reading, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Wells, who made going to middle school fun are also on

Maggie's favorite teacher list.

She would also like to thank Mrs. Graser, Mrs. Davis, Mr.

Peterson, Mrs. Painter, and Ms. Lindsey, who frequently gave her cookies. One final high school teacher she would like to give special thanks to is Mrs. Carey. "She always helped me, all the time."

Some of Maggie's favorite memories include the mu-

sicals, friends, having Ms. Spinnati as a principal and Mr. Bird.

Some advice Maggie wants to give as she leaves is, "Make friends, enjoy the good times and learn while you are here."

One final thing Maggie would like to add is a big thank you to everyone who has made it possible for her to graduate from high school.

Maggie's plans after high school include volunteering at a library, and working somewhere where she can help kids. During her time at NRHS, Maggie participated in the Special Olympics as well as skating. As Maggie moves on from high school there are a few things that she said she will miss. "I will miss all of my teachers and my friends the most." In particular



Zack Coldiron

at New Richmond High School.

If there were one thing I regretted in my four years here it would be my lack of joining any extracurricular activities, mainly sports. As everyone knows I'm definitely not the tallest student at our high school and absolutely not the most athletic. But I always enjoyed playing baseball, football, and basketball like I had in my younger days. I always loved talking about it with friends and always have known so much about it but never had the courage to try out for any sport. Trust me, if you are in love with sports as much as I am, no matter whether or not you're the tallest or shortest student at school, at least try it out, you'll regret not doing so in the future.

Not only are the extracurricular activities something you should be involved in but you should also be involved in your

studies, of course. Trust me, things start out easy as a freshman, but don't let it trick you into thinking the rest of high school is like that as well. Take classes you know you can handle and not harder ones because all of your friends are in them; it will help you for the future. These little things matter when you are a junior/senior and you are applying to colleges. I took the harder classes not only because a lot of my friends were in there, but also because I thought I could handle them since I may need them for the future and when I go to college.

As of right now I am debating between the University of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky University. I hope to get into the communications program there in the hopes to one day become the next Marty Brennaman or broadcaster for ESPN. I've al-

ways loved the Reds and the game of baseball in general, so making a career out of talking about the sport and watching it would be a dream come true.

I will always remember my time at this school and will always remember the teachers and friends I have met here. I absolutely do not regret coming to this school and am extremely blessed to be a part of this senior class. It is really sad to think I may never see some of the people I see every day in these halls after I graduate, but I hope to still have the great friends I have now in my future. I know that what I learned from this school will propel me into having a successful and meaningful life that I hope will only make this small town and school proud.

Sydney Clancy

Sydney plans on attending college after high school. She said, "I'm attending Ohio University to major in marketing. Throughout her years here at NRHS, she has participated in a myriad of activities.

"I was in drama club for four years, and co-vice president for my senior year. I did tennis all four years, women's choir for four years, the gifted program for three years. I've also been a Troub for two years and I've participated in Science Challenge."

Despite her in-depth activity, Sydney said she won't miss a whole lot in the halls of NR. "I'll miss doing theatre and being at lunch with my friends," she said, "but other than that I really won't miss anything."

As far as teachers go, they have made a memorable impact on Sydney. She mentioned



teachers back from elementary school. "Ms. Holman, my second grade teacher, is the most caring person I've ever met. Also, Mrs. Daniels from fourth grade and Mrs. Fender"

From the high school, Sydney mentioned Mr. Crowley and Mrs. Verwold. "Mr. Crowley still checks up on me every day. Mrs. Verwold and I have always butted heads but she has helped me with my slew of makeup work."

Sydney will remember all her fun times in the theatre department, but she doesn't have a favorite. "There are just too many to name."

As a closing bit of advice, Sydney said, "Just stay in school!"



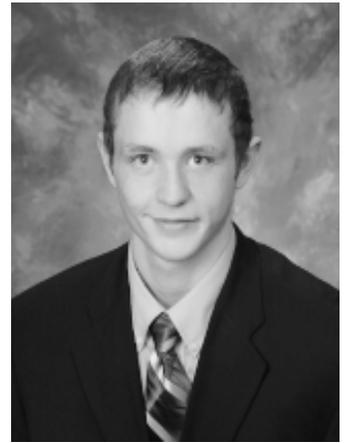
Autumn Clark

After high school, Autumn plans on going into the United States Army.

During his time here at New Richmond, Autumn participated in football, wrestling, and track.

Autumn said there are some things he will miss the most and least about high school. "I will miss all of my teachers because they have taught me everything I know. I will miss lunch the least probably (lol)."

Autumn said he only had one favorite teacher throughout high school. "I remember Mr. Grischow and he was our history teacher in eighth grade. I remember when he first came to New Richmond and we were his first students ever, and me and Chance Silcott goofed off in his room because he was a new teacher."



There are a few memories Autumn would like to remember. "Cole Bird in the talent show and my first Prom. Probably wouldn't be able to top it."

As Autumn leaves, he has this to say: "Stay in school and when it comes to your dreams, shoot for the stars and never stop believing in yourself."

Autumn said he missed Miss Spinnati. "I wish she was still here so I could thank her for all the times she cut me a break when I got into trouble."

Dennis Corbett

Dennis Corbett plans to work after high school. "I plan to work in a body shop or metal, or be in a famous band," he said.

Dennis participated in wrestling during his time at NRHS.

When he leaves, there is one thing that Dennis will miss and one thing he won't miss about NRHS. "The females, and sitting in class all day," he said.

There are two teachers that Dennis particularly remembers from his school day. "Mr. Smiddy- middle school and Mr. Heflin- middle school gym," he said.

Dennis' favorite memories



from high school were made at Grant Career Center. He advises others to, "go to Grant."

Dennis would also like to thank a certain teacher that helped him out a lot. "Mr. Kappel, for keeping me at Grant even though I screwed up at least twenty times," he said.



Megan Deters

sons of women's choir I was in the musical *White Christmas* my junior year."

Megan said she will miss a few things about NHRS. "What I will miss most is being in Troubs and all my friends I have made here in high school."

Megan mentioned a number of her favorite teachers from her high school career. "I remember Mrs. Minning teaching us about the organs in the heart in zoology and taught us a dance to help learn

it. Mr. Heflin I remember in select choir, when I was the only one who had stayed in the contest and he had me stay after the class and told me what I knew I needed to do a really good job on my solo."

Megan shared her favorite memory from high school. "Our senior Homecoming pep rally when Ms. Spinnati surprised us by being our mascot."

Megan said some words of advice as she left, "I would advise you to live your life the way you want and not let anyone stand in your way."



Megan added, "I want to thank Ms. Spinnati for being a great principal for my freshman to junior years."

Megan said that after high school she wants to sell Thirty-One and get a job; once she has enough money, she wants to go to college for photography.

Megan has participated in a number of extracurricular activities, "I have run distance in track all four years, I did a few sea-

Austen Craig

After high school, Austen plans on attending the University of Kentucky.

During his time here at NRHS, Austen has participated in multiple sports and that includes basketball, baseball, football, and track his senior year.

Austen says that not seeing his friends will be what he will miss most of high school.

There are several teachers that Austen will particularly remember and those include Mr. Callebs, Mr. Jackson from Locust Corner, Mr. Helton from the middle school, Ms. Cornette, and Mrs. Dalton.

Austen has only one main memory from high school, which is hanging out with friends over



the weekend.

Austen's last words of wisdom are towards the underclassmen. "The quicker the freshmen realize that every grade makes a difference, the better off they will be."

Austen has one last person he would like to thank. "I'd like to thank Mr. Callebs for always having my back when people try to talk crap about BBN!"

Rachel Curless

After graduation, Rachel plans on going to college. "I plan on attending Ohio University and double majoring in environmental biology and photojournalism."

While attending New Richmond High School, Rachel participated on the soccer team, dance team, tennis team, Prom committee, *Messenger* and yearbook.

Rachel said that she will miss seeing her friends every day and some of the teachers, like Mrs. Minning. But she won't miss all the drama that high school has to offer, having to wake up so early and getting in trouble for being tardy to school.

Rachel has a number of favorite teachers she said she would remember the most. "Mrs. Transier, my first grade teacher, she was the best. Ms. Cornette, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Minning and Mrs. Griffin are my favorite teachers throughout my high



school years; all around, they were awesome!"

There are many favorite memories that Rachel has from high school, but Homecoming week was the best, "I would look forward to that week every year and senior year was by far the best!"

As for underclassmen, Rachel would like to give them a few words of advice: "Everyone told me going into high school, not to blink or to even wish your time away because it goes by fast. Being me, I never believed them. But in all honesty, it really did go by fast, so don't blink and enjoy it while you can because soon enough you will be graduating."



Riley Deweese



Riley said that after high school she plans to go to Morehead State University to become an elementary school teacher.

During her time here at NRHS, Riley has participated in multiple activities, which include soccer, basketball, softball, and National Honor Society.

Some of the things that Riley will miss most of high school are seeing her friends and teammates, along with free education. However she said that she will definitely not miss the school's lunches.

Riley said there a few teachers she will particularly remember from her schooling "Mrs. Northcutt, my first grade teacher, is the sweetest teacher I've ever had. And Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Sandlin, and Mrs. Green were all the best and unforgettable."

Riley said that there are a couple of memories from high school that are her favorite.

"Homecoming week all four years was one of my favorite memories and also during my freshman year, the softball team had a game in Georgetown and it started pouring down rain so we all had to play in the mud."

There is one piece of advice that Riley would like to give before she leaves the high school. "Enjoy every single day because these four years go by super-fast."

There is one last person she would particularly like to thank. "I would like to thank and praise Ms. Spinnati for being the best principal I could ask for, I will never forget her."

Nathan Dixon



Nathan Dixon plans on attending either the University of Cincinnati or the University of Dayton.

Nathan was very active while being in high school at NRHS. He participated in many extracurricular activities. "I participated as the kicker of the football team for one year, Student Council, band, choirs, soccer for four years, and two time first team all star. I wrestled for four years; I was captain, and went to state, and went to the district championship. I was an Eagle Scout, I was in NHS, as well as a bunch of leadership seminars," he said.

Most of all Nathan will miss what is dear to his heart, his

friends. "Most of all I will miss my friends and the classes I had with little work. I will miss Shebesta and his sarcastic remarks, but least of all, I won't miss the drama or the politics involved in everything," he said.

Nathan has many teachers he will miss, but just one stands out from all the rest. "I will miss Mrs. Conrad, my fourth grade teacher at NRE. She always challenged me and the rest of the kids, pushing us to do our best."

Some of Nathan's favorite memories from high school are from being involved. "All of Ms. Cornette's classes, and Mr. Shinkle's classes. Let's not forget being District Champ, and state qualifying in wrestling," he said.

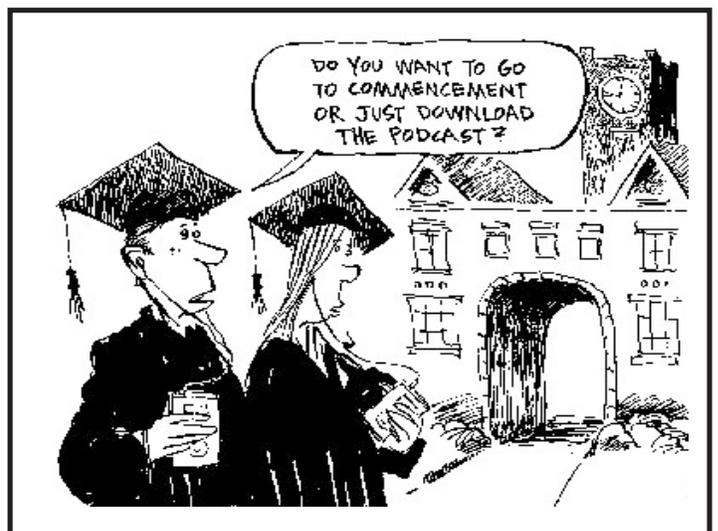
Nathan has a couple words of wisdom for the follow students at NRHS. "Participate as much as you can; it might be the only opportunity you have to do so," he said.



**You have brains in your head
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any
direction you choose.
You're on you own.
And you know what you know.**



**You are the
guy who'll de-
cide where to
go.
Dr. Seuss**





Brittany Durham



After high school, Brittany plans on going to UC Clermont and possibly transferring once she gets herself on her feet financially.

"I'm going in as undecided because I'm absolutely terrified to commit to something and then hate it," said Brittany. One thing that Brittany will miss the most are the people in this school. "I am a total girl about this graduating stuff, and everyone knows I would go back to being a freshman right now if I could."

As far as the things she will

miss the most, Mr. Harris' copious notes are high on her list. "Not that I actually took them very often anyway."

"I don't remember many teachers from elementary or middle school because I can hardly remember what I wore yesterday," said Brittany, but she does remember all of her high school teachers, and said she will never be able to forget most of them because of the fact that they really did help her class grow up. "I would have to say that Mr. Heflin is one of the biggest life coaches for me. Sometimes it seemed like he was preaching to the choir, but everything he has ever said has a way of sticking to your brain."

Some of Brittany's favorite memories include ones shared with Ms. Spinnati. "I will never forget when Ms. Spinnati yelled at me during lunch in front of everyone my sophomore year. It was during Homecoming week, and she saw me tag a freshman

with white paint. It was intimidating because everyone knows how loud Ms. Spinnati was, but it was also extremely embarrassing. Everyone was tagging each other and I was the only one who got caught."

The words of wisdom Brittany would like to give as she leaves are strictly guided toward freshmen. "Someone will always have a problem with you strictly because you are fresh meat. It's no use trying to argue the, "You were a freshman once, too," because it won't work. And don't carry all of your books to every class; you have a locker for a reason." Another thing she would like to add is do not wish your days away! "Last year I couldn't wait to graduate and now I absolutely, wholeheartedly dread the day I have to get my diploma. High school goes way too fast, so please enjoy every single day you have here."

The last thing Brittany would like to add is praise for Ms.

Spinnati. "Ms. Spinnati deserves all the praise in the world. She has impacted all of us who were lucky enough to see her every day in the hallways and I want nothing more than to hug her the day I graduate. All of us owe her a huge thank you for helping us grow up. She was the type of person who could suspend you, and you couldn't be mad at her for it. Sometimes when teachers got you in trouble, you would hold a grudge against them for it, but it didn't work that way with Ms. Spinnati. I love her so much, and I feel so blessed to have met her."

Devin Donell



After high school, Devin has plans that include both the military and college. "I'm going to join the Navy and take college courses for business," he said. "Then I'll retire from the Navy and open my own auto shop."

As for what Devin will miss when he graduates, "I'll miss Ms. Spinnati the most and everything else the least," he said.

Devin has a few teachers he remembered as his favorites. "Mr. Smith, my first and third grade teacher, Mr. Smiddy, my seventh grade teacher, Mr. Crowley, my science teacher for ninth and tenth, Mr. Callebs for tenth grade math and Mrs. Griffin for tenth

grade English."

"Hanging out with my friends," ranks as Devin's favorite memory, and for words of wisdom, he said, "Stick with school no matter how badly it stinks; otherwise, you'll just end up working hard rather than smart. Keep it simple, stupid!"

And finally, Devin said, "Thanks to everyone that kept me pointed in the right direction."





Cierra Edwards

When Cici graduates, she plans on attending NKU. "I plan to attend NKU to get a four year degree in music. Then, I plan to find a commune somewhere in the country, preferably on a beach, and live my life as a studio musician/hippie until something more exciting comes up. Just freedom and music."

While Cici was in high school, she was involved in many extracurricular activities. "I've done marching band for all four years, drama productions for all years, choir for all four, academic team for two, track for one and a half years, and probably some more stuff but I don't remember."

There are a few things Cici will miss next year. "I will mostly miss the routine of high school life. It's a safety blanket, you know? I'll also really miss the

friends I have made. There are a lot. The things I'll miss the least will be getting up at six, coming to school where I am restricted by rules that make no sense, and just school work in general."

Cici would like to recognize a few teachers from her tenure in high school. "My very first favorite teacher ever was Mrs. Kim Fultz. She taught at NRE for my fifth and sixth grade years, and retired our sixth grade year. She told us we were her favorite class, and wanted to have us as her last class. My next favorite teacher is Mr. Wright. Mr Wright is more of a father figure than a teacher to me. Since seventh grade, he has been a compassionate teacher and friend to all students, whether they were in band or not. Now that he isn't a band teacher for this semester, I realize how much of a role model he is, and how much I miss having him as my teacher. The per-



son I'll remember the most is Ms. Spinnati. There aren't enough words to express my adoration for her. She will always be in my memory and even though I can't shake her hand at graduation, I know she'll be there."

Cici has a few favorite memories from high school she would like to share. "Wow, my memories are scattered, but I think my most favorite memories would be the ones that all happened this year. At the senior night for fall sports. I walked across the track and the people on all sides of the stadium were cheering for me. It made me feel really appreciated, and I felt like I had lots of friends everywhere. My second favorite memory would be my Christmas solo. Man, that was



nerve wracking. I performed it, and got a ton of applause, and I think I proved myself there."

Cici has a few words of wisdom to offer to everyone before she leaves. "Well, I believe the key to success in high school is to give up on being perfect. I'm not saying to give up your academics, but the opinions of sheep should bear no weight on the minds of wolves. And another thing, if nothing is going right, go left."

There is something Cici would also like to say before she graduates from New Richmond High School. "I'd like to say thank you to everyone. My friends, family, peers, and teachers. Without you, I would not be who I am at this moment, and I am grateful for it, rock on!"



After high school, Emily plans to attend Lindenwood University in Belleville, Illinois. "I received a running scholarship so I will be on their cross country team. I plan on majoring in web design and marketing."

Emily has participated in sev-

Emily Erdman

eral different extracurricular activities. "I was in Student Council, S.A.D.D., cross country, basketball, track, and women's choir."

When she leaves, Emily said she will miss, "All the crazy things you see during Spirit Week. Switch Day was always a great day," the most. However, she says, "I will not miss the overly crowded hallways of screaming freshmen."

Many teachers throughout elementary, middle and high school have impacted Emily. "Mr. Bagley in elementary was my gym teacher. He always made me feel like I was good at

sports even though I was picked last in dodgeball, kickball, and everything." Emily named Mr. Helton as another favorite teacher of hers. "He understood my odd sense of humor."

There are a few favorite memories from high school Emily would like to remember. "I got to watch sumo wrestlers in my gym, how many kids can that? I also got to see Luke Gilday dress up as Snooki."

Emily would like to offer some words of advice as she leaves. "Do not stop in the middle of the



hallway to talk to friends, unless you want to be trampled."

Emily said New Richmond is probably the best place to attend school. "We always had a good time and we're smart, too. I've met so many great people and the teachers are the nicest ones around. I'm so lucky to have gone here."



Katie Gelter

day night football games and pep rallies. “Being a cheerleader, those two things meant the world to me and they were so much fun for everybody in the school,” said Katie. The thing Katie will miss the least by far is the drama, she said, “There are people out there who thrive on it and make moments unbearable for people and I won’t miss that whatsoever.”

After high school, Katie plans on attending college at the University of Cincinnati. “While at the University of Cincinnati, I plan on being enrolled in their nursing program to get my bachelor’s degree in nursing.”

Katie has been very active with many extracurricular activities during her time here at NRHS. “I have participated in Women’s Choir, Troubadours, Student Council, cheerleading, chemistry club, Science Challenge, Prom committee, *The Messenger*, gifted program, and National Honor Society,” said Katie.

Katie will especially miss Fri-

day night football games and pep rallies. “Being a cheerleader, those two things meant the world to me and they were so much fun for everybody in the school,” said Katie. The thing Katie will miss the least by far is the drama, she said, “There are people out there who thrive on it and make moments unbearable for people and I won’t miss that whatsoever.”

ministrator that she will never forget is Ms. Spinnati. Katie said, “Ms. Spinnati was by far one of the most amazing people that I ever got to know. She cared about each and every one of her current students and past students. Ms. Spinnati truly made a huge impact on my life; she will forever be in my heart, and forever in our halls.”



Katie has two favorite memories from high school. “The first would have to be the distraction days in Ms. Cornette’s room; they were the best. We had weather day, tea parties, and all kinds of crazy days in her class and she just took it all in,” said Katie, “My other favorite



memory would be my senior Homecoming pep rally. I will never forget when the lion mascot took off the head of the costume and underneath was Ms. Spinnati. The gym lit up and the roars of the students were so loud that the floor shook. It was truly a magical moment.”

Katie has advice she would like to offer as she leaves New Richmond High School. “I would like to say, find something you are passionate about, love doing, and pursue that thing.”

Katie would also like to add that while at New Richmond, she made many friends and many memories that she will cherish forever. “High school really is one of the best moments in your life,” said Katie.



JR Forsee

lion things, I have only participated in football and wrestling,” he said.

There are a few things that J.R. will miss about NRHS, and a few things he won’t really miss. “I will miss all the amazing teachers and my friends that will lose contact with me. I won’t miss writing essays and papers for classes I don’t want to take,” said J.R.

Four teachers in particular stood out to J.R. throughout the past years. “Mrs. Minning: a crazy short lady equals an awesome teacher. Mr. Smiddy: He pulled me out of the hallway and into the cafeteria/wrestling room. I will never forget him. Mrs. Griffin: Just a fun class. I always enjoy being in there. Oh, plus the cupcakes. We need to have another raffle, too, Mrs.

Griffin. Mr. Shinkle: He has done so much for me. He shaped me from the big, weird blob I used to be into a young man. Shinkle has gone up and over his requirements as a teacher and coach for me and the rest of his wrestlers. There are no worries that I will forget him. I can’t- I tried multiple times,” said J.R.

As J.R. looks back on his high school years, he has a lot of memories. “My three trips to Columbus, each with a different group of people. Becoming best friends with Jackie Lemar. She is someone I will never forget, no matter what. The zoo field trip with Minning last year. A lot of good things happened on that trip,” he said.

J.R. offered some words of wisdom to others as he leaves NRHS. “Listen to your teachers.

Don’t stress, it ruins all the fun that you should be having. Be careful who you push the wrong way. For any freshmen or sophomores reading this: respect the upperclassmen. They paid their dues. Don’t act so big and bad because it’s annoying and truthfully, you’re not big and bad. Heck, most seniors aren’t,” said J.R.

As his last words, J.R. said, “It’s a fun time if you don’t stress too much. Being me worked well, trying to fit in is what cost me those last couple years. I have to thank Shawn Elam for being my punching/football/wrestling bag practically all year long. I also have to thank all of my true friends for sticking with me all the way through high school.”



After high school, Luke Gilday plans on attending either Miami University or Elon University to major in international relations. "I haven't 100% made up my mind as to where I want to go next year. It's either Miami University in Oxford or Elon University just outside of Burlington, North Carolina. No matter where I go, I plan on majoring in International Relations and focusing on western Africa, hopefully to either get a job within the American embassy system or to work with a non-profit organization."

Luke was very involved in extracurricular activities during his time at the high school. "I was in Student Council for all four years serving as freshman class vice president, sophomore and junior class president, and was Student Council president my senior year. I did men's choir for three seasons my freshman year, and one season every year after that, I was in Drama Club all four years and was in three shows my freshman year, two my sophomore and junior years, and



Luke Gilday

three my senior year, I was in National Honor Society my junior and senior years; Prom Committee serving as president my junior year, track and field my freshman, junior and senior years, cross country for four years serving as team captain senior year. I wrote for *The Messenger* for sophomore, junior, and senior year, stats for girls' basketball junior year, was a HOBY ambassador sophomore year, a representative to Buckeye Boy's State and The Foundation for Teaching Economics junior year, and was a flag raiser my senior year."

There are many things Luke will miss about the high school.

"I'll mostly just miss all the people. Next year I will really miss being able to hang out with the people I've grown up with. I've made so many great friends and it's going to be rough leaving most of them next year. The experiences I had here overall were awesome, though. I'll also really miss the overall sense of community and sense of resilience everyone here has when faced with disaster; the fact that New Richmond has the support system and strength to bounce back in the face of tragedy really is something special."

However, there are a few things Luke won't miss.

"I really won't miss having to wake up so early, I like my sleep. I also won't miss all the pettiness behind the conversations and actions of some of those here."

While in high school, Luke has had some influential teachers he would like to recognize.

"One of my favorite classes ever was advanced English II with Ms. Cornette. Making jokes and, of course, the distraction days we threw. She really took all of it in stride. Mr. Shebesta's sense of humor made math a bearable subject for the year I had him. I will always be impressed by the fact that Mrs. Griffin never killed anyone during the constant bickering and

yelling she had to deal with. Mrs. Parker for always knowing the right thing to say to us when we came to her with a problem. But my all time favorite class was AP Human Geography; it was so much work, but Mr. Harris made it all worth it; he solidified my plan of going into a social science next year."

Luke said he has made a lot of great memories while he was here.

"I've had some of my best experiences here like Student Council pizza parties and meetings, the crazy distraction days in Ms. Cornette's sophomore year, laying around and just talking to everyone after speed workouts in track, the conversations backstage waiting to go for the the musicals, going out to dinners before dances, all the drama of the fights in *The Messenger*, our heart-to-heart chats in AP English, touring with the Troubadours and going to Baltimore to win nationals, going to football and basketball games, and the phrases and things yelled out in AP Geography. However, what I'll miss most of all is cross country. The time spent with my team were some of the best memories I'll probably ever have. Goofing off on the long bus rides, setting up the tent, Olympics every year, dressing up like the Western Brown girl's team for the girls,



the the first team all star dinners, LSD days with the team, complaining all day about having to Shebesta all day when we have to do track workouts, the excitement of making it to regionals, and the end of the year parties at Scally-Wag, when we would pass out senior gifts and deal with the crying seniors."

Luke has a few words of advice for those at the high school.

"I know it seems cliché, but live your own life. Don't let others dictate what you do while you're here. Do whatever makes you happy and don't worry about what everyone else thinks."

Last, Luke leaves with this, "I just want to again state my thanks to Ms. Spinnati. She was one of the strongest, most influential women I have ever met. She is someone who won't ever be forgotten by her students. She will be forever in our hearts, and forever in our halls."

Brenden Giles

Brenden said that after high school he plans to attend college.

He said that he will mostly miss seeing his friends. He said that he will least miss the schooling part of high school.

He said that he only has one favorite teacher he remembers "Mr. Wright because he always helps people out in class and makes people laugh."

Brenden has one simple piece of advice before he leaves for



college and that is to always do your work.

Sarah Glenn



her belt. When asked what she's been in, Sarah said, "I was a member of women's choir, Prom committee and Student Council, and secretary of chemistry club. I am president of the Troubadours and vice-president of National Honor Society. I ran four years of varsity track, and played four years of varsity soccer, serving as a captain my senior year."

Sarah shared what she'd miss the most and the least. "I will sincerely miss playing soccer on the beautiful Futbol field; I had some of my favorite memories of high school there, and I will miss all the pick-up games and late game nights in the stadium. I will, most definitely, not miss the closed-mindedness and overall lack of respect so many people here possess and demonstrate," said Sarah.

Sarah has some big plans for after high school. "I am attending the Ohio State University in the fall of 2013 to study at the college of Food Science and Technology with a pre-med direction. I hope to either pursue dentistry or dermatology; I really want to be a doctor someday. Go Bucks!" said Sarah.

Sarah also has a long list of extracurricular activities under

Lindsay Gundler

With big plans ahead, Lindsay is planning on going to the University of Cincinnati. "I plan on majoring in either criminology or nutrition."

Lindsay has participated in several extracurricular activities during her time here. "I have been involved in drama club, NHS, Prom committee, Student Council, cheerleading, dance team, soccer, women's choirs, and stats."

Lindsay said there are some things she will miss about New Richmond. "I will miss the awesome teachers and my wonderful friends." However, Lindsay said, "I will miss the food the least."

There are three teachers on Lindsay's fan list. "Mrs. Parker made my senior year the best. Ms. Cornette was always the



best. Mr. Shebesta was the best math teacher."

A few of Lindsay's favorite memories include: "All of the fun football games, hanging out with friends, participating in sports, and when Ms. Spinnati was the lion at the pep rally."

Lindsay's words of wisdom are, "Be yourself and don't do drugs!"

And finally, Lindsay would like to thank her parents, teachers, and coaches for putting up with her. "These have been the best four years of my life and I will miss everyone."

Sarah had a lot of favorite teachers to talk about. "Mrs. Sandlin (Ms. Murphy, then), was my second grade teacher at Locust Corner. When I think of favorites, her name is the first to come to mind. She had the best toy shop/store that we could buy from when



we earned enough purple tabs and behaved. She always made school fun for her students, and I really do appreciate that to this day. High school has allowed me to work with and experience some really outstanding teachers, also. Mr. Shebesta has the greatest personality and style, ever, Mrs. Dalton always surprises me with the sweetest, most random compliments. Ms. Cornette has the best laugh and sense of humor and Mr. Harris is just the best old man I have ever encountered-he deserves an award for his incredibly cheesy jokes and success with the AP exam. Mrs. Parker, though, has been the most sincere and understanding teacher I have ever had. She is so trustworthy and the fact that we have a teacher who is so willing to do anything for us at the drop of a hat is the greatest feeling ever."

She had one good memory to share with everyone. "I will never forget the pep-rally my senior year, when Ms. Spinnati surprised us in the lion costume.

I will always remember the smiles and tears from so many of the students (and all of the staff), and it was just a really good reminder of what a genuine, loving person is like. Stay safe, Ms. Spinnati.

Sarah had a piece of advice for everyone. "In the wise words of Mr. Harris, 'Don't assume,' you know what happens when you do... and if you don't know yet, ask him," said Sarah.

Sarah also wanted to say one last thank you. "I would like to thank my family the most for being so supportive of me these past few years. I am so thankful for all the help and hard work they have given to me so willingly. They have put in as much work as I have to make sure my high school career was a success. They have provided me the tools I need to succeed in the future and I am so blessed to have them. A thanks goes, also, to the teachers, for being patient with the demanding class of 2013," Sarah said.



Erik Hermann

Erik Hermann plans on going to the University of Cincinnati. "I plan to go to UC for an engineering degree," he said.

Erik participated in quite a few extracurricular activities. "I was on the tennis team, golfed, was in Troubs, and NHS," he said.

Erik has mixed feelings about leaving. "I will miss getting to see all of my friends, but I will not miss all of the drama," he said.

There are a number of teachers Erik will miss here at NHS. "I will miss Mr. Wright, Ms. Cornette, Mr. Shebesta, and Mr.



Crowley because he made physics fun," he said.

There are a few things Erik would like to add before he leaves. "I would like to thank my parents for everything they've helped me with and for always being there," he said.

Henry Heidlage

Henry Heidlage plans to go to college after he graduates this year.

He participated in a few extracurricular activities throughout high school. "Golf, tennis, baseball, and basketball," he said.

Henry will miss two things in particular as he prepares to leave, and just one major thing he won't miss. "I will miss my friends and the good times. I won't miss the drama," said Henry.

There are a few certain teachers that Henry said stood out the most to him and he will miss the most. "Mrs. Minning- she is awesome and outgoing, Mr. Reaker- he is hilarious and very nice, Mr. Shebesta, Mr. Harris- 'shuuuut uppp', and Ms. Cornette," said Henry.

Henry has many memories



from high school, but two that stick out the most. "When Ms. Spinnati was the lion at the pep rally. And my freshman year switch day when I wore a thong," he said.

Henry offered a bit of advice to others to keep in mind as he leaves. "Stay true to yourself, don't worry about drama, be honest, and be the bigger person," he said.

The last words that Henry would like to say are a simple thank you. "I would like to thank my friends and family," he said.

Craig Hoagland

Craig shared his plans for after high school. "I plan on attending Berea college in Kentucky, and being the first 'Hoagland grandbaby' to graduate college. Further on down the road, I plan to get married and have kids."

Craig participated in Science Challenge, men's choir, Troubs, and the theatre programs at NRHS.

Craig said he will miss several things about NRHS, "I will miss the teachers, and faculty who I've met over the years who helped me change my life for the better. I will miss the drama the least. I could do without all the drama garbage for the rest of my life."

Craig mentioned some of the teachers who affected him, "I remember how Mr. Heflin, the choir teacher, strived to get me to 'come out of my shell' and be a part of something. Then there was the other Mr. Heflin, who back in middle school days, took care of me and never gave up on me, helping me through gym class. Mr. Crowley is one of the funniest guys I know; he always made sure I had a smile on my face. And he took care of me in my classes. He reminds me of 'Bill Nye' in that sense. Mrs. Minning is one of the craziest, good crazy, teachers I've ever had. She always knew how to make people laugh and smile. Mr. Moorehead is one of the nicest guys I've ever met. He



picked me up off Short Hill when I fell and sprained my ankle and drove me home; he's a great guy."

Craig shared a few of his favorite memories. "I remember when I did my first solo during our concert last year. I made people cry, and I was told stories after that concert; people waited afterwards just to speak to me. This year, I was able to work with younger kids at the elementary and middle schools respectively. I felt so good while I was working with those kids; it really did surprise me how amazing children are, and how much they change, for better or for worse, over the years.

Craig said the following words of advice. "Be yourself, the only one who holds you back from making a difference, or accomplishing something, is you."

In conclusion, Craig said, "High school has been the most eye-opening experience I have had. All you have to do is look for the chance and take it. If you believe you know it all, you are kidding yourself. High school has the ability to mold you into a great human being; all you have to do is look."





Cecilia Hosler

ing her junior year, she was a part of S.A.D.D. club and Prom committee. During her senior year, she was the vice president of the Art Club and she was a part of Student Council.

Cecilia said that she would miss all the friends she has made here and the awesome teachers she had. She will definitely not miss the crowded hallways filled with “lost and confused” freshmen.

When asked about her favorite teachers from K-12, she had three teachers from the high school that came to her mind. She said first that she would miss, “Mr. Harris with his hangman guessing games.” The second teacher she said was her favorite was, “Mrs. Parker because

of her quoting *The Raven* and then rapping it.” The third and last teacher that she said was her favorite was Mrs. Nehls because of what she always told them to do with their Jolly Ranchers, “Just put it in your mouth and suck it.”

When asked of a few of her favorite memories of high school, one in particular came to mind, “Sitting in a small room about the size of a walk-in closet with



four other people in my Spanish 4 class. We had all the lights off and we were watching Kate and Leopold. We went in there almost every day.”

Before she leaves high



school, Cecilia would like to offer some words of wisdom, “High school was the shortest four years of my life, but also the most important. They are what made me who I am today. So take advantage of your time here, try new things, make mistakes, and don’t look back.”

She said there is one last person she would like to thank, “Ms. Spinnati was the most awesome principal I’ve ever had. She knew everyone, and made that her goal.”

Cecilia said she isn’t officially sure of her plans after high school, but she most likely will be going to the University of Cincinnati. She does, however, quote Captain Jack Sparrow as she thinks about her future: “Well, then, I confess it is my intention to commandeer one of these ships, pick up a crew in Tortuga, raid, pillage, plunder and otherwise pilfer my weasely black guts out!”

During her time here at NRHS Cecilia has participated in many extracurricular activities. Dur-

Alex Horn

Alex plans on attending the Eastern Kentucky University.

When asked about what activities he’s participated in while here at NRHS, Alex said, “Football four years, basketball one year, and track one year.”

Alex also told us what he’d miss the most about NRHS. “I will miss being with my friends every day. I will miss my lazy senior schedule. I will miss being at the top of the school ‘senior’,” said Alex.

When asked about his favorite teachers, he said, “Mrs. Fender and how much she influenced me in growing up.”

Alex also had some favorite memories to share. “Senior night for football. when Ms. Spinatti



revealed herself in the lion suit during the pep rally,” said Alex.

Alex had one piece of advice to share before he leaves. “Pack your lunch because ours stinks.”

Alex also wanted to say one more thank you. “I would like to thank Ms. Spinatti for everything that she did, not only for me but the whole school. R.I.P. We love you!!!”

Amber Hudson

Amber said that after high school she plans on attending college for pre-med.

Amber has participated in a few activities here at NRHS. “The extra-curricular activities I have participated in are chemistry club, Science Challenge, academic team and musicals.”

She said that the personal attention and devotion from teachers is what she will miss most about NRHS. She said that she will not miss the cafeteria food. “It’s just plain gross.”

She said that there is one teacher in particular she will remember. “I like Mrs. Griffin because she makes me food.”

Amber said that she there are a few favorite memories from high school. “Some of my favorite memories from high school come from the musicals I was in.



It was a great way to feel a part of something bigger and to forget about the stress from life and just have fun.”

Amber would like to give one piece of advice before she leaves. “High school is only a small portion of your life, yet your actions and habits there shape the rest of your life.”

She said there is only one other thing she would like to add, “See you later, kids. I’m almost out.”



Brittany Hubbard

tany participated in Special Olympics. "I went skiing and skating in Special Olympics."

Brittany will not miss doing the same thing every day at school. "The thing I will miss the most is school and my friend Rachel," said Brittany.

Brittany's favorite teacher was Mr. Crowley because he is a very funny teacher. "I remember when I was in his class, he would turn out the lights during presentations and say it was because we all look better in the dark!"

Brittany's favorite memory from high school is that, "I was the prettiest girl at Homcoming

freshman year. It was fun when I got to dance with Jay," said Brittany.

Brittany would also like to say something before she graduates. "I would like to say that I am going to get a job and move out of my parents' house," said Brittany.

Brittany wants to thank some of her favorite teachers here at NRHS. She said, "I would like to thank Mr. Crowley for everything that I learned in his class and Mr. Heflin for helping me try to be the best singer that I can be. I also want to thank Mrs. Carey for everything that she



Once out of high school, Brittany plans to get her own place and go to college. "I want to get married someday and move out of New Richmond," said Brittany.

Here at New Richmond, Brit-

does and did for me. Finally, I want to thank Mr. Mahan for helping me grow plants."

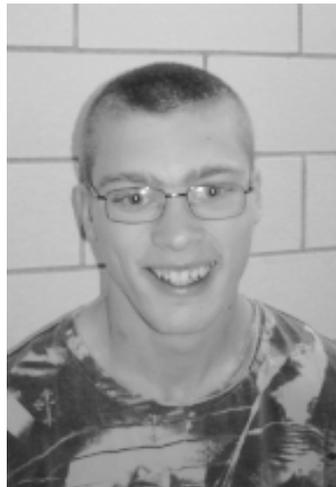
Brady Lane

Brady says that after high school he has his future fairly mapped out, "I leave for basic training right after graduation, and when I'm finished, I plan on going overseas, or at least across the country. When I come home, I plan on going to college for computer sciences."

Brady has been active in extracurricular activities at NRHS including men's chorus and chem club.

Brady won't miss much once he leaves NRHS except, "The ability to still be a kid." As for missing things the least, Brady has only a few things on his list. "I won't miss the people; high school is judgmental place that I will never miss."

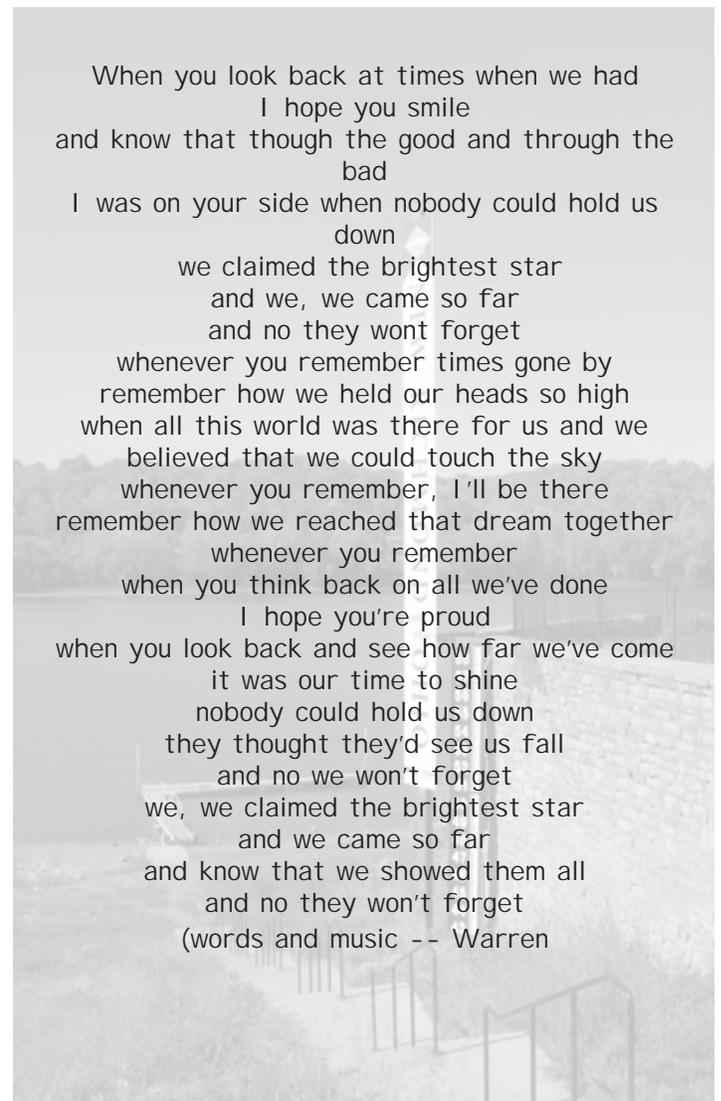
Mr. Heflin ranks as Brady's favorite teacher. "He was so kind and made me a better musician."



There are a few favorite memories Brady said were his favorite. "The talent shows are fun and lunch was okay."

As Brady leaves, he has some words of wisdom he would like to share. "I would like to say that you will never know what people truly feel, so keep positive thoughts about others."

Brady would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Heflin. "He got me through a rough time when things weren't so good, so he deserves many thanks."



When you look back at times when we had
I hope you smile
and know that though the good and through the bad
I was on your side when nobody could hold us down
we claimed the brightest star
and we, we came so far
and no they won't forget
whenever you remember times gone by
remember how we held our heads so high
when all this world was there for us and we
believed that we could touch the sky
whenever you remember, I'll be there
remember how we reached that dream together
whenever you remember
when you think back on all we've done
I hope you're proud
when you look back and see how far we've come
it was our time to shine
nobody could hold us down
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and no we won't forget
we, we claimed the brightest star
and we came so far
and know that we showed them all
and no they won't forget
(words and music -- Warren





Sam Leffler

School. "I participated in varsity soccer for four years, varsity basketball for four years, baseball for four years, Troubs for three years, National Honor Society, the Anthony Munoz Leadership Conference, and Buckeye Boys State," he said.

Sam has a lot about high school he will miss. "I will miss the foreign language department the most about our school. I will miss the smell of our New Richmond High School and the exciting drama," he said.

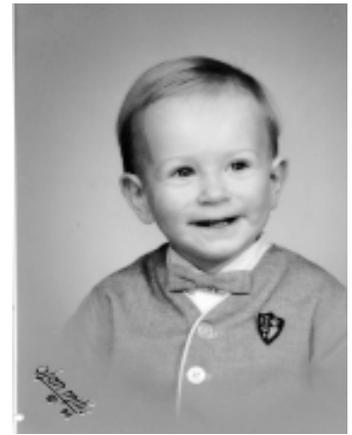
There are a few teachers Sam said he will miss. "I will miss Professor Wilkins because she knows her stuff, she kept me in

line, and is a great teacher. I will miss my first grade teacher, Ms. Northcutt, because she was extraordinary, and an incredibly well-rounded person. I will also miss my eighth grade teacher Mr. Grishow for dealing with me, Cole, and David," he said.

Sam has quite a few favorite memories from high school. "Some of my favorite memories include: Cole Bird's dancing, my friends, and the Troubs trip to Baltimore," he said.

Sam has a few words of wisdom he would like to offer up before he leaves. "Fact: Ben's eat bents. Do not participate in drugs," he said.

Sam has a few words of thanks



Sam Leffler plans on attending Ohio State in the fall. "I will attend The Ohio State University in the fall and will attend the pharmacy program, in which I was accepted," he said.

Sam was very active while attending New Richmond High

to give. "I would like to honor and praise the amazing contributions made by Ms. Spinnati in her many years in the New Richmond School District. She has changed lives for many including me. An amazing person and forever with us," he said.

Jackie Lemar



Jackie Lemar plans to attend college after graduation. "I plan on going to college, probably Cincinnati State. I want to become a sonographer, which is an ultrasound technician," she said.

Jackie was active while attending New Richmond high school. "I have participated in choir for all four years, and one season of track," she said.

Jackie has a few things she will miss about high school. "I think I will miss class with my friends and being an office aid for the counselors. I think I would miss due dates and projects the least," she said.

Jackie has quite a few teachers she will miss as she leaves high school. "I remember Mrs. Fultz, my sixth grade teacher, Mrs. Minning, Mr. Moorehead, and Ms. Cornette would be my favorite teachers. Mrs. Minning and Mr. Moorehead are two science teachers I have had in high school, and pretty amazing teachers, if you ask me. Ms.

Cornette is my senior English teacher," she said.

Jackie has a few favorite memories throughout high school she will always remember. "A few of my favorite memories would have to be, for one, switch day freshman year, and seeing everyone dressed up was so silly," she said.

Before Jackie leaves, she has a few words of advice. "Do all of your work and stay on track. Do the best you can and reach for your goals," she said.



Becky Lemar



Becky Lemar plans on attending college after she graduates. "I plan on going on to college to become a chef," she said.

Becky was active while attending New Richmond High School. "I participated in Special Olympics swim team," she said.

There are quite a few things Becky is going to miss about high school. "I will miss roaming the halls, everyone laughing and having a good time. I will not miss homework and riding the bus," she said.

There are a few teachers who Becky will always keep close to her heart. "Mr. Smith, first and third grade. He was always there for me when I had so much trouble with friends and school

work. I will also miss Mr. Mahan from high school. He always pushed me to get my work done," she said.

There are a few favorite memories from high school. "A few of my favorite things were swim team, football, and pep rallies," she said.

Becky would like to leave a few words of wisdom. "Dream as if you will live forever, dream as if you'll die today. That's enough motivation," she said.

Becky would like to thank someone in particular. "Mr. Mahan, he's helped me get through life, and the hard times," she said.

Michael Lang

Michael plans on going to the Police Academy when he graduates

When asked about what extracurricular activities he's been in, Michael said, "Football."

When asked about what he will and won't miss, Michael said, "I'll miss seeing all of my friends. I won't miss all the work."

When it came to favorite teachers, Michael's favorite teacher was Mrs. Minning.

Michael did have one piece of



advice to share. "Enjoy all the time you have, it goes by fast."

Lastly, Michael would like to give one last thank you. "I'd like to thank all of the teachers who taught me," said Michael.

Joey Lee

After high school, Joey plans on attending UC Clermont for two years. "Then I plan to transfer to NKU for 2 years." Joey plans on a career as an art teacher.

Joey said not participating in extracurricular activities while he was here was perhaps his biggest mistake. "Although I didn't do sports, I was #1 fan of girls and boys basketball teams."

Joey said he will miss walking down the hallway and having everybody say: "That's the Bengals guy. Even people I didn't know would say that."



Mrs. Hauserman ranks as Joey's favorite teacher. "She is a fun teacher and she inspired me to want to be an art teacher because seeing how much she enjoys her job/career, makes me want to do the same thing!"

Freshman Clash forms the basis of Joey's fondest memories of high school. "I was covered in black paint when I got home and I played like three games and it was the start of high school for me!"

"Whatever you do, don't be a Steeler's fan," are Joey's words of wisdom.

Finally, Joey would like to praise Ms. Spinnati because, "She was the best principal ever!!!!"



Zach Manning

After graduating from New Richmond High School, Zach is going on to study at the University of Cincinnati. Zach said, "I want to go to college and take a nursing program."

Zach has been active with several extracurricular activities during his time in high school. "I have been involved with varsity tennis as the team captain, National Honor Society, and Spanish club."

The thing Zach will miss most about high school is seeing his friends and favorite teachers every day. "The thing I won't miss about high school is all the rules and formalities," said Zach.

Zach will miss many of his teachers from high school, but he wants to highlight Mr. Shebesta, Ms. Wilkins, and Ms. Cornette. "Shebesta is a great teacher/coach, and I love how he is full of sarcasm. Wilkins is the best



science teacher in the building, she made learning fun and she also taught my favorite class, anatomy and physiology," said Zach, "Cornette taught an amazing class. We would work hard every day, but we had fun while doing it. Ms. Cornette was serious about education, yet she knew when to clown around."

Zach would also like to give a couple words of wisdom. He said, "You should give high school your all from the start at freshman year," said Zach.

Brian Martin

Brian Martin said he plans on attending college after he graduates. "I plan to attend NKU for college."

Mr. Crowley is what Brian said he will miss the most, but added, "I will miss everything equally; it was such a great school."

Brian would like to thank Mr. Crowley, "I'll remember Mr. Crowley for being the best science teacher ever."

There are a few fond memories Brian has from high school. "The food fight at the end of eighth grade and the releasing all the balloons for Ms. Spinnati."



Brian leaves with a few words of advice, "Always enjoy high school, it goes faster than you think."

Lastly, Brian would like to thank Mr. Crowley. "Thank you Mr. Crowley for being an amazing teacher."



Newton McCollum

Newton was very busy with after school activities. He participated in cross country, academic team, track, tennis, men's choir, drama club, plays, musicals, chemistry club and National Honor Society.

"I will miss the social interactions, the random fights and the freedom the most. What I won't miss is the drama that accompanies the high school and surrounding area."

Some teachers that Newton remembers include Mrs. Franchy, as she was a very di-

rect and goofy woman. "I'll always remember how a group of us stayed after school on the last day to hear some of her Army stories."

The Silver Fox was another favorite teacher of Newton's. "He had a plethora of random knowledge and he told us about how to make someone's head explode."

Some of Newton's favorite memories include, Zumba days for cross country, every time Mr. McKinley's voice cracked, being on academic team when

Mrs. Griffin made baked goods for every meet. "Distraction days (ask Luke G) was pretty fun, too. I was Rambo."

The words of advice Newton would like to give are: "An education is a very valuable thing. Don't waste it." He added, "Girls are expensive and cray cray."

The last thing Newton would like to add is, "Don't get married."

After high school, Newton will be attending The Citadel, "I will be majoring in Computer Science."

During his time at NRHS,

Evan McKinley

Evan said he plans to go to college for marketing and business after high school.

Evan participated in several extracurricular activities, including golf, basketball, baseball, and tennis.

Evan said he would miss a couple of things about high school. "I will miss my friends and sports and I will miss the work least."

Evan said he had a favorite teacher. "Ms Cornette, she is my favorite teacher of all time"



Evan shared his favorite memories of high school, "I remember golf season just having fun with all the guys on the team, and my teachers, Ms. Spinnati dressed up as the lion for a pep rally.

Evan gave the following advice: "I'm leaving behind a lot of great memories here at the high school."

Evan added "I would like to thank Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Cornette, and Mr. Callebs. All these teachers have been awesome and I will never forget them. I also would like to thank Mr. Heflin for being my golf coach over the years."

Samantha McDowell

After graduating high school, Samantha plans on attending the University of Cincinnati. "I would like to go to college to study communication disorders," said Samantha.

Samantha has been involved with many extracurricular activities. She said, "During my time here at New Richmond High School, I have participated in soccer, basketball, softball, and Prom committee."

Samantha will miss some things more than others from NRHS. "The thing I will miss the most from high school is having Spirit Week every year. The thing I will miss the least is some of the immature people," said Samantha.

Samantha will remember her first grade teacher Mrs. Transier. "I will never forget Mrs. Transier. I remember how much taller I was than her in the first grade. I see her a lot now and now, I am way taller than her," said Samantha.

Samantha had a couple favor-



ite memories here at NRHS, but her favorite was freshman year Homecoming week. She said, "At first, I was scared to participate, but I actually ended up dressing up as a boy with my friends."

Samantha also has some advice she would like to leave for upcoming classes. "Enjoy it while it lasts because the next thing you know you're going to be graduating," said Samantha.

Samantha would also like to thank and praise Ms. Spinnati. "Ms. Spinnati was an extremely encouraging woman. She will also never be forgotten and always will be missed," said Samantha.



Katelyn Meakin

The summer after Katelyn graduates from NRHS she will be traveling to many places around the world. "This summer I plan on going to South Africa for two or three weeks and then backpacking around Europe for two weeks as well."

She will also be attending the Ohio State University in the fall where she will major in pre-medicine.

During her time in high school, Katelyn was very busy with extracurricular activities. "I spent the first two years of high school at McNicholas, where I played varsity tennis, and participated in ski club, Respect Life club, concert choir and Homecoming float committee. Since I switched schools junior year, I haven't really participated in a lot of things here."

Some things that Katelyn will miss the most include her junior best friend, Christin Smith, seeing her friends every day, and being head of the school. One thing



she will miss the least is living at home.

Some of Katelyn's favorite teachers include Mrs. Minning, who always found ways to make her students want to learn science, and Mr. Crowley. "You can tell he loves what he's teaching and finds ways to make everything easy to understand."

Katelyn's favorite memories from high school include senior Clash, painting 'NR LIONS!' on her stomach for the Homecoming game, and the 'Merica' game during basketball.

As Katelyn leaves her words of advice include, "Don't slack off during your freshman and sophomore years; you will regret it."

Jae Mosley

Jae Mosley plans on attending college after graduation. "I plan on going to college for psychology and hopefully achieving my dream of playing college softball," said Jae.

Jae played two different sports during high school. "I have played softball all four years of high school. I played basketball my freshman year," she said.

As she leaves, she will miss a few things about NRHS. "I will miss my teachers and my softball team most of all. I will, however, not miss doing presentations or writing essays and taking tests," she said.

There is one teacher in particular that Jae will miss the most after she graduates. "I will remember Mr. Crowley. He is one of the greatest teachers I will probably ever have. I was never really good at science, but he helped me and I really enjoyed his classes. He is always so nice and energetic, and really hilarious," she said.



Jae has a few favorite memories that she remembers from high school. "One of my favorite memories from high school was my freshman year when I hit my first grand slam and over the fence home run. One of the greatest feelings in the world. My favorite memory from high school was when Ms. Spinnati came out of the lion suit during the pep rally," said Jae.

Jae offered a few words of wisdom to others as she leaves. "I would tell future students of NRHS to just work hard to keep your grades up. Do not goof off because it will really stink in the end. I would also say, just have fun. Go to Prom, be on teams. Do not have regrets. You only go to high school once," she said.

As her final words, Jae said, "I would like to thank Mr. Reaker for always being there to answer my questions and helping me with college stuff. He is also the best softball coach I have ever had in my life. I also want to thank Mrs. Verwold for helping me with math. I really am no good at that subject and she really did a great job at getting me to understand it. I would also thank Mr. Harris. I really loved his psychology class and wish it was two semesters. After taking his class, I had definitely decided to go to college for psychology."



I hope that my achievements in life shall be these: that I will have fought for what was right and fair, that I will have risked for that which mattered, and that I will have given help to those who were in need; that I will have left the earth a better place for what I've done and who I've been.

C. Hoppe





Jessica Mowery

School. “The extracurricular activities I have participated in are four years of volleyball (captain and first team all-star SBAAC senior year), as well as four years of softball,” she said.

Jessica Mowery has a little different plans after high school than some. “After high school, I plan to join the military and go to school. I will also play volleyball,” she said.

Jessica was involved in extracurricular activities while attending New Richmond High

There are a few things Jessica will miss about high school. “The things I will miss the most about high school are having my education pretty much free, and being close to so many people,” she said.

There are many teachers Jessica said will always be inspira-

tional to her. “Over the past twelve years, I have had many favorite teachers. In second grade, Mrs. Luckett. Fifth, Mrs. Glass. Seventh, Mrs. Hughes. Throughout high school, Mrs. Hauserman, and Mr. Crowley,” she said.

Jessica’s best memories of high school have been left on the court. “My overall favorite high school memories would have to be every season of volleyball, Homecoming week, and Friday night football games,” she said.



Before Jessica leaves, she would like to offer up some words of advice. “Advice I’d like to give as I leave is to always try your hardest and give you full potential in school because before you know it, it’s over,” she said.

Anna Moss

After high school Anna plans on attending Ohio University. “I want to major in criminology/sociology.”

Anna has participated in soccer as a student here at NRHS.

Anna said she will miss her friends. “I won’t miss certain people and the drama,” she added.

Anna had one teacher she will particularly remember. “I will remember Mr. Crowley, because I had him every year throughout high school and I learned the best with him. ““He could always put a smile on my face no matter how sad/mad I was,” she added.

A few of Anna’s favorite



memories include: “Soccer, Prom 2011, Clash, and football games.”

As she leaves, Anna has a few words of advice for underclassmen. “Don’t trust anyone but yourself. Never assume, always ask. Be nice to everyone.”

Anna would like to offer these words as praise to a certain teacher in particular. “I’d like to thank Mr. Crowley for always brightening my day since the first day of my freshman year when I was late to your class because I couldn’t find it.”

Brandon Mues

Brandon Mues plans on going into the military after he graduates. “I plan on enlisting in the Marines,” he said.

Throughout his years at NRHS, he played two sports. “I was on the wrestling team for three years and played football for two years,” said Brandon.

Brandon said he won’t miss any of the work as he gets ready to leave. He will, however, miss a few teachers. “Mr. Wright, Mrs. Minning, and Ms. Cornette. I will remember Mrs. Fender from Monroe Elementary because she was an all-around nice lady. Mrs. Richardson, because she joked around a lot and was always nice. Mr. Wright- can’t say. Mrs. Minning because she dumps glitter on people who fall asleep,” explained Brandon.

Brandon made many memories during his high school career and has a few that stick out the most to him. “When there



was a girl fight our freshman year. Officer Pelcha swung around a pole and tackled a girl to the ground. Also, when Ms. Spinnati was the mascot at the pep rally,” said Brandon.

Brandon would like to advise others to “not smoke in your car before school.”

Brandon had one final thing to say about his high school days. “I’m glad I got to share high school (part of it) with Ms. Spinnati,” he said.



Morgan Olenick



After high school, Morgan plans to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville and double major in communication arts and theology.

During her time her at NRHS, she has participated in many extracurricular activities and these include band and Troubadours, two musicals, religious discussion club, women's choir, National Honor Society, Spanish club, and three years of Student Council.

When asked about what she will miss mostly about high school, Morgan simply said marching band and football games.

When asked about her favorite teachers from K-12, two came into mind. "Mrs. Fultz was my fifth and sixth grade teacher and

she would always do the coolest things. We had reading days, prize days, etc." She also added Mr. Smith, who was her third grade teacher.

When asked about her favorite high school memories she said, "Distraction days in Ms. Cornette's class and Mrs. Parker rapping *The Raven*."

Before she leaves the high school she would like to add on last piece of advice, "Take what you can, and give nothing back."

Travis Pancake



Travis said he plans on going to UC Clermont and getting a degree.

Travis participated in three musicals and men's choir while he was here at NRHS.

Travis said he would miss a few things about high school, "the things I will miss most are my friends, men's choir and Troubs as well as the musicals. The things I will miss least are waking up at five in the morning and the bus rides."

Travis remembered a number of teachers. "My favorite teachers that I've had are Mr. Crowley, Mrs. Griffin, and Mr. Heflin. What I remember about Mr. Crowley is how much he cared about his students as well as how much fun his classes were. Mrs. Griffin's classes are always so much fun and she gives cupcakes and cares about

her students. Mr. Heflin is cool and he forgave me when I messed up."

Travis said his favorite memory was when he found out that he, "made Troubs and concerts as well as the musical performances."

Travis left some words of wisdom when he left. "Learn from my mistakes and actually do your work."

Lastly Travis added, "I want to thank all my teachers and friends for making high school fun for me."

You know a dream is like a river, ever changing as it flows, and the dreamer's just the vessel that must follow where it goes; trying to learn from what's behind you and never knowing what's in store makes each day a constant battle just to stay between the shores.

Too many times we stand aside and let the waters slip away 'til what we put off 'til tomorrow has now become today. So don't you sit upon the shoreline and say you're satisfied; Choose to chance the rapids and dare to dance the tide.

And there's bound to be rough waters and I know I'll take some falls, but with the good Lord as my captain I can make it through them all.

And I will sail my vessel 'til the river runs dry, like a bird upon the wind, these waters are my sky I'll never reach my destination if I never try, so I will sail my vessel 'til the river runs dry.



Kylie Phillips

committee my junior year, art club my junior and senior years, and National Honor Society my junior and senior years,” said Kylie.

There are a few things about NRHS that Kylie will miss. “I’m really going to miss seeing friends and people that I’ve known for so long every day. I’m not really good with change, so I’m going to miss the familiarity/routine of everything here. I will not miss the crowded hallways and kids who don’t get out of the way. I’m not going to miss the immaturity or the drama that so many kids get into,” Kylie said.

Kylie said that there are a few teachers in particular that she will always remember. “I really liked a lot of my teachers! My

favorites from high school are probably Mrs. Parker, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Robinson. Mrs. Parker loves what she does and is there if you need her for anything. Mr. Harris tries to make sure that everyone actually understands what they’re learning and his humor is so funny and makes class interesting. Mr. Robinson, I’ve had every year of high school, so he’s gotten to know me pretty well. He’s always teasing kids or making up some ridiculous story, it’s hilarious. Definitely something I won’t forget!” she said.

Kylie has several favorite memories from high school that really stick out to her. “In Ms. Cornette’s advanced English class in tenth grade, we would have distraction days and did really random, fun things. One time we had like a British/tea party day, for example. In ninth grade, my first period of the first semester was TV production, which I had with my best friend, Emily, and then my older brother and my neighbor- both seniors. I loved it because that class was fun anyway, and it was helpful in adjusting to high school since I had people I was familiar with



in there, too. Physics class last year- we were Mrs. Prescott’s only physics class and there were only about 10 of us. We called it our “physics family.” AP English! Everything about that class is great. Going to the basketball games- that was the only sport I got excited about!” explained Kylie.

As some advice to others, Kylie said, “Don’t let what other people think dictate your life.”

Kylie would also like to give a special thanks to one person in particular. “I’d like to thank Ms. Spinnati. I know she helped a lot of kids through their high school experience, and she always had a way of brightening anyone’s day,” she said.

Kylie Phillips plans on attending college after she graduates. “I’m still not 100% sure at this point, but I plan on probably attending Northern Kentucky University and entering as undecided,” she said.

Kylie was very involved in clubs during her time at NRHS. “S.A.D.D. my junior year, Prom

Rachel Ploucha



After high school, Rachel plans on attending college to major in English.

Rachel has been active in many extra-curricular activities here at NRHS. “I’ve been in the school musicals and drama performances all four years that I’ve been here. I’ve also dabbled in women’s choir and art club,” she added.

As for what Rachel will miss about high school, she said, “I will miss most the awkward staircase where all the science classrooms are located.” Rachel said she will miss the dress code the least.

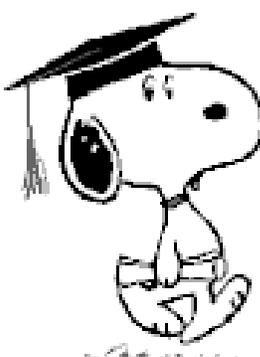
Through her years here at New Richmond, Rachel has a couple of teachers she would like to commemorate. “Ms. Cornette for being a good sport with our distraction days. Mr. Heflin has helped to shape a lot of my views

on the world. Lastly, Mrs. Parker is not only a fabulous teacher, but a good friend to her students.”

Some of Rachel’s favorite memories are based on her experiences in the music and theater programs. “They have been magical,” Rachel said. “*Seussical* was one of the highlights of my time here, and *Pippin* is getting there as well,” she added. A few of Rachel’s favorite memories also include, “the school dances I have been to.”

As she leaves, Rachel has a few words of advice: “Don’t let your dad eat pie.”

I learned three important things in college--to use a library, to memorize quickly and visually, to drop asleep at any time given a horizontal surface and fifteen minutes.



Agnes DeMille, *Dance to the Piper*, 1952

Aaron Pollard

Aaron's plan is to go to college to be a doctor, run indoor and outdoor track, and play soccer.

When asked about what extracurriculars he participated in, Aaron said, "Football freshman year, soccer senior year, wrestling freshman and sophomore years, and track senior and freshman years."

When asked about what he'd miss the most, Aaron said, "Free schooling."

When asked what he'd miss the least, Aaron said, "Having to report to someone every day."

Aaron's favorite teacher was Mrs. Snouffer, because, "she was just the nicest person and a



teacher that helps."

Aaron's favorite memories are, "Being pole vault district champion junior year; hopefully for this year the same plus more, as in state qualifying."

Aaron also had some advice for others. "Don't slack off; one bad semester can bring your entire GPA down a lot."

Brandy Ragland

After high school, Brandy plans on working through the summer and fall. "In the spring term, I will start college somewhere close and major in an art related field."

Brandy said the biggest thing that she will miss about NRHS is the pep rallies with Ms. Spinnati.

Some teachers that Brandy remembers include Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Hauserman. "Mr. Jackson is the teacher I remember the most from Locust Corner Elementary. He always knew how to make class fun. Some of my best memories are from his class." She also added, "Mrs. Hauserman always encouraged me to pursue my love for art. I love her passion for what she does and she always had a positive attitude."

One of Brandy's favorite memories is the semester she



took Zumba. "That class was a lot of fun and it was hilarious watching Henry Heidlage." Another favorite memory she will always have is listening to Mr. Hatfield debate with Matt Forsee. "My greatest memory was the gathering on the field in honor of Ms. Spinnati.

As Brandy leaves, she would like to offer some words of advice. "Remember that what you do now will affect you later." She added, "Make as many friends as you can, and be careful how you treat others; how do you want to be remembered?"

Kevin Reid

Kevin Reid plans on going to college after high school and going on from there.

"I want to go to college, graduate, get married, and have a family.

Kevin was very active in extracurricular activities during his four years here at NRHS.

"I played football my freshman year, soccer all four years, wrestling for four years, and baseball for four years."

There are a few things that Kevin will miss, but then again, there are also a few thing that he won't miss.

"I'll miss being a dumb high schooler with no responsibility, but I'm not going to miss the school lunches or doing busy work."

There are a few teachers that really stood out to Kevin that he



is never going to forget.

"I will never forget Mrs. Dalton for being so laid back and I could talk to her about anything. Mr. Shebesta for always being really cool to talk about sports with. I will also never forget Ms. Cornette for always having the easiest classes and she is super cool, and finally, Mr. Shinkle, for being Mr. Shinkle. Enough said."

Kevin has one memory he has as his favorite of high school.

"My favorite memory of high school will be having Ms. Spinnati around; she was the coolest principal."

Kevin has a few wise words to share with the underclassmen.

"High school is really easy, so there is no excuse to not graduate. Get your stuff done and you'll pass."

There are also a few things Kevin would like to share.

"I'd like to thank all my friends for giving me a great four years of my life. And I'd like to thank all my teachers; NRHS has the best teaching staff."



Colt Reese

After high school, Colt plans on attending college and running track.

During his time here at the high school, Colt has participated in three sports and those are football, swimming, and track.

Colt said that he will miss seeing everybody and the amount of freedom he has in high school. He will least miss all of the drama at the high school.

When we asked about his favorite teacher, Colt replied Mr. Crowley because, "One day I cut my hand and had to get stitches and he would always ask how my hand was doing," he said.

Colt said that he has way too



many memories of high school to even think of one to talk about.

Colt would like to offer some words of wisdom before he leaves and that would be, "Don't blink because it flies by."

Before Colt leaves the high school he would like to thank all of his teachers he had in his years and he said, "I know I could be a pain, but it made some good memories."

Brittany Riley

Brittany Riley plans to attend the University of Cincinnati. "I plan to go to UC for a year, and then transfer to either UNLV or Auburn," she said.

Brittany was active while attending New Richmond High School. "I participated in basketball, rowing, and cross country," she said.

Brittany has mixed feelings about leaving high school. "I will miss the few teachers I absolutely love, but I won't miss the drama or the favoritism of players/students," she said.

There is one teacher teacher Brittany will always hold dear in her heart as she moves forward. "My fifth grade teacher Mrs. Ehlers; she was the funniest and prettiest teacher I had. She always made me smile and I always looked forward to go going to school to be in her class," she said.



Something Brittany will always remember about high school, doesn't happen here all the time. "When everyone went down on the football field, did a memorial for Ms. Spinnati, and let the balloons go," she said.

There are a few words of wisdom Brittany would like to leave behind as she leaves. "Wisely choose friends and stay out of drama; be you," she said.

Brittany would like to thank someone dear to her heart. "I'd like to thank Ms. Spinnati for always being there for me and helping me grow as a person," she said.

Megan Reid

After high school, Megan plans to attend college at Bowling Green State University. "I plan on attending Bowling Green State University to receive a degree in dietetics."

During her years here at NRHS, Megan has been involved in several extracurricular activities. "Soccer for four years, Prom committee one year and Troubadours three years."

As for what she will miss the most about NRHS, Megan said,



"I will miss my friends, teachers and coaches." On the other hand, there are a few things that Megan will not miss. "I will not miss the drama and work."

Megan's favorite teacher that she will particularly remember is Mr. Hopewell. "I will always remember Mr. Hopewell and how he always caught me in the hallway but never yelled at me."

Some of Megan's favorite memories from high school are Homecoming week and Prom. "I love Homecoming week and Prom; they are my favorite."

As Megan leaves, she would like to leave some words of wisdom, "Do not procrastinate!"



Dance like nobody's watching; love like you've never been hurt. Sing like nobody's listening; live like it's heaven on earth. William Purkey



Hannah Smiddy

Troubadours, Prom Committee, Student Council, cross country, cheerleading, and National Honor Society.”

Hannah said there are a few things she will miss next year. “I will miss Homecoming week and the comfort from all the teach-

ers. They were kind and really cared about the students.”

However, she said there will be some things she will not miss. “I will not miss the bullying. Although certain situations were considered ‘games’ or ‘just fun’, it’s mean and really immature.”

In Hannah’s years in school, she said she appreciates all of her teachers. “I enjoyed every teacher I have had since kindergarten. They have each made a great and positive impact on my life. I enjoyed sitting in every teacher’s classroom, but the one classroom

I will never forget was Mr. Smiddy’s or my dad’s. It was a great experience to have him as a teacher; he really does have a song for everything. I will definitely remember every teacher because each one has been important to me.”

Hannah has many favorite



memories from school. “I will never forget the Christmas tours in Troubs and singing at the concerts. I will never forget cross country workouts with Mr. Shebesta and laughing at his sarcasm. I will never forget the school dances and how much fun I’ve had all throughout high school.”

As Hannah leaves, she would like to impart these words, “Be true to yourself. Do not let others influence you and do what you believe is right.”

After high school, Hannah is going to attend Bowling Green State University. “I plan to go to Bowling Green State University and become a nurse.”

During her years in high school, Hannah has participated in several extracurricular activities including, “Women’s choir,



Bethany Smith

Bethany plans on attending college nearby, then transferring to Savannah State in Georgia.

Bethany participated in a few sports in her time at NRHS. “I have participated in soccer and was varsity captain for softball my junior year,” said Bethany.

When asked about what she’ll miss the most and least, Bethany said, “The most missed thing will be the very few teachers I absolutely love. The least missed will be politics of sports/school.”

Bethany shared her favorite teachers throughout her school career, too. “Mrs. Woodard in fourth grade. She was such a great person, she never yelled. She’s pretty and that made me smile as a kid. Mrs. Minning, because she was the coolest, most fun and outgoing person. She was always smiling and had fun but she knew how to handle any and all high school students. I’ll miss her most,” Bethany said.



Bethany also shared some of her favorite memories from high school. “Clash was always fun. Prom and Homecoming are the best! Softball <3,” said Bethany.

Along with everything else she said, Bethany also had some advice. “Do all your work! Get good grades! Be nice to EVERYONE and have fun! Enjoy high school all four years! STAY SINGLE!” Bethany said.

Bethany also wanted to say one last thank you. “I really want to thank Mrs. Minning! She definitely knows how to handle high schoolers and get through to us about education and life in general. She went above and beyond for us and loved us <3”

**These are the days
These are days you’ll remember
Never before and never since,
I promise
Will the whole world be as
warm as this
And as you feel it,
You’ll know it’s true
That you are blessed and lucky
It’s true that you
Are touched by something
That will grow and bloom in
you**



Carmen Staton

While at NRHS, Carmen has been involved in many extracurricular activities. "My freshman and sophomore years, I played volleyball and track. My junior and senior years, I played tennis, joined NHS and Chemistry Club."

As for what she will miss the most about NRHS, Carmen said, "I will miss free school, no doubt. I'm not ready to pay thousands a semester. That's a huge change from free!"

On the other hand, there is one thing that Carmen will not miss

about NRHS. "I'm really not going to miss our nasty, under/over cooked school lunches. I'll enjoy my salad and tuna now."

As for favorite teacher, Carmen said she loved all of her teachers, "I loved all of them, but my all time favorite teacher is Mr. McMonigle. He was awesome."

She has a few favorite memories from high school, "One of my favorite memories from high school was my senior Clash of the Classes, senior option, and driving to school. I also loved

when Ms. Spinnati dressed up as the lion for our pep rally! She surprised every single one of us!"

As Carmen leaves, she would like to leave some words of advice, "Stay away from drama and be smart. Don't fight. It's so petty and stupid. Be nice to everyone and they will be nice back."

And finally Carmen would like to thank Ms. Spinnati. "She may not be with us any more but she will always be in our hearts. She made high school worthwhile and we're going to miss her."

After graduation, Carmen plans on attending college. "I plan on going to Shawnee State for chemistry and then to medical school for pathology."

AJ Solis

After graduating high school, AJ has mixed feelings about what he wants to do. "I either plan on attending college or going to the military."

Here at the high school, AJ has been dedicated to one particular extracurricular activity. "I have played baseball all for years here at NRHS."

AJ has two classes he wants to highlight. "Ms. Cornette's English class I will miss the most, but I will miss Mr. McMonigle's government class the least."

AJ says his favorite teacher was his fifth and sixth grade teacher. "Mrs. Fultz was the most amazing lady in the elementary,"



said AJ.

AJ's favorite memory from high school was when Ms. Spinnati surprised everyone at the Homecoming pep rally. "After returning from the hospital, Ms. Spinnati surprised everyone in the gym by coming out of the lion mascot. Everyone was screaming and it was the most amazing day ever!"

AJ also has some words of wisdom for upcoming students. "Just make your high school years the best four years possible."

AJ also wanted to thank Ms. Spinnati. "If Ms. Spinnati were here, I would like to thank her for all the time she spent here helping all the students, including me. High school is not the same without Ms. Spinnati."

Thomas Stansbury

Thomas Stansbury plans on continuing his education after high school. "Expand my horizons with continuing education, and experiential opportunities," he said.

Thomas was involved while attending New Richmond High School. "Troubadours, gardening activities, and fundraisers. Box tops for education," he said.

Thomas will miss the activities that come with high school the most. "Troubadours, Grant Career Center Culinary Class with Mr. Ray Foresee I will miss the most. The least favorite has been waking up early," he said.

There are a few teachers Tho-



mas will miss at New Richmond. "My first grade teacher always recognized her students. Ms. Spinnati was always a favorite as she was a great principal who put her students first," he said.

Having fun is something Thomas will miss about high school. "Going on field trips with teachers and friends," he said.

There are a few words of wisdom Thomas would like offer up before he leaves. "Take every moment as an opportunity and graduate," he said.

Thomas would like to add a few things before he graduates. "Ms. Spinnati was a true loss this year. We will keep her in our hearts forever, and remember her with pride," he said.



Rachael Trowbridge

After high school, Rachael plans on attending Stony Brook University. "I'm going to go to Stony Brook University to study anthropology. Stony Brook is in New York, so I'm leaving home and after that I want to go to Scotland for graduate school." After that, she plans on becoming a museum curator or getting a job in historical conservation.

During her time at NRHS, Rachael took part in many extracurricular activities. "I've been in the musical every year other than the fall one this year. I was on the tennis team my freshman year, and the academic team the past two years. I joined the religious discussion club, and I've also been in the art club the past two years."

"I'm going to miss my friends the most since I'm going to college so far away," said Rachael. "I'm not going to miss the rigid structure of high school, especially waking up at 6am every day."

Rachael said that her three favorite teachers are Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Parker, and Mr. Harris. "I don't really remember any of my elementary teachers, but those



three in high school were the nicest and taught me the most. I will miss them.

Some of Rachel's favorite memories from high school include meeting all of her friends, singing in Troubs, acting in the musicals, and painting the lion mural on the top floor.

Some words of advice Rachael would like to give as she leaves NRHS are. "If you judge a fish by how well it can climb a tree, it will forever think it's a failure, so don't dwell on your flaws, instead revel in your successes."

The last thing Rachael would like to add is, "High school was alright but college will be amazing, I'll miss this place.

James White

After high school, James plans on attending college. "I will most likely go to school for nursing," said James.

James has been dedicated to two different extracurricular activities. James said, "I have played both football and wrestling all four years here."

The things James will miss most are some of the people he went to school with. James said, "Some people I will miss the most about high school and other people I will miss the least about



high school."

James attended high school at NRHS from ninth to twelfth grade. "Even though I was only here for high school, Ms. Cornette is definitely my favorite teacher," said James.

Victoria Vise

After high school, Victoria plans on attending Cincinnati State to receive an Associate's Degree. Victoria then plans to transfer to the University of Cincinnati to major in forensics.

While at New Richmond High School, Victoria participated in filming the boys' basketball games as a senior.

According to Victoria, there are going to be a few things she will miss about NRHS when she is gone. "The teachers are what I'll miss most about New Richmond, and seeing my friends every day." However Victoria will not miss, "the drama and the students that can't move out of the way in the hallway."

Victoria has ranked J.C. as her favorite teacher. "I'll never forget him. He always told the best stories and always had a joke to tell."

Some of Victoria's favorite



memories include, "When Ms. Hauserman and I found a dead frog in the kiln room and she screamed and ran away."

As she leaves, Victoria would like to offer a couple words of advice. "Stay out of the way in the hall."

Finally, Victoria would like to commemorate Miss Spinnati. "I'd like to say I loved New Richmond when Ms. Spinnati was here." Victoria said those were the best years. "She was such an inspiration to me and she will always be in my heart and never be forgotten," she added.

Sean Wahoff

After high school, Sean plans on working towards a medical degree while being in the military.

During his time here at the high school, Sean has participated in many extracurricular activities and those include: art club, A-team, cross country, pep band, and Science Challenge.

Sean said that he will miss seeing all of his friends. He also said he will least miss having a set schedule.

When asked about teachers, Sean said, "I have a lot of favorite teachers but they were all amazing."

Sean said that he has four favorite memories from high school and those are, "band concerts, cross country after school, friends, and having fun in class.



Sean has some words of wisdom he would like to offer before he leaves the high school and that is to, "Live your life the way you like, make friends, and enjoy it; it goes by fast."

There is one other thing Sean would like to say before he leaves. "The people here at NRHS are unparalleled in kindness and their ability to come together. I am already missing them, and will miss them an untold amount in the coming years."



Jay Troy

The next three years I played football and wrestled. All four years, I helped with youth football, worked on side jobs and helped a little with my younger brother's baseball team."

Sports seem to be a huge part of Jay's life, but there's been more to his high school experience than just the games. His friends and teachers have made a great impact on him, whether good or bad. "I have a lot of favorite teachers and I have a lot of unfavorable teachers," Jay said. "But the one that comes to mind, and is a really good friend of mine, is Mr. Armacost. He was a teacher in Bethel and he really knew me. This one time, I was telling myself there's no way I could do something, and then he said, "You're right. You can't." Being told I can't do something makes me work hard at it and do it. He was and still is a very good teacher."

After graduation, Jay plans on going to college and playing football. "I'd like to receive a good education. Hopefully, I can make it to the NFL or at least get a good job in my field of study. I'd like to eventually raise a family on a nice farm and coach my kids in sports."

Jay has a lot of stake in this school. He said he'd miss the sports and people from here. "As a freshman, I played football and tried track," Jay said.

Some of Jay's favorite memories of high school are of sitting in Mrs. Griffin's class. That's where he met his high school sweetheart, Megan Reid. "She turned around and asked to see something of mine. Then we started talking in the next class, and from then on, we started talking."

Another favorite memory of Jay is with former coach, Dan Scholz. "He would start to yell at us and he would jump up and down. Another memory is when I caught a ball in front of Danny Scholz and Coach started yelling at him and told us to go again. Then, when we went, instead of going for the ball, we just went for each other and smacked into each other hard. Then we just walked away."

Upon leaving the halls of NR, Jay said he would miss almost everything. "I really miss football and I'm already missing



wrestling," he said. "I used to hate getting up at 5 or 4:30 to go to a meet and be gone all day, but right now, I wish I could go back."

As his parting bit of advice, Jay said, "Have fun with what you're doing and do your best. Know when to joke around and when not to. Listen to your teachers as much as you can, and finally, don't wish your life away!"



Rachael Westrick

"I participated in women's choir after school. I was also a part of pit for the musicals. I was also part of pep band and marching band."

There are a few things Rachael will miss and some things she won't.

"I'm going to miss seeing my friends every day. I'm going to miss some of my teachers. What I won't miss is all of the drama that gets started, and all of the rules here."

Rachael will also miss some of her teachers.

"Some of my favorite teachers that I have had are Mr. McKinley because of all the funny jokes we get into. He's also the teacher that I have had the longest other than Mr. Wright. They've helped me through a lot of my high school problems.

There are some memories Rachael is never going to forget from high school.

"Some of my favorite memories from high school would be the bus rides to the football games, the protesting in the halls, and winning bets against some of my teachers."

Rachael has a few words of advice to the underclassmen.

"Some advice that I would like to give is no matter how stressful life gets, just remember to have fun. To also never have regrets about anything; everything happens for a reason. Don't let the little things get you down all the time, there are better things in life."

There are also a few things Rachael would like to share.

"I would like to thank Mr. Heflin for always having high



expectations for us, so we would achieve more in life. I would also like to thank Mr. McKinley and Mr. Wright for always being there and for knowing when I need to talk to someone. One other things I would like to add about my time here is always believe that you can do something better in life than what you think."

Rachael Westrick plans on going to nursing school after high school.

"My plan after high school is to go to nursing school and become a nurse; a nurse practitioner is what I want to become."

Rachael was very active during her time here at NRHS.



Alex White

While attending NRHS, Alex has participated in many extra-curricular activities. "I played varsity tennis and participated in Student Council for all four years of my high school career, senior year I was captain of the tennis team." Alex also was a part of the Spanish club, Prom committee, National Honor Society, mock trial, the 2010 production of *Willy Wonka*, Troubadours and women's choir.

After graduation, Alex plans on going to Kent State University or University of Cincinnati. "Right now, I'm deciding between Kent State University and the University of Cincinnati. I plan to major in teaching English as a second language if I go to Kent State, and education and Spanish with a minor in English if I go to UC. I hope to teach English as a second language as a career one day."

Alex will miss most the sense of the community that she felt at NRHS. "I've always thought of New Richmond as a very close-knit town and I think that's definitely something to be valued."

As far as things that Alex won't miss, how early school starts is at the top of the list. "I'm exhausted by the end of every week!"

Alex has a number of favorite teachers that she will remember

as she sets off to college. "In middle school, I really enjoyed Mr. Menefee's pre-algebra class. He was super supportive of me and taught me a lot. My eighth grade history teacher, Mr. Grischow, he was also awesome, his sense of humor was the best. In high school, I've liked so many of my teachers, but two that really stand out for me are Mrs. Parker and Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris is able to combine humor with a deep understanding of his subject. And Mrs. Parker...she's a combination of my favorite teacher and my close friend."

As for favorite memories, Alex states; "I remember my freshman Homecoming was amazing to me, since it was my first dance and I felt really cool to be there with all the older kids. Ms. Spinnati surprising us at the pep rally this year was also awesome- I know I'll never forget that. Senior Clash and my junior year of tennis are especially memorable also- along with all of my experiences with my AP English family."



Alex leaves with these words of advice, "I would tell students to take high school seriously from the very first day. After four years, it'll pay off in scholarships for college and you'll realize all the hard work was worth it."

Alex would like to add, "Thank you so much to Ms. Spinnati; she made this school what it is, and her dedication will never be forgotten. Thank you also to Mrs. Parker- taking your classes has helped me personally and in my preparation for college. Finally, thanks to all the amazing people in my class that I got to know so well- you guys truly made my high school experience one of the best times of my life so far."

Austin Wells

Austin Wells plans on attending college after he graduates and will be playing golf. "You know I will just be on that Tiger Woods grind. I am playing golf at Urbana University- a Division II school up north," he said.

Austin participated in three sports during his high school career. "I played golf, basketball, and baseball," he said.

As he gets ready to leave, Austin said that there are a few things that he will miss. "I will miss hanging out with the boys every weekend, as well as 'Jilly Bean' Flenniken, of course. I will miss the God-awful food the least," said Austin.

Ms. Cornette is one teacher that Austin will always remember. "Her humor is sometimes funny, but she is also the easiest



to make fun of," he said.

The two main memories that Austin has from high school include, "sports and hanging out with the boys."

Austin would like to give a bit of advice to others. He said, "Young people, start wearing deodorant."

Finally, Austin would like to give a special thank you to his teachers. "Thanks to all of the teachers that had to put up with me all four years. I know it could be a struggle," he said.

Matthew Wisecup

After high school, Matthew plans to take the summer off, then he is considering college.

Matthew said he has only been at this school for one year but he played baseball last year.

He said that he will miss seeing all of his friends and at the same time he won't miss the "smell of the freshmen."

Matthew said his favorite teacher is, "Mr. Hatfield because he's refrigerated. Take some classes and you'll find out."

He said that his favorite memo-



ries from high school were, "chillin out with my friends playing hacky sack during lunch."

Before Matthew leaves he would like to give one piece of advice and that is "Drugs are bad m'Kay."



Tanner Wolfe

ball, and basketball. "I played two years of football, one being varsity, two years of basketball, one varsity season, and four years of baseball, three being on the varsity team."

Tanner will only miss one thing from his high school days. "The only thing I will miss about this place is my friends, and making memories with them. The list of what I will not miss is much longer. The lack of common sense, the handling of problems, and the control of the teachers, I won't miss it in the slightest."

There is only one teacher that pops into Tanner's head when it comes to the most memorable one for him. "Mr. Smiddy in

eighth grade was my most memorable teacher; to this day I use QHERC, and he seemed to make learning an enjoyable thing."

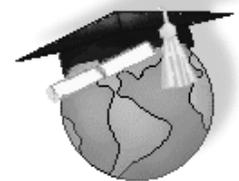
Tanner has a few great memories from his high school days. "Most of my best high school memories took place off of this campus, but all of my memories on the baseball field are good memories. It's very peaceful, and a great time of year."

Tanner has a few words of wisdom to share before he leaves. "Don't slack off as an underclassman, come time to pick a college I promise you will regret it."

There is something Tanner

would like to say and give praise for helping him through his high school days.

"I would specifically like to thank the Board of Education, because through my experiences at the high school, I have learned a lot about how the world works behind the scenes. I would also like to thank one of my good friends for helping me to make many life changing decisions, that have benefitted me significantly."



**The World Is
Yours To Conquer**

After high school, Tanner plans to go to college and focus on a career in business. "I will be attending the Carl H. Lindner college of Business at the University of Cincinnati."

Tanner was heavily involved in many extracurricular activities, mainly sports like baseball, foot-

Starting a new chapter Leaving behind the great memories at NRHS

Some of the best memories I have ever had in my short life have come the past four years here in high school. New Richmond High School has given me a great number of good friends and a great education. I have been going to New Richmond schools since the first grade when I enrolled at Locust Corner Elementary, There, I met some of my best friends and learned the basic important lessons in life, which then led me to where I am now here at New Richmond High School.

If there were one thing I regretted in my four years here it would be my lack of joining any extracurricular activities, mainly

sports. As everyone knows I'm definitely not the tallest student at our high school and absolutely not the most athletic. But I always enjoyed playing baseball, football, and basketball like I had in my younger days. I always

loved talking about it with friends and always have known so much about it but never had the courage to try out for any sport.

Trust me, if you are in love with sports as much as I am, no matter whether or not you're the tallest or shortest student at school, at least try it out, you'll regret not doing so in the future.

Not only are there extracurricular activities you should be involved in, but you should also

be involved in your studies, of course. Trust me, things start out easy as a freshman but don't let it trick you into thinking the rest of high school is like that as well. Take classes you know you can handle and not harder ones because all of your friends are in them; it will help you for the future. These little things matter when you are a junior/senior and you are applying to colleges.

I took the harder classes not only because a lot of my friends were in there, but also because I thought I could handle them since I may need them for the future and when I go to college.

As of right now I am debating between the University of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky University. I hope to get into the Communications program there in the hopes of one day becoming the next Marty Brennaman or broadcaster for ESPN. I've al-

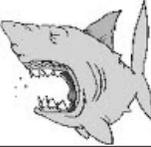
ways loved the Reds and the game of baseball in general, so making a career out of talking about the sport and watching it would be a dream come true.

I will always remember my time at this school and will always remember the teachers and friends I have met here. I absolutely do not regret coming to this school and am extremely blessed to be a part of this senior class.

It is really sad to think I may never see some of the people I see every day in these halls after I graduate, but I hope to still have the great friends I have now in my future. I know that what I learned from this school will propel me into having a successful and meaningful life that I hope will only make this small town and school proud.

The Zack Attack

By:
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Coldiron



Living your own high school career

The importance of saying no

Yellow Journalism

By Luke
Gilday



There's a big change when you get to high school. In fact, there's an overwhelming new sense of freedom. Things are much different here than they were in middle school. But with all of this new found independence, I have never felt more trapped and controlled in my life.

This terrible recurring feeling I've had throughout high school seems to all derive from my inability to say no. I constantly find myself giving in to peer pressure and doing things I don't want to do.

Of course I'm not talking about the kind of peer pressure you normally think about, but instead the type of pressure I experienced were things like getting involved in more and more activities.

Someone wanted me to do the play, I felt obligated to be in it. Someone asked me to run track, I felt obligated to do that. This pattern has continued throughout my entire high school career. I was slowly pulled into more and more, until I got to the point of

being overwhelmed.

I spent the first three years of high school bouncing from study group, to extra curricular, to sporting event, etc, and spending much of my free time dealing with everything I was involved in. Then I ran into my first real conflict, balancing the spring musical and running track. Things got more and more complicated, driving

myself to meets, missing song practice, finishing workouts by myself, just to go home and start my homework. Slowly but surely, all of this stuff had began to take over my life, and I didn't realize it until it was too late.

So here I am, senior year, president of Student Council, member of National Honor Society, in the men's choir, captain of the cross country team, distance runner on the track team, in all three dramatic productions, and in a few AP classes. I'm miserable.

Between planning dances, making musical practice, trying to make the speed workout, my life is lived one extra curricular activity to the next and I hate it. Granted I enjoy being in these clubs, I have fun while I'm there, but if I could drop a few, I would do that like hot rocks.

All of this because I

can't say no. I couldn't ever tell anyone I simply didn't want to do something because I was afraid of hurting their feelings. And now it's too late, I'm graduating in a month and I'm unable to really enjoy my senior year.

However, there's no point in dwelling over the past. Instead, this column is aimed to serve as a warning. This column is for all of those who can't say no. For all of those who always hold the feelings of others above their own wants. This column is for everyone who will do whatever is asked of him or her, no matter how much it may weigh down on those involved.

This column is also for those trying to pressure their friends into doing something they don't want to do, and I guess this idea is kind of further ranging than my particular situation. If someone says he or she doesn't want to do something, then don't try to make him or her do it! No one is going to be happy doing something he or she obviously doesn't want to do. You're not being a good friend if you do that, you're

just being annoying.

Your senior year is supposed to be the best year of high school, the time when you can really enjoy yourself. Instead, my senior year was rushed, cramped, and really wasn't very fun. But it didn't have to be this way. This kind of unentertaining crammed-full senior year can be avoided.

So, if you don't want to join something, or you don't want to be in a club a certain season, then don't! High school is way too short to be spending all of your time doing things only because your friends want you to do them. Live your own life, do what makes you happy, and what you think you will enjoy. If you get overwhelmed, don't be afraid to take a step back. Most importantly, learn to say no. Your time here at the high school will be a whole lot more enjoyable if you do.



Moving on isn't always so bad

Coming to NRHS was one of the best changes in my life so far

The past three years here at New Richmond High School have been some of the greatest years I have ever had. I came to NRHS my sophomore year, transferring from an incredibly small private school. The change was really hard to get used to. I went from a total of not even 30 kids from kindergarten to 12th grade and being the only freshman in the school, to having nearly 180 kids in my grade alone, and close to 700 in high school alone!

Another thing that was difficult getting used to was actually being in a classroom. At my old school, we all worked in our own desks by ourselves, with no teachers teaching us. Everyone worked at their own pace so nobody could be taught at the same time, especially since I was one of only six high school students

and the only freshman. So coming to a school where I sat in a classroom of up to 30 kids, it was quite the change. It took me quite a while to get used to it, but I adapted pretty well I think.

One of the main things that I will never, ever regret was coming to NRHS and getting the opportunity to play baseball. Some of the best memories I have made at this school have been over across the street on the baseball field. I will never forget the run we made last year (my junior year) winning the first 16 games of the season and being ranked the number one division 2 team in the state. I will also

never forget my sophomore year playing in the very first game on the new turf. It was a JV scrimmage against Glen Este High School and AJ Solis, who was also in my grade, hitting the very

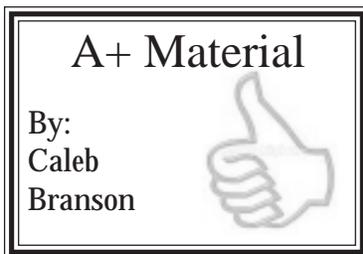
first home run on the field in a live game.

I will also never forget all of the Friday night football games I went to. My favorite

game I ever went to was senior night, my senior year. It was cold and rainy, but Joey Lee Whodey and I stuck it out anyway, being some of the only seniors in attendance to stay from kickoff to the very end of the game and to meet the players by

the field house. I will also never forget senior Clash, it was probably in the top five most memorable events of all of my time here at NRHS, with senior Homecoming very close to it.

If I were to give any advice to underclassmen, it would be to keep your grades up and do your best. I know that everyone says to do it, and it gets annoying here it a lot, but when you get to senior year and end up with a 3.1 GPA when you could have easily had a 3.5 GPA, it really makes you wish you would have busted your butt in school. Also don't forget to walk down the right side of the hallway and just enjoy your years here; they really fly by.



Graduation brings back memories

At the end you start to think about the beginning

Well, it's that time of year again; for seniors like me to enjoy the satisfaction that we are graduating in less than two months. For some of us, we are leaving home, even leaving the state, or perhaps maybe even staying home to pursue our dreams of becoming something/somebody in this crazy world.

Although change is the most certain and inevitable thing in life, it is also one of the scariest. The reason why people are so afraid of change is because they have no idea what the future may hold. Change forces us leave the security and simplistic lifestyle that we have lived until now behind.

Memories of my sixth grade graduation come back to me. I was so freaked out about leaving the school that I had attended

for seven years. Of course, most of my friends were coming to the middle school, but it was still weird. The thought of not knowing who any of the teachers were and what they were like was intense. Also, the fact that two others were merging together was even more frightening. I had to befriend new people and become part of a new social environment. Even though I thought it would be the most difficult time in my life, it turned out to be probably one of the easiest.

Again, I found the security of the middle school and before I knew it, it was time to move on to the high school. Of course, as soon as you get used to some-

thing, it has to change. Moving to the high school was an event that I waited for my whole life; however, I heard so many horror stories and rumors of what high school was like. These stories

and not knowing what to expect created so much anxiety

for me and let me tell you, I was incredibly nervous on my first day. As it turned out, the stories I heard were nowhere near what actual high school was like. For me, these past four years have been the best times of my life. I have made so many new friends

that have helped change me into the person I am today.

So here I am once again, faced with change. As crazy as it may sound, I am looking forward to my future and what it may bring. I am nervous about leaving the security of high school, but the prospect of a fresh start at a university is exhilarating. I am sad that I am leaving my friends and family behind, but excited about the new people I will meet.

I know and believe that family and true friendship will last forever, no matter what our future holds.

For some reason the change that I am faced with is exciting and I am ready for it.



Last Good Show

an original poem by Cierra Edwards

Four years was enough
to get us through
wishin' it away
if we only knew
how much we'd want
to do it again
or how we'd wish it
never would end.

We are
so eager to go
too scared to leave
lookin' back we see
all that we achieved.
Our brain says yes
our heart begs no
this is our
last good show

Waking in the morning,
first hardest thing to do
sudden realization
that was only number two;
getting into classes
doin' a little work
just skirting by the
responsibilities we'd shirk.

We're just
so eager to go
too scared to leave
we speak our minds, yet don't know what to
believe;

our brains think yes
our hearts beat no
this is our
last good show

So many things
left unsaid
a couple deadlines
zoomin' past our head
the clock is ticking
our fate is sticking
don't wanna go
can we take this slow?

We're not
so eager to go
we don't wanna leave
it's for the best, but it's gettin' hard to
breathe;
our brain knows it's time
our hearts are starting to rhyme
because this is our
last goodbye.

We were
so eager to go
too scared to leave
lookin' back we see all that we achieved
our brain says yes
our heart begs no
this is our last good show
this is our last good show

Where are we going?

Alex Bach.....	University of Cincinnati
Rodney Berwanger.....	College
Henry Bezold.....	NKU/OSU
Cole Bird.....	University of Cincinnati
Sierra Branam.....	College
Caleb Branson.....	Xavier University
Kara Burns.....	University of Cincinnati
Austin Campbell.....	University of Cincinnati
Maggie Campbell.....	volunteering/work
Sydney Clancy.....	College
Autumn Clark.....	U.S. Army
Dennis Corbett.....	Body Shop/famous band
Austen Craig.....	University of Kentucky
Megan Deters.....	Job/College
Riley Deweese.....	Morehead State University
Nathan Dixon.....	UC/UD
Devin Donell.....	Military/College
Brittany Durham.....	UC Clermont
Cierra Edwards.....	NKU
Emily Erdman.....	Lindenwood University
J.R. Forsee.....	College
Katie Gelter.....	University of Cincinnati
Luke Gilday.....	Miami(OH) University
Brenden Giles.....	College
Sarah Glenn.....	Ohio State University
Lindsay Gundler.....	University of Cincinnati
Henry Heidlage.....	College
Erik Hermann.....	University of Cincinnati
Craig Hoagland.....	Berea College
Alex Horn.....	Eastern Kentucky University
Cecilia Hosler.....	University of Cincinnati
Brittany Hubbard.....	College
Amber Hudson.....	College
Brady Lane.....	Military/College
Michael Lang.....	Police Academy
Joey Lee.....	UC Clermont/NKU

Plans for the Class of 2013

Sam Leffler.....	Ohio State University
Becky Lemar.....	College
Jackie Lemar.....	College
Zach Manning.....	University of Cincinnati
Brian Martin.....	Northern Kentucky University
Newton McCollum.....	The Citadel
Samantha McDowell.....	University of Cincinnati
Evan McKinley.....	Northern Kentucky University
Katelyn Meakin.....	The Ohio State University
Jae Mosley.....	College
Anna Moss.....	Ohio University
Jessica Mowery.....	Military/College
Brandon Mues.....	Military
Morgan Olenick.....	Franciscan University of Steubenville
Travis Pancake.....	UC Clermont
Kylie Phillips.....	Northern Kentucky University
Rachel Ploucha.....	College
Aaron Pollard.....	College
Brandy Ragland.....	College
Colt Reese.....	College
Kevin Reid.....	College
Megan Reid.....	Bowling Green State University
Brittany Riley.....	University of Cincinnati
Hannah Smiddy.....	Bowling Green State University
Bethany Smith.....	Savannah State
A.J. Solis.....	College/Military
Thomas Stansbury.....	College
Carmen Staton.....	Shawnee State University
Rachael Trowbridge.....	Stony Brook University
Victoria Vise.....	Cincinnati State
Sean Wahoff.....	Military
Austin Wells.....	College
Rachael Westrick.....	Nursing school
Alex White.....	Kent State University
James White.....	College
Matthew Wisecup.....	College
Tanner Wolfe.....	University of Cincinnati

As seniors say goodbye, staff offers

"If you don't take a step forward you will always stay in the same place. If you don't ask, the answer will always be "no." If you don't go after what you want, you will never have it."
(Nora Roberts) -Mrs. Nehls

Life's a cinch if you take it by the inch. It's hard if you take it by the yard. Go Big Blue!!
-Mr. Callebs

What I will remember about the class of 2013 Teaching syllables to seniors
The pen writes in ink.
The Importance of Being Ernest
"I'm going to text someone. I don't know who, just anyone, so I can ignore you guys and your questions."
Shhh! Rachel is probably explaining it.
Reading Mark Twain under a pine tree
I sure am excited it's Wednesday! ;-)

Success can only be measured by happiness and happiness is always a choice. So I hope you choose a successful life.
-Mr. Mahan



Make wise choices and be responsible for every choice that you make. You can accomplish whatever you dream if you are willing to work. So go forth and live your dream.
-Mrs. Hall

Work hard, achieve great things, and be kind to one another.
Mrs. Parker

Time is a monster that cannot be reasoned with, it responds like a snail to our impatience, then it races like a gazelle when you can't catch your breath- Don't be in such a hurry to get to the answers at the end of the road, that you forget to read the signs along the way.
-Mrs. Flamm

"If you ever have a choice between anything else and kindness, always select kindness, even if it is more difficult."
-Mr. Doug Heflin

**Each day have this one goal:
Strive to be a better person
than you were yesterday.**
-Mrs. Corpuz

Here are my words of wisdom: Self-discipline and perseverance should be your watch-words as you step into the world of endless responsibilities.
-Mr. Nyam



"In the words of the great LORAX... "Don't forget to speak for the trees...for the trees have no tongues"... All life is connected and it starts with your choices... Make good choices!
-Mrs. Minning

Harness in the good energy, block out the bad. Harness. Energy. Block. Bad. It's like a carousel. You put the quarter in, you get on the horse, it goes up and down, and around. Circular, circle. Feel it.
Go with the flow.
-Brian McMonigle

"Throughout your life always be courteous, kind, and respectful... but, most importantly **BE YOURSELF!**"
-Mr. Benzinger

"There are no traffic jams on the extra mile."
-Ms. Cornette

good luck, wishes, words of wisdom

"If it is worth doing, it is worth doing your best. Get out there and show the world what you're made of."

-Mrs. Verwold

"And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Reflect on your past, dream of your future, and pay attention to the present. All the best Class of 2013!!

-Mrs. Coulter

"Remember to always have an opinion and to choose a side - the worst crashes happen in the middle of the road. Never let laziness be your biggest motivator and if opportunity doesn't knock - build a door. If you find your path void of obstacles, it isn't leading you anywhere. Never be afraid to try something new - remember, an amateur built the Ark and professionals built the Titanic. Finally, if at first you don't succeed, skydiving isn't your thing."

-Various sources, from Mr. Hatfield

"Best of luck graduates and remember... a good time to keep your mouth closed is when you find yourself in deep water..."

-Mr. Crowley

"When it comes to respect, they don't get enough

Their history has proven that they are real tough

They missed this year's tournament, to give others a chance

But Ohio State and UC still lost the big dance

They had a player declare for the NBA
Because he knew next year, he would not play

They've signed the best and are looking mighty fine

Step aside y'all, here comes number nine
Go Big Blue!

-JR Superstar

"Good Luck, Class of 2013! You are the future-the-future is now"

-Mr. Reaker

"A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds". -Emerson

Don't be afraid of change. Be kind, be careful, be happy

-Mrs. Griffin



"Jeesh!!"

Mr. McKinley and Mr. Wright

"Always take copious notes."

-Mr. Harris

"All hard work brings profit, but mere idle talk leads only to lack of success." Good luck, work hard and enjoy your future endeavors.
God Bless, Mrs. Prescott

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him."

-Mr. Phil Heflin

"Life is not about the destination.....it's about the journey it takes to get there"

-Mrs. Dalton

"If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person"

-Fred Rodgers

Congratulations Class of 2013!

Ms. Senter

Class of 2013

Academic Achievements

Top 10 (In alphabetical order, subject to change)

Ashleigh Beard

Kara Burns

Nathan Dixon

Katie Gelter

Luke Gilday

Sarah Glenn

Brandon Miller

Kylie Phillips

Hannah Smiddy

Alex White

Eagle Scout:

Nathan Dixon



Theatre Achievements

The Drama Club would like to recognize the following members for their accomplishments:

Ashleigh Beard

Sydney Clancey

Cierra Edwards

Luke Gilday

Ben Green

Lindsay Gundler

Craig Hoagland

Amber Hudson

Newton McCollum

Rachel Ploucha

Brittany Riley

Rachael Trowbridge

Artistic Achievement

The Art Department would like to recognize the following students for their accomplishments:

Joey Lee

Sean Wahoff

Vicky Booker

Bailey Deweese

Brandy Ragland

Rachel Ploucha



Achievement unlocked

Achievements

SBAAC League All-Stars Musical Achievements

Football

1st Team:

Austin Campbell
Alex Horn
James White
Cole Bird

Cross

Country

1st Team:

Kara Burns
Luke Gilday

Player of the Year:

Luke Gilday

Volleyball

1st Team:

Jessica Mowery

Girls'

Swimming

1st Team:

Kara Burns

Boys'

Basketball

2nd Team:

Austin Wells

Boys'

Soccer

1st Team:

Nathan Dixon
Sam Leffler

Girls'

Soccer

1st Team

Sarah Glenn

Wrestling

1st Team:

Clay Loadman
Kevin Reid
J.R. Forsee

Golf

1st Team:

Evan McKinley
David Ohntrup
Austin Wells

Girls'

Tennis

1st Team:

Sarah Jones
2nd Team:
Alex White

Class of 2013

This year's senior class of Troubadors has accomplished many a feat in their two to three years as members of this group. Those members who have been in since sophomore year got the great opportunity to go to Baltimore and compete in The Heritage Festival. They claimed gold medals and wowed the audience once again with the Hungarian folk song *Tambore*.

At the Christmas Concert, the Troubadours performed the world premiere of a 'home grown' piece of music. Director Doug Heflin composed a second half to his classic *Starbeams*. *Tear Drops* was performed for its first time December 12, 2012.

The music departments also put on two productions this years, *Honk!*, the story of the ugly duckling, and *Pippin*, by Stephen Schwartz. Both shows were great successes.

Best of the Class 2013

Most Likely to Succeed

Luke Gilday/Kara Burns



Most likely to sleep in class

Jake Maxwell/Brandy Ragland



Best Personality

Joey Lee/Riley Deweese

Best Car



Evan McKinley/Jessica Mowery

Class Clown

Joey Lee / Emily Erdman



Most Changed

Newton McCollum/Morgan Olenick



Cutest Couple

Chad Nort /Riley Deweese



Best Bromance

Erik Hermann/Alex Bach

Most likely to roam the halls



Joey Lee /Brittany Riley

Biggest Complainer

Colt Reese /Carly Smith



Biggest Flirt

Henry Heidlage/Brittany Riley



Most Unforgettable

Joey Lee /CiCi Edwards



Most School Spirit

Alex Horn /Katie Gelter

Biggest case of senioritis

Matt Rydzewski/Emily Channey



Best dressed

David Ohntrup /Sydney Clancy



Most Dramatic

Ben Green /Lindsay Gundler



Best looking

Austen Craig /Hannah Smiddy



Most Musical

Alex Nelson /CiCi Edwards



Most Academic

Luke Gilday /Kara Burns

Most Artistic

Sean Wahoff/Bailey Deweese



Most Opinionated

Cole Bird /Anna Moss



Most Athletic

Kevin Reid/Austin Wells
Cassidy Martin





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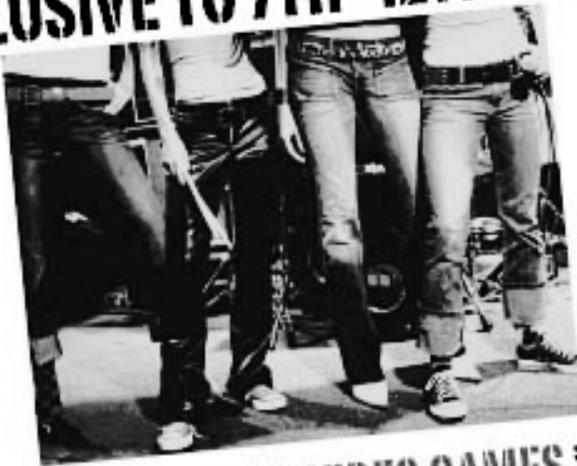
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