





# Welcome to Lajes Elementary/ High School

Home of the Falcons

#### **Principal's Message**

Being the principal of Lajes E/HS gives me great joy because I continually experience the magic of watching students increase their depth of knowledge, discover new skills, and define their roles in this world.

At this time of year we celebrate our graduating seniors, one of whom has lived here since fourth grade. The rest of us simply found ourselves on this tiny island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean for a very brief time in our lives. Upon arriving, I know it can be easy to get weighed down by the idea that a larger school would have more to offer, and that is true in some respects—more teachers, more classes, more classrooms, and more students in classrooms. However, what I have discovered at Lajes is that a school with fewer teachers, fewer courses, and fewer students actually invites you to enjoy an entirely unique experience. I have also discovered that in this small school, students are fantastic, teachers and staff are dedicated, and the community is caring. During your time here, I hope you have experienced that the benefits of the small school outweigh those of a large school. I hope you have known the joy of friendship in a small-school atmosphere, where you forged lasting connections. I hope you have enrolled in classes that not only met your needs and interests, but that challenged you with an expectation of rigor that prepared you for the next step of your journey. I hope you will remember each and every teacher who tracked you down in order to keep you on track, with nothing more than a sincere interest in seeing you succeed. I hope you have enjoyed the number of opportunities available for all students here—student government, intramurals, academically based organizations, special interest clubs, team sports, and off-island travel. At Lajes, all interested students have these opportunities, which is not the case in large schools where participating numbers must be limited.

To our seniors, who are heading out to conquer new horizons, you have achieved a major mile-stone. Whether your next chapter includes college, a career in the military, another career choice, or something totally different, follow your heart, vow to do what you can to make the world a bet-ter place, and be happy. You will be missed, but never forgotten.

To all you underclassmen leaving us, I wish you much happiness as you settle into your new corner of the world. And, if you are coming back to us in August, it is great to know that you will be with us again next year. Your teachers will have another opportunity to challenge you academically, provide you with new and interesting experiences, and share some fun with you along the way. Whether you are a senior, a student leaving, or a returning student, may the memories you made in SY 2007-2008 last a lifetime.

I thank each of you for the part you played in making my time in this community and at this school an extraordinary one. When my time comes to depart Lajes, I will take with me a great fondness for my experience here, having had the pleasure of serving the greatest students, the best faculty and staff, and the most caring community that any principal could ever hope to have. Lajes will forever hold a very special place in my heart. I wish the same for all of you.

## Seniors on the Big Screen Class of 2008



## Graduates



Nathan Beard Hometown: Burkburnett, Texas Activities: ROTC 9, Soccer 10. 12, Photoshop 10, Guitar Class 10. Softball 11. Band 9-10, 12, Basketball 12 Quote: "We're just two lost souls. swimming in a fish bowl."

-Pink Floyd



Seirra Bowman Hometown: Panama City Beach, Florida **Activities** Photography Club 9-10, JV Field Hockey 9-10, Varsity Basketball 11-12, Varsity Soccer 11-12. Class Representative ll, Yearbook ll. Newspaper 11-12, Class President 12. Yearbook Editor 12 Quote: "The things Leuro Souman you fear in life are the ones most

worthwhile"



Robert DeMelo Birthplace: Germany Activities: Future Business Leaders of America 9. Model United State Senate 10. Class Secretary 12 Ouote: "Crv me a river, then build a bridge and get over



Zac Funari Birthplace: Barnesville, Ohio Activities: Class President 9. Soccer 10, Basketball 10-12, Vice President 11-12 Quote: "I celebrate myself, and sing myself, and what I assume, you shall assume."

-Walt Whitman

## Graduates



Nessica Hunt

**Iessica Hunt** Birthplace: Fort Walton Beach. Florida Activities: Scrabble Club 9, Track 9, ROTC 10, Cheerleading 11-12, Soccer 11-12, NHS 10-12, Student Council Vice President 12. Yearbook Editor 12 Quote: "Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers."

-Voltaire



Michael Lehman Birthplace: Clark AFB, Philippines Activities: Drama Club 11. Class Secretary 11, Newspaper 10, Student Council Secretary 12 Ouote: When beholding the tranquil beauty and brilliancy of the ocean's skin, one forgets the tiger heart that pants beneath it." -Herman Melville



Alexan Monigle

Alexa McMonagle Hometown: Honolulu, Hawaii Activities: Basketball 9-12. Basketball Captain 11. Track and Field 9, Soccer 10-12, Soccer Captain 11, FEA 12, NHS 11-12, Class Treasurer 12 Quote: "I'm gonna hurry up, get out, make this be for something, or else it's all just nothing."

-The Rocket Summer



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Krista Miller Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colorado Activities: Basketball 9, Choir 9. Track 9. Speechfest 11, Drama Club 9, 12, Softball 10-11, Art Club 9, 11-12, Creative Connections 10-12, Volleyball 9-12 Quote: "The best thing about egotists is that they never talk about

## Graduates



Birthplace: San Diego, California Activities: Football 9, Track and Field 9-10, Soccer 11-12, Class Representative 12 Quote: "Well done is better than well said."

-Benjamin Franklin

Cameron Oldham



Justan Kida

**Justin Rita** Hometown: Biloxi. Mississippi Activities: Kev Club 10-11. Relay for Life 10-11 Quote: "It's not what I am on the inside, but what I do that defines me." -Batman



Hometown: Fort Stewart, Georgia Activities: Swimming 10, Class President 11, Volleyball 9, 11-12, Basketball 9, 11-12, , National Honor Society 11-12, Student Council President 12, Newspaper Editor 12 Quote: "Never fear tomorrow...God is already there." -Lady Matty



## Graduates



Tatiana Slater Birthplace: Rota, Spain Activities: Choir 9-10, Tech Fair 9-10, Showcase 9-10, Yearbook II, Newspaper II, Drama 12, Creative Connections 12 Quote: "Can't never did anything."





Basketball 9, Army ROTC 9, Travel and Tourism 9, Soccer 10-12, Volleyball 12, Softball 11-12 Ouote: "Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." -William

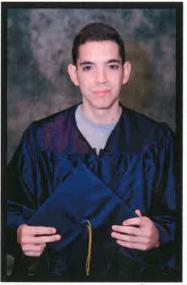
Shakespeare

**Ianel Thomas** 

Activities:

Birthplace: Clark

AFB, Philippines



Christian Soto Hometown: San Diego, California Activities: Football 9. German Club 9-11, Band 12, Jazz Band 12, Varsity Basketball 12, Class Treasurer 12 Ouote: SHAKAKAAAAHN!



## Senior



Nathan Beard



Seirra Bowman



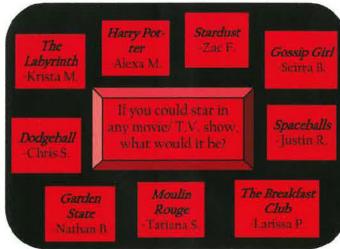
Robert DeMelo



Zac Funari



Jessica Hunt



Michael Lehman



Alexa McMonagle



Krista Miller



Cameron Oldham



Larissa Palmer

## 2008 Graduates

## Class



Justin Rita



Tatiana Slater



Chris Soto

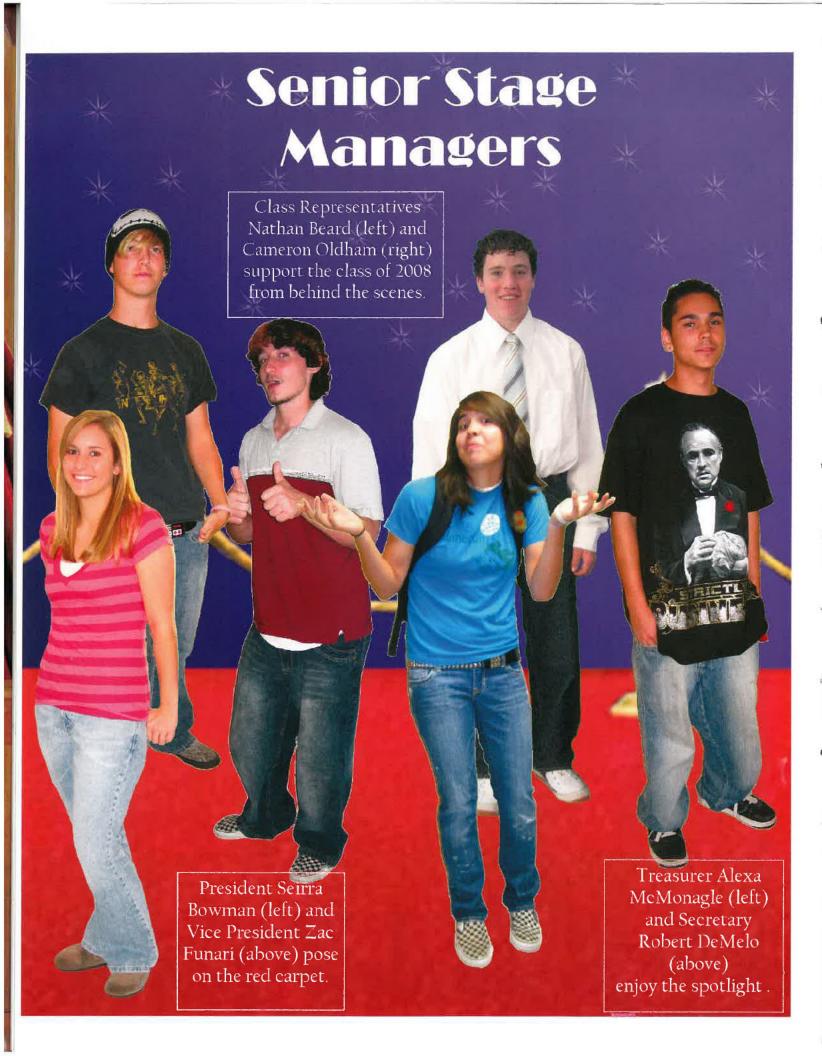




Janel Thomas

## 2008





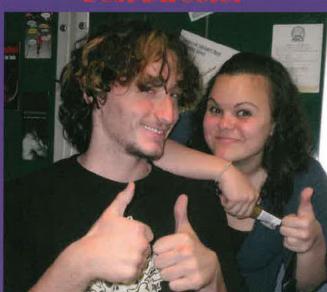
#### Senior Superlatives

#### **Fest Dressed**



Wearing their fabulous clothes, Janel
Thomas and Robert DeMelo
pose for a picture.

#### Post Director



Zac Funari and Larissa Palmer are the best leaders of the senior class.

#### Lost Compeliaris



Seirra Bowman and Nathan Beard can always make you laugh.

#### **Exhibited the Scenes**



Michael Lehman and Jessica Hunt are always happy to help with anything for the school.

## Senior Wills

#### Seirra Bowman:

Mason, I leave you piggy back rides, secret talks, Spots, AP magazine, picking on Dallas, and the fun of being the oldest in the house!

Joel, I leave you my hoodie and some stain remover, a flock of sheep, a pair of boots, a fairy wand, and the nickname Jew-el.

Amy, I leave you my suitcase, a world map and a travel toothbrush, S.N.S, the sexy shack, the wake up dance, a life time membership to the sexy club, tasty café mousse, fun in Chris's truck which needs gas, baking soda for cookies, the scooter gang, and kanks.

Mary Beth, I leave you the spoon dispenser, a homemade cotton candy maker, non-meltable cotton candy, unforgivable...hows that smell? chicken fillet, waffle fries, cream soda, the "buy you a drink" dance, all the fun talks we had on the trampoline, all the cooking experience, coconut milk, homecoming signs, a Twinkie bus, and every season of *Scrubs* and *Friends*. Playa...Hold me down!

Dylan, I leave you pink boxers, star fruit, coconut, kumquats, papaya, five dollars that I won, the number seven, the scooter gang, the N64 Super Mario group, and a lifetime membership to the sexy club.

Robert, I leave you the "box," Mr. Sanchez for Jamie, and a square.

Chris, I leave you my accuracy, so next time you can actually hit me with the wax balls and an ice cube for your head.

Larissa, I leave you chicken drummies, fun times as video ones, our secret codes, S.N.S, the sexy dance, one free trip across the Atlantic bridge, I rat warning, free German lessons from the Greek Ms. Evans, UM...OK!! CarMax, hand sanitizer, snakes in the bushes, trademark and copy written items, cheese sticks, booger walls, guitar hero, talks about college, sleepovers, monthly dinners, baby seniors, pork, and cheese.

Jamie or James, I leave you waxing strips, my video skills, your langhter...at my essay, the state of Ohio, tomato juice, the state beverage of Ohio, \$2.25 for a party melt and fries, yummy Life Savers, the ability to work an ice dispenser, and my blank stares in government. Nathan, I leave you dice, the number 27, the scooter gang, all the facial hair I can find, and the broken curtain rod in your room.

Alexa, I leave you the tourette's guy, the millennium bag, my yawn, the duck lips, the box, peanut butter cookie, 2 pages full of nicknames, the nice diet, and all the fun times we had in psychology, basketball, soccer, math analysis, Flannel Fridays, English and working at the commissary. Always remember C.I.W.W.A.F, Hyrup, and our grandma coupon!

Zac, I leave you the morning announcements and the fun times in gym, government, math analysis, nights in Praia, and AP.

Lajes, I leave you the beautiful sunrises and sunsets, the friendly people, the delicious food, all the memories I can never forget, and the friends I will always remember.

#### Jessica Hunt

Laura Goynes, I'm leaving you my poms, even if you decide not to cheer.

#### Robert DeMelo:

First off, Mr. Ochoa, I leave you a can of beans and hand lotion. To Jamie a man named Sanchez, to Chris a flaming baton, to Nathan an Amy Winchouse CD, Larissa a shower made of gold, Zac the motor scooter at work, Seirra a Delaware state quarter, Alexa a pair of polka-dot vans. Jessica, I leave you a philosophy book, to Krista a rubber chicken, to Tati some spinning rims with glow sticks, Michael a never-ending story, to Justin a lifetime supply of Portuguese rolls and butter, and to Cameron a fish to dissect. Taylor, I leave you a bag of rice, Dakota a rubber ducky, to Nicole black hair dye, to all the underclassmen deodorant, and to the juniors all my old class notes.

Krista Miller

Upon leaving Lajes American School forever (YES!), I hereby leave the following: to Dakota Canning, I leave my lunch seat and my devilishly good-looks (haha what a rip offl). To all teachers I leave the simple gift of never having to deal with me again...EVER! To all my friends I leave the memories and laughs we shared. And to the student body as a whole, I leave the reassuring fact that if I made it through, you sure the heck can too! (Just don't forget to cause as much trouble as you can on the way.)

#### Alexa McMonagle:

Dylan-SUPER POKE, that amazing scar of yours, "my hips don't lie," pretty much amazingness, lamb of god, super hero day, manamana, roof topping at prom last year, your belt buckle, Swedish Fish, brain battle, and the cliffs spoof.

Seirra- NO YAWNING!. I will all my nicknames to you, tourette's guy (t.t dirt), manamana, prison shoes, BOAT, HA! (that loud ha we do), pass me the hyrup, basketball/soccer trip last year.

Larissa- I will Lakisha and her fried chicken and biscuits to you, those butts from drama class, that old man behind my house, church & hospitality, basketball season...2nd place, me and you greeting each other on the lonely streets of Germany, your yellow suit at NHS inductions, your dinosaurs with the big butts pictures, AVID last year. The midget catcher.

Nathan WASHAAAA!!!!... pretty much, cool beans..COOL BEANS! crank dat soulja boy, manamana, roof topping at prom last year, and New Years.

Mary Beth-1 will you that dead bird I once found, pooface, marine biology class, blanddd, your yawn face, I'm a kitty cat.

Meghan-iNOS VAMOS MUCHACHA!..(I will you all my excellent

fluent Spanish XX skills. You might need them in the future!

Michael- I will you the name 'arexa," 'google, 'sea turtles, the omen (the swing), marine biology class, that hand thing you do.

Jessica- AP government class, running those miles at soccer practice, basketball/cheer trip, your smartness, your amazing homemade peanut butter cookies.

Cameron- soccer trip, AP government, homecoming, prom.

Zac-that garden gnome you never got, EZ KING.. Haha, Sadie Haw-kins, 'let's go to candy moutainnnnn, candy mountain...'

Terence- awesome basketball skills! Strikingly sexy person.

Robert- STROBE LIGHT MOMENT!.. & pounds and pounds of salt (you know what for)

Krista- Drama Class!

Tati- CLEAN IS HAPPY.. clean butts that is!

Mercedes- I will you any F I ever got.. You can get too smart sometimes.

Joel-JOOOLLLLL!!, those grapes from AVID, fernnyyyy.

Dari- afi, crazy awesome hair/haircut.

Ryan- Asian stuff!

James- that fish eye you ate in marine biology last year

Janel-snail, I will a lifetime supply of snail food and flannel shirts to you.. and some salt.

Justin- Chuck Norris and squirrels... even though there is NO comparison between them.

Mr. Rehak- I will you the words 'freaking' & 'sucks.'

Mr. Ochoa- I will you a cat, nice house with different color dining chairs.

Mr. Hoff-mr.tumnus!

Mrs. Falvo- basketball/cheer trip, semifinals game at Europeans when you were so caught up in the game and just about killed me, that giant bratwurst.

Ms. Grant-1 will you all my AP government papers and my 21 got on the AP test.

## Senior Wills

#### Larissa Palmer:

Mary Beth- ayo technology, unforgivable, Justin Timberlake + 50 cent, "something special," fights with Noah, Noah's dance.

Nathan-your incredibly stanky smell, summer nights at your house with massive people, the reaction of Sissy when I enter the room, hair that grosses Seirra out and my crumpled papers all done by you, moon boots, my character on your WI.

Zac-Tom's word woooooo, talks while waiting for parents, per sonal talks about life, Mrs. Kless's math class the best fer sher, calculator talks, the funniest day in Lajes when you almost broke your neck on the trampoline and I thought you were joking, my wild outbursts of anger and hyperness, whipped cream pie contests, breaking the commissary doors I beat you.

Kaleb- Have fun without me, because you know you will definitely miss me, so don't say you won't because you know you will.

Robert-our heart-to-heart talks about "the best thing ever in life"

Dylan-little boots, countless shooting stars, "I knew if we ignored him he would go away," rocks at your bedroom window, and a band-aid for your injury from the LYP light.

Chelsea-talks about Zac's trampoline fetish, "let's play crack the egg," volleyball, nice bumps, smooth serves, Indian runs, hanging out.

Meghan "you're from Africa?" Sundays at church, I couldn't understand that priest, volleyball partners, going to the student center to do homework but instead talking, summer at the beach, cookouts, "we almost touched the rock," row row your boat....life is bout a stream? Praiafest.

Laura-volleyball partners, setters for life, negative and no positive, mass kudos bars, that girl is loud she's not really your type of friend, sour Skittles, closet full of numbers, bathing suit trouble, Chris isn't photogenic, are you mad at me?, kicking chairs, car washes-bring it on style, can you stop rubbing my leg.

Alexa-biaaaaaaa,drama class, mimes, soulja boy dances, basketball season, point guards son, church buddies, yelling at youngish in church lock-ins, ball Europeans, Heidelberg's coach costume, big bratwursts, 2<sup>nd</sup> place champs, cement names, "I was so aggressive" -words from you know, Mrs. Kless's seminar, Powerpoints in drama, our acting skills, Lakisha, Fergalicious

Amy-sleep-overs, birthday parties, we have been friends since the very start through everything, "we are not spoiled just because we are officer's daughters we work for our money too, Amies hold me back," always in trouble at the commissary, movies, Praiafest, can you do a straight cartwheel, look feel it it's wet, falling off the swings, throwing rocks at Dylan's window, you version- "a good one" volleyball, basketball, a new way to hold water, booger wall, stanky bathrooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> place champs, Ms. Kless's class, it's April fools day in France-Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>?, my big yellow suit-NHS, she made me eat pops, choking on the lemon seed.

Seirra how ya like that for FEX, all my nicknames, that American Eagle gift card I owe you I still need money, my flying money, Praiafest, sleep-overs, bakery, poo, chicken, chiken, deuces up, use my uggs to do the J.C. dance, I hate when my maid puts my stuff away, I complain about complaining, 2<sup>nd</sup> place champs, basketball season, round and round ride, kangaroo, cat food, L.A. fro, code words, gnomes, Chuck Norris, mousse on the plane, love, boys, friends, summer, beach, my extremely long prayer, guitar hero, those good sandwiches, I'll cry if you cry, patty melts, Phoebe teach Joey French ble bla blou, those good chocolates, I look fat in all of this, hi I'm Jimmy and I'm miss sils, Brittany Boring is fat, new way to hold a ater, booger wall, stanky lathrooms, gummy bear on the light post, parents intense, our bridge to the Americas.

#### lanel Thomas

I am leaving my soccer and volleyball positions to Destince Baucum.

#### Justin Rita:

Jarred gets a pencil, Cody gets my 360° protractor, Zac gets a piece of paper, Seirra can have a calculator, to Taylor I leave a cooler pencil than Jarred. I leave Chris a flaming baton and/or a light saber. I leave Robert the Isle of Kackink, I leave Nathan a Hot Pocket, Jamie gets a bag of Twizzlers, Larissa gets a whole box of Pop Tarts, and Mr. Walker gets a magical monkey's paw.

#### Tatiana Slater:

Dakota, I leave three privileges of being carried or thrown out the window during a fire. I also give you exclusive rights to my elevator. Feel special!

#### Chris Soto:

Jamie, I leave you the state of Ohio. Zac, I leave you dropping the timpani mallets every band practice. Nathan, I leave you the awkward Conga line moment, and the hopes of a new camera. Rob, I leave you a future party. Justin, I leave you bean and cheese burritos. Larissa, I leave you food wax at Meghan's party, and Seirra, I leave you ice cube fights. Janel, I leave you the staring contest in math. Krista, I leave you frustrating computer times in Mr. Rehak's. Tatiana, I leave you the first week of Mr. Rehak's class. Dari, I leave you lunchtime candy (Snickers, Reeses Fast Breaks). Mary Beth, I leave you the group proposal analysis in seminar, and Joel, I leave you shadow fun.

#### Nathan Beard:

Zac, I leave you my camera, fluffy thing for toilet seats, wax trips, Praiafest, the words "shut up," and my undivided attention. Dari, I leave you my best friendship, my clothes, summer adventures. Charlie, my face, my novels, hair dye, my scents, Lucky You cologne. The Perks of Being a Wall Flower, Eternal Sunshine of a Spotless Mind, AFI, my music, Commando Pants, Tim Burton, the mad cows in my room and Porto Martins. Larissa, I leave you some of my extra delicious deo because you be STANKY, moon shoes, Rocky, Todd and Molly, and bird wings. Dylan, I leave you my used mankini, boxing, and the scooter gang. Alexa, I leave you Geek day, Soulja Boy, Cool Beans, Witchat, and great minds think alike, Mr. Walker, I leave you the mold in the shape of Jesus' face, and my phrase of the day. Seirra, I leave you the beating stick (curtain rod), dentures, pirated videos, the game of Life, shocker, Saw trilogy, "let the games begin," your fork, tissue up your nose, scooter gang, a boat and a mustache. Mary Beth, I leave you Poo Facé and Scrubs. Robert, I leave you Jacger Bombs, a pound of salt and a French guy. Joel, I leave you a free trip to the cliffs and your Mexican heritage. Jamie 1 leave you Rancid CDs and batons. Mr. Wood, I leave you slip on shoes. Krista, I leave you Spanish I. Chris, I leave you my tooth brush shank. Meghan, I leave you the natural high you get when you run. Dakota, I leave you yellow crocs, the Rocky Horror Picture Show, "It's Kinda a Funny Story," and Under the Tuscan Sun. Taylor, I leave you bacon. Jacob, I leave you insanity and my unconditional love I have for you, my brother. Mr. Landers, I leave you the

#### Seniors and Siblings





Seirra Bowman always has fun with her brothers.



Janel Thomas (left) rides on a rollercoaster with her younger sister.



Zac Funari poses with his sister. The dog isn't as compliant.



Chris Soto picks up his little brother after school.



Jessica Hunt doesn't have a sibling, but pets can count, right?



Tatiana Slater spends her Christmas with her cat and dog.



Alexa McMonagle grins with her brother Shane.



Larissa Palmer (far left)

Nathan Beard puts a choke hold on his brother, Jacob.

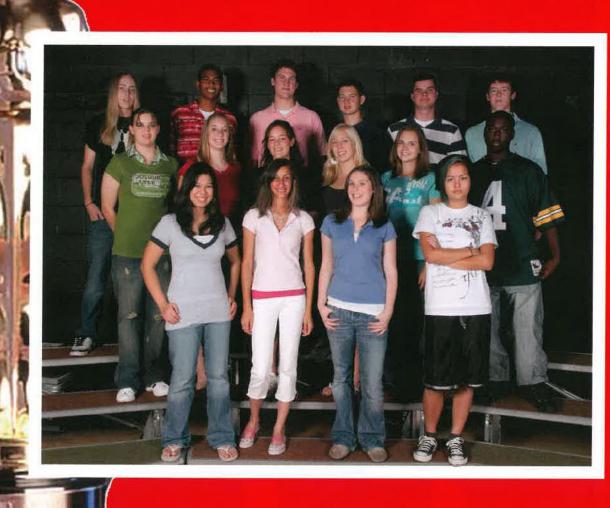


Krista Miller (middle) laughs in the company of her two older brothers.



Michael Lehman has two adorable sisters.

## Juniors: Almost at the Top: Class of 2009





### Junior



Dylan Brooks



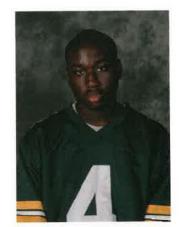
James Cardon



Mary Beth Derrick



Laura Goynes



Michael James, Jr.



Andrew Lambert



Alina Lesniak



Meghan McClain



Chelsea Nutting









Robert Phillips III

### Class



Mercedes Prand



Hannah Tagle



Taylor Truesdell





Dari Vermilyea



Amy Wagner



Terence Williams

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#### Junior Officers

"Our Future Leaders"



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Laura (left) is determined to make this year the best one yet!



New ideas have already been planned by Meghan (right).





#### Secretary Amy Wagner

Amy (left) is ready to keep everything organized and the juniors on track!

#### Treasurer >>>> Chelsea Nutting

Chelsea (right) definitely looks like she's in-the-know when it comes to handling money.

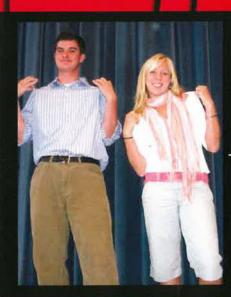


Management is nothing more than motivating people. LEE IACOCCA

JOHN C. MAXWELL \*\*All leadership is influence. \*\*

#### Junior Superlatives

"And the Oscar goes to..."



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Taylor Truesdell and Meghan McClain (left) are noted for having the most tasteful fashion sense.

#### Most Active >>>

Their futures look bright!
James Cardon and Amy
Wagner (right) grin for the
camera.



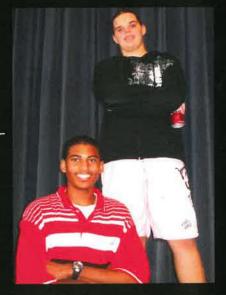


#### <<<< Funniest

Comedians Laura Goynes and Dylan Brooks (left) make the school experience fun.

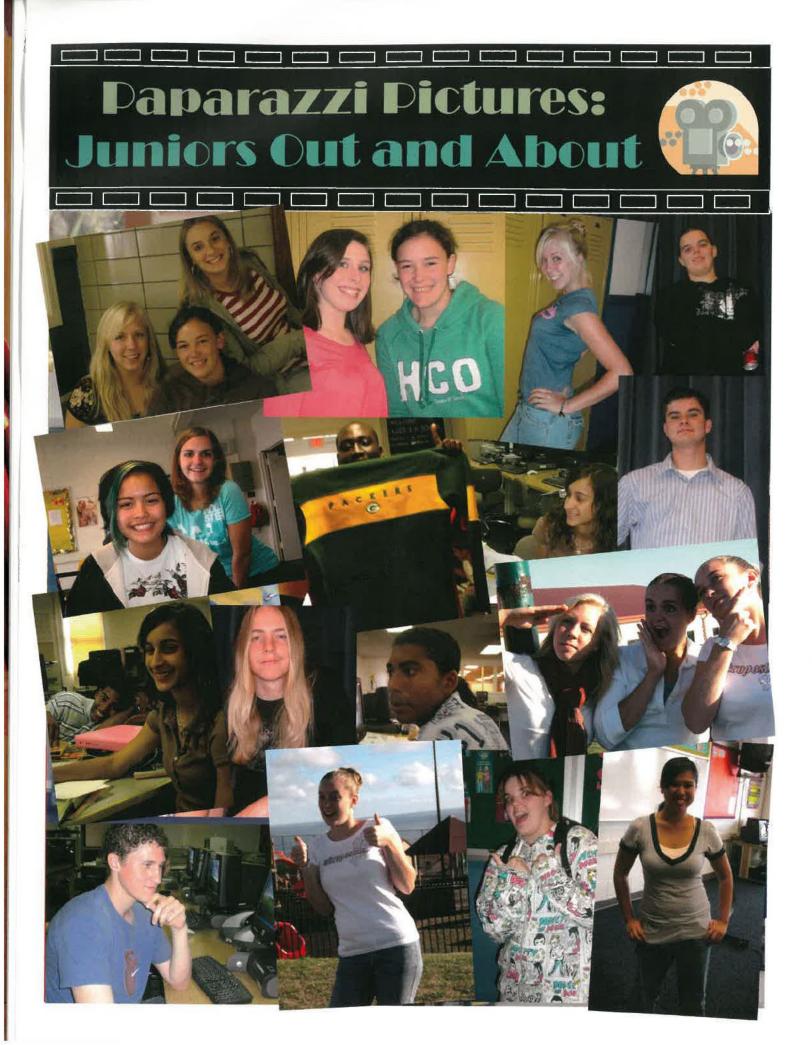


Williams and
Mercedes Prand (right) lead
us to success!



I don't do fashion. I am fashion. COCO CHANEL

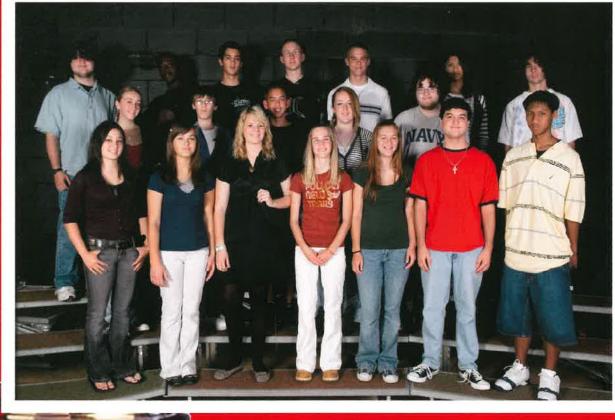
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER \*\*A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership.



#### Sophomores: Halfway to Hollywood



**Class of 2010** 







## Sophomore







Nicole Berry



Kelsea Brackett



Daniel Callens



Dakota Canning



Taylor Canning





Brynne Coleman



Ryan Corpus





**Emily Hanks** 





Darryl James



Joel Marte



Steven Miller



Erica Phillips



Ashley Ritchie





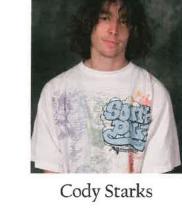
Joshua Taylor



Jarred Truesdell



John Webb

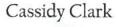










































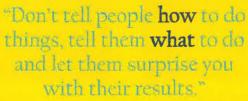
## Sophomore Stage Managers

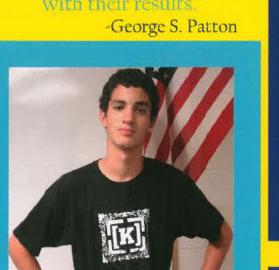


Class Representative: Brynne Coleman

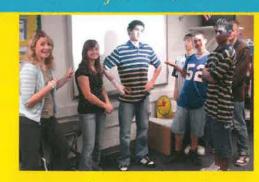


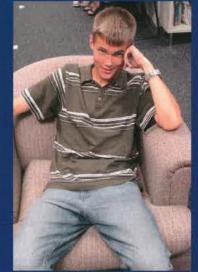
Class Representative: Ryan Corpus





President: Toel Marte





Vice President: Jarred Truesdell



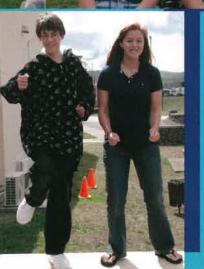
Class Sponsor: Ms. Anderson

Sophomore leaders (above) discuss ideas for fundraisers

## Top Performances: Sophomore Oscars



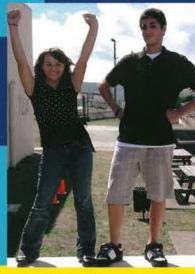
Best Costume: Cassidy Clark and Jarred Truesdell



Behind the Scenes: Steven Miller and Destinee Baucum



Best Comedic Performance: John Webb and Nicole Berry



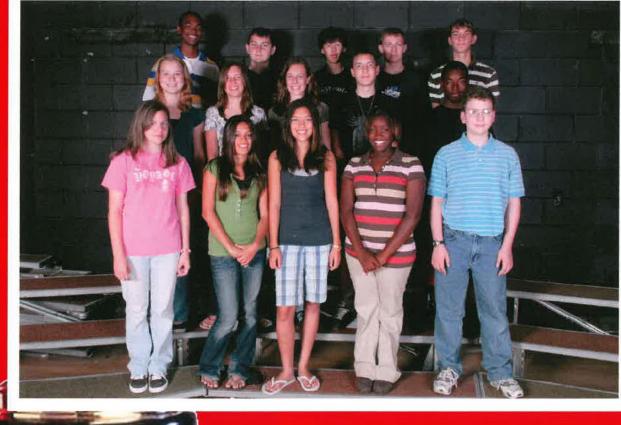
Best Directors:
Brynne Coleman and
Joel Marte



#### Freshmen: Amateur Actors



**Class of 2011** 







## Freshman



Garrett Bailey



Jacob Beard



Mason Bowman



Anne Briggs



Janine Bruce



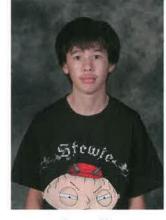
Deanna Bruce



Erika Castro



James Cole



Jack Collins









### Class



Kyle Ginnaty



Andrew Grant Brittnee Jones



Caitlin Lee



**Emily McClain** 



Macy Walker



Patrick Wright















Marquis Bryant









## Freshman Officers



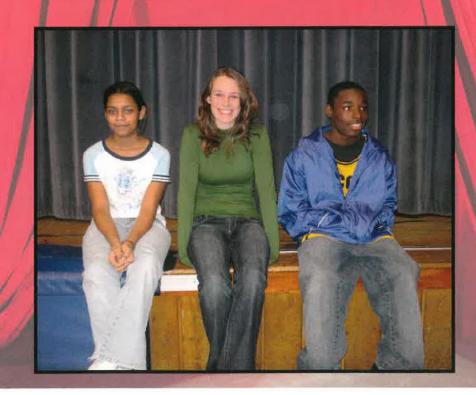
When supporting the freshman class, Macy Walker, Vice-President, always has a bright outlook and happy disposition, adding to the dynamic of the class.



James Cole, the charismatic President is easily approached by all other ninth graders, making him a great leader.



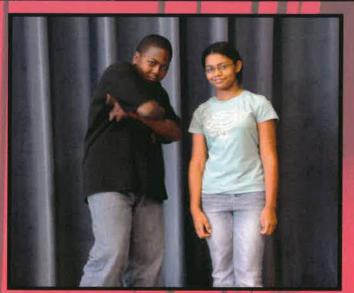
Erika Castro's sincerity and excellent work ethic make her an asset to the freshman class as Treasurer.





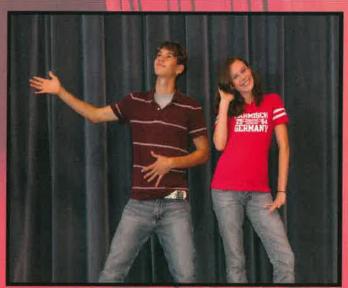
## Freshman Oscars





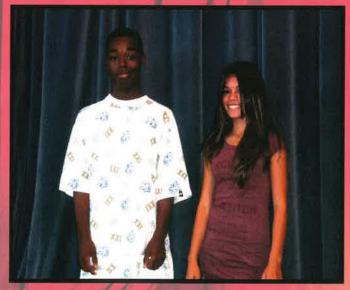
They know how to make the freshmen laugh; so best comedic performance goes to...

Marquis Bryant and Erika Castro!



They are always looking good around school; that's why best costume is awarded to...

Mason Bowman and Macy Walker!



The best behind the scenes support comes from James Cole and Deanna Bruce because they're so involved!



The best directors are Anne Briggs and Andrew Grant because they command the freshman scene.

#### Freshmen Off Stage



#### **Up and Coming Stars**



Alexander Rohrbeck
Grade: 9th
Started: October 2, 2007



Brianna Williams
Grade: 9th
Started: December 3, 2007



DeSean Williams
Grade: 10th
Started: December 3, 2007



Amanda Richardson Grade: 10th Started: January 14, 2008

## Our Lajes

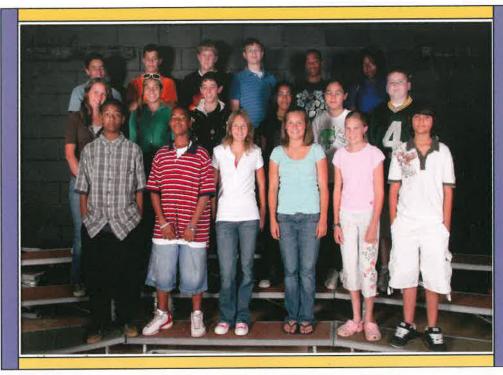






## Middle School





What is your best middle school memory?

I liked the star lab.

- Gabe M.

Getting out of elementary school. - Toni F.

Going on a field trip to an olden day museum. - Megan G.

Stealing other peoples lunches and giving it back. Sarah S.

What is one of your high school fears?

Having more work to do.

- Craig C.

Having to take Spanish next year. - Tracie J.

Having to do the PSAT.

- Derrick B.

Walking into the wrong class. - Carlie G.

What will you remember most from Lajes School?

I will remember my friends. - Katilyn D.

I will remember my friends and all the good times. - Michelle M.

The first day of school because of the amount of fun. - Jeff M.

I will remember how nice all the people were. Cisalee O.

## th-Grade Stars



What was your least favorite thing about 8th grade?





EJ Bennett

Katilyn Domingo

Shamyah James



Derrick Bland



Craig Costin



Carlie Gantar



Megan Goynes



Darian Livanec



Jeff Maler





Gabriel Marte Michelle Merrington











Nic Miller

Jarryd Rita



Cisalee Oldham





Sarah Schendel

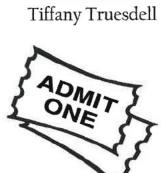




MiKayla Walker



Jeremy Wright













Best Oscar Look: Megan G. and Jarryd R.



Best Director: Cisalee O. and Jeffrey M.



Best Set Designer: Toni F. and EJ B.



Best Of Show: Jeremy W. and Michelle M.





Most Likely To Work in Hollywood: Carlie G. and Gabriel M.



Best Musical Score: Katilyn D. and Elue P.



We are winners all

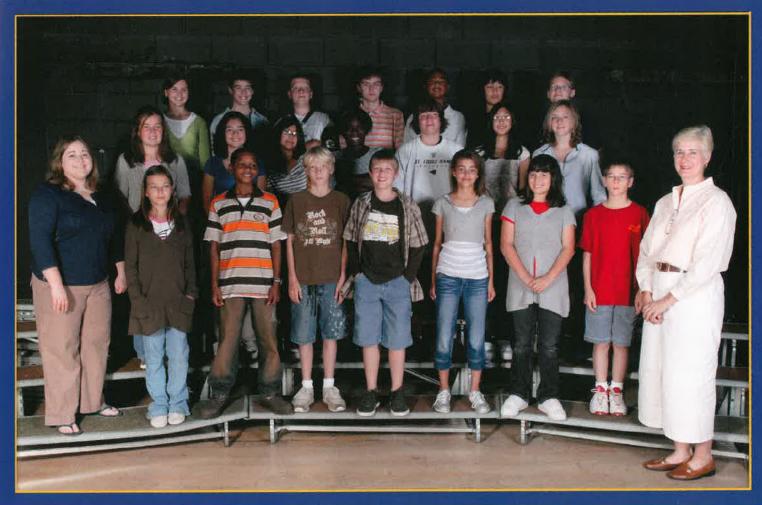
around!!

## Seventh Grade Directors













Getting ready to take the lead.

#### 7th-Grade Boulevard



Chevanne

science and geography.

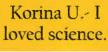
yearbook

and health

Austin W. I loved health.

R.-Hoved

Ashlyn P.- I loved





Paige Adams



Tre'von Calhoun



**Jasmine Collier** 



Sydnee Cookerly



Ashlyn Cubeta



Nathan Elking



Jasmynne Flores



Ian Ginnaty



JJ Gretta



Kaleb M.- I hated the homework all year.



Ryan Kraft



Michael Kush

Kaitlyn L. - I loved the parties this

Chris R. I think next year will be a cooler year.

Tory T .- Hated report cards.



Ryan K.- I hated all of my LEAP's this year!



Kylie Lomelin



Cheyanne Sarah Robertson



Micah Taylor



Tory Taylor

Ashlyn C.- I loved

language arts!







Kylie L - 8th grade will be fun and a good

Nathan E.

Michael K loved gym!

lan G.-

loved

loved math

Austin H.

I will miss Mrs. Fagundes.

experience!



Chris Rohrbeck



Korina Urquidez

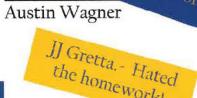




Mark Shipman



lasmine F.- Ton much home-



Paige A. I loved Sydnee C. 8th grade will be scary and harder!



### 7th-Grade Superlatives

**Best Director** 

#### Best Oscar Look



Nathan Elking and Ashlyn Pierce

#### Best All Around



Sarah Robertson and Kaleb Mitchell

#### Best Set Designer



Jasmynne Flores and Austin Heerema

#### lan Ginnaty and Sydnee Cookerly

Best Musical Score

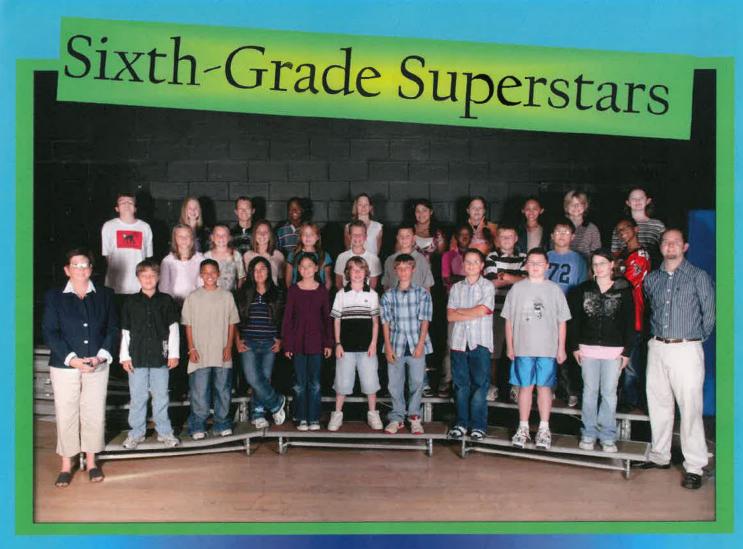


Micah Taylor and Kylie Lomelin

Most Likely to Work in Hollywood



Paige Adams and James Gretta



When asked what they would remember most about sixth grade...

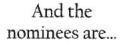
- \* Coming to school and learning new things-Fiona T. \* Lunch time-Darren P. \* I like everything about sixth grade, but I like AVID the most-Peyton P. \* Band class-Philip G.
- \* LEAP-James S. \* My friends-Jacob W. \* Hard homework-Christian G. \* Getting more freedom-Tyler J. \* Learn how to type better-Michael S. \* P.E.-Chris D.
- \* Cool privileges-Aili C. \* Open lunch-Cody L. \* Hanging out with friends-Chancelor M.
- \* Playing sports-Gregory M. \* Advisory-Jessica C. \* Advisory-Destiny C. \* Hanging out with friends-Jordan S. \* Playing my instrument in band-Danielle G.
- \* Having a locker-Elisabeth G. \* Ms. Webb-Mikayla K. \* Freedom and a locker-Alexis O. \* I like having a lot of teachers-Damian P. \* Band-Vanessa R. \* AVID-Kayla V \* Cool stuff that we do-Rebekah W. \* I like my teachers-Audrey C. \* More freedom-Jay-Lee S.





#### 6th-Grade Stars











Jessica Clark



Destiny Cole



Audrey Coleman



Chris Daniels



Cheyenne DeLeon



Danielle Gantar



Elisabeth Genetti



Philip Grant



Christian Gregorek



Tyler Jones



Mikayla Kennell



Cody Linville





Daylan Livanec Chancelor Merrington

#### **6th-Grade Stars**



Gregory Miller



Alexis Oldham



Peyton Peay



Damian Perkins



Darren Porras



Vanessa Rodriguez



John Schendel



Michael Senker



James Souther



Jordan Starks



Jay-Lee Sykes



Fiona Twidwell



Kayla Viau



Rebekah Walker



Jacob Warye









Danielle Gantar and Danian Perkins jazz up the dance floor.

Best Musical Score

Best Supporting Actor and Actress



Aili Carney is grateful for Phillip Grant's support as he holds the door for her.



Cheyenne DeLeon and Jacob Warye smile for Lajes paparazzi!

Most Likely to Work in Hollywood

Best Animal Trainer



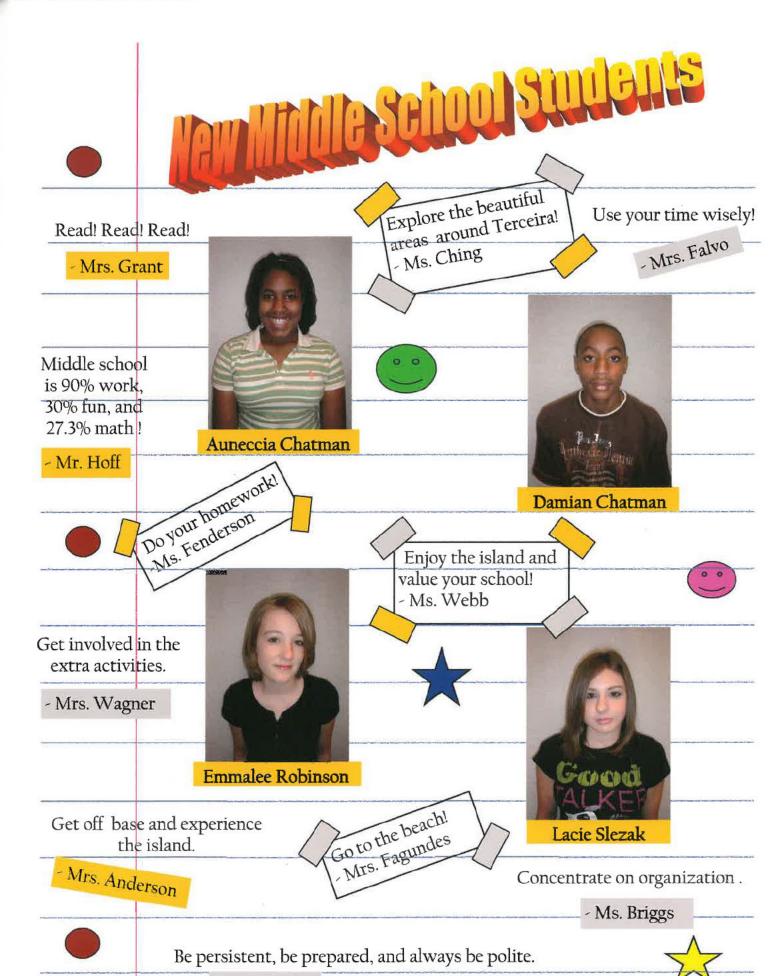
Cody Linville and Mikayla Kennel are perfect when it comes to animals.

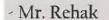


Jordan Starks and Alexis Oldham are mirror images of Olympic gold medalist Shawn White and actress Lindsey Lohan from *Parent Trap*.

Best Star Look-Alike

Sweet 6th Superlatives





#### Stars Hard at Work



The Benchwarmers Robert Phillips (left), Robert DeMelo (middle), and James Cardon (right) wait for their turn to bag.



Take It Cheesy Dakota Canning stresses the importance of cheese on your nachos.



After preparing the munchy treat. Krista Miller decides to sample a handful herself!



Take Your Turn After bagging, Janine Bruce outs her number on the line.



Alexa McMonagle (left) and Mary Beth Derrick (right) quickly load a cart heavy with groceries.



Hands of Lightning lanel Thomas shows us just how to take care of business.

tudying for AP tests and perfecting volleyball spikes aren't the only things students at Lajes are busy doing. Aside from school and sports, many are also involved in part-time jobs, working in areas such as the base's movie theater or the commissary. It must be tough juggling a job along with lots of other activities, but at least they earn money for doing so. Keep it up, everyone!

## Faculty: The **Producers**





## Administrators



Principal Virginia Briggs



Assistant Principal Mary Waller







Counselor David Gronke







Elizabeth Anderson



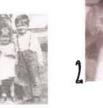
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José Fernandes





Lajes

John Brei-Crawley



Ari Ching

Keith

Ballantine

Yolanda

Castro

Nadja

Evans

Jane

Flores



Kay Fagundes





Angela Grant



Carter Hoff





Patricia Brown



Robert

Brown

Deisher

Heather

Falvo

Derrick



Frances Fenderson



Ron Hull







## Staff/Faculty



Alan Landers



Mario Maiato



Angela Miller



Kurt Miller



Paul Moore



John Peggy Ornelas Ochoa



Doug Rehak



Bill Smith



Rick Velez



Deanne Wagner



Tim Walker



Anne Webb



Jim Wood

Back in the day...





10. Kay Fagundes Patricia and Robert Brown

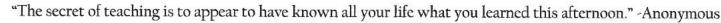
Amanda Derrick Angela Miller

Carter Hoff

Јори Осроя 4. Deanne Wagner

Elizabeth Anderson Anne Webb (and father)

L. Bill Smith (and sister)







Best Oscar Look: Mr. Hoff

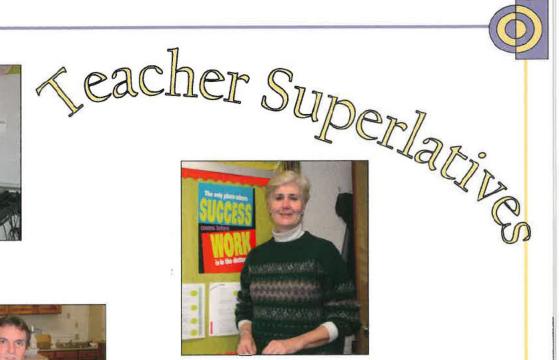


Best Set Designer: Mr. Hull



Best Musical Score: Ms. Fagundes

At Lajes our middle school teachers are all ready for action!!!!



Best Director: Ms. Fenderson

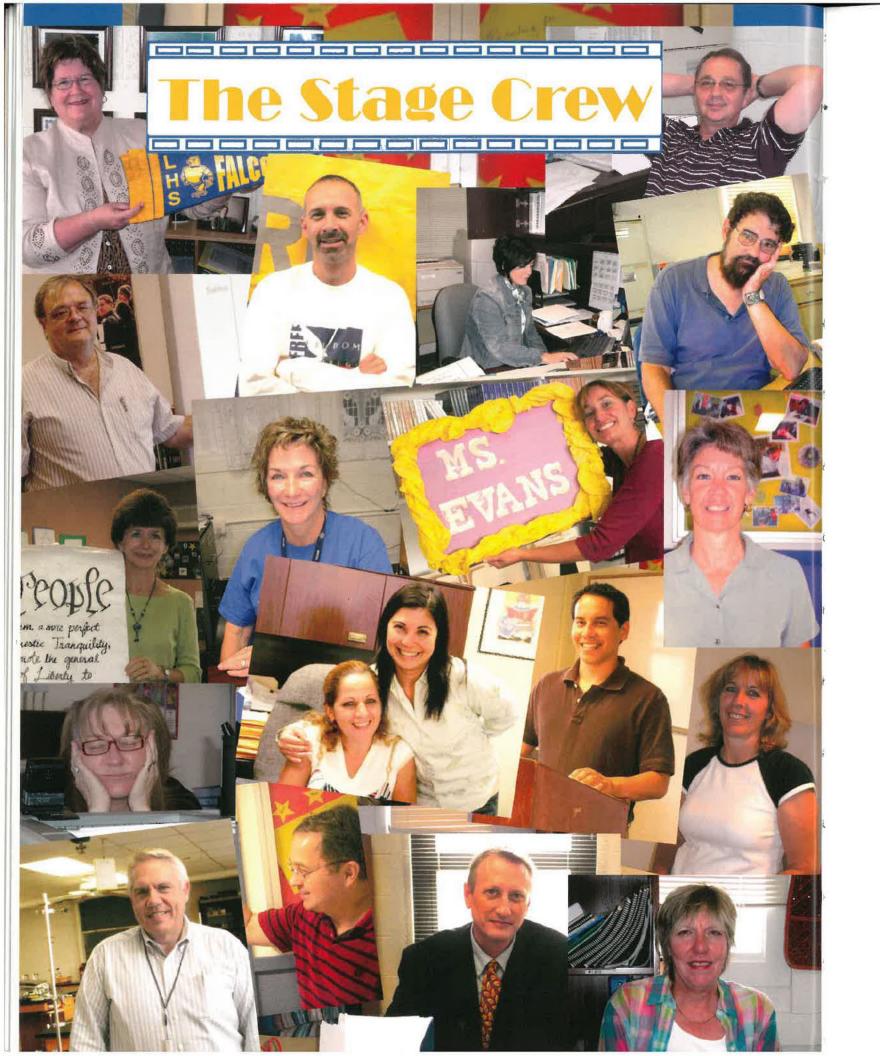


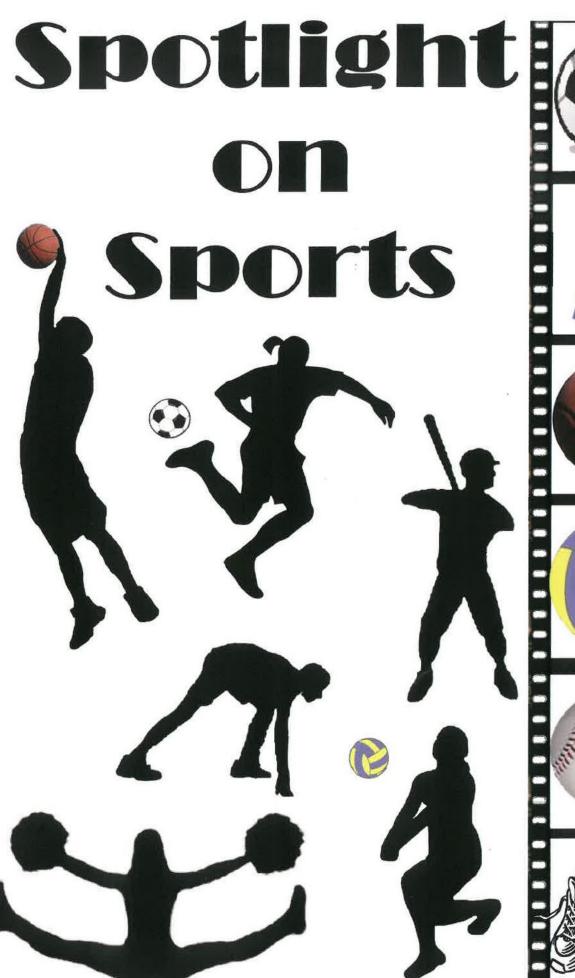
Most Likely to Work in Hollywood: Ms. Falvo



Best of Show: Ms. Webb









## Volleyball

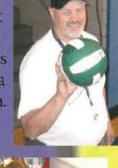


The team (above) going out on the town in Lisbon.



Coach Angie Miller (left) prepares the team for victory.

Coach Kurt Miller (right) looks forward to a great season.





Cassidy, Laura, and Larissa (above) study hard between games in Germany.

Laura, Larissa, and Meghan (below) make the best of the volleyball fundraiser.



Captains
Amy
Wagner
and
Meghan
McClain
(right)
are ready
to play.





Look out, Germany! The Lady Falcons (above) are prepared to win first place this year.

Part of the team (below) bonds in the hotel before the games in the morning.





These volleyball girls (above) scrubbed a variety of vehicles at the car wash.

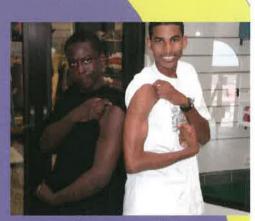
## Cross Country



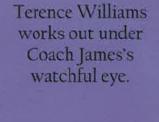
Mike James is rough, tough, and ready to be a cross country star.



Sarah Robertson, Macy Walker, Anne Briggs, Emily McClain, and Deanna Bruce make up the girls' cross country team.



Darryl James and Terence Williams show that they're ready for cross county.





After running for 30 minutes, Ryan Corpus poses for a picture.



Top Row: Coach James, Terence Williams, Row 2: Tory Taylor, Jarred Truesdell, Joel Marte, Josh Taylor, Row 3: Darryl James, Mike James, Mason Bowman, Ryan Corpus, Row 4: Gabriel Marte, Jeremy Wright, Daniel Callens, Michael Kush, Row 5: Sarah Robertson, Emily McClain, Macy Walker, Anne Briggs, and Deanna Bruce.

#### Girls' Basketball



Mercedes Prand shows off her ball-handling skills.

For Coach Wagner, every moment is a coaching moment.



Larissa Palmer attempts a steal.



Bottom Row: Brianna Williams Emily McClain Seirra Bowman Nicole Berry Larissa Palmer





Nicole Berry leads the Lady Falcons as they get low during a defensive drill.



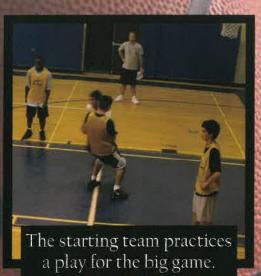
Goofballs, Amy and Alexa, show off their fly glasses.

Basketball doesn't build character. It reveals it.

#### Boys' Basketball

The guys line up in a stack as Taylor defends in front.





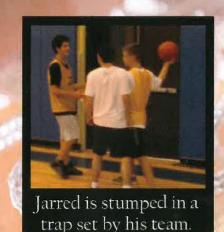
Mike goes up strong.

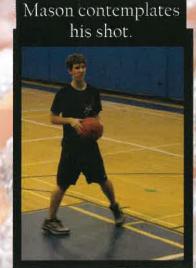


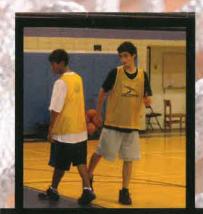


Top Row: Coach James, Nathan Beard, Dylan Brooks. Taylor Truesdell, Jarred Truesdell, Josh Taylor, Steven Davis, Coach Hoff

Bottom Row; Chris Soto, Mason Bowman, Mike James, Joel Marte, Ryan Corpus, Zac Funari, Darryl James, Daniel Callens, James Cole

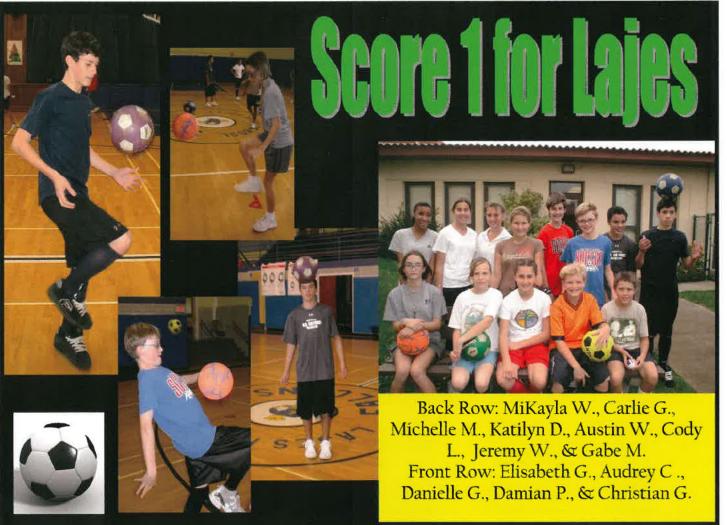


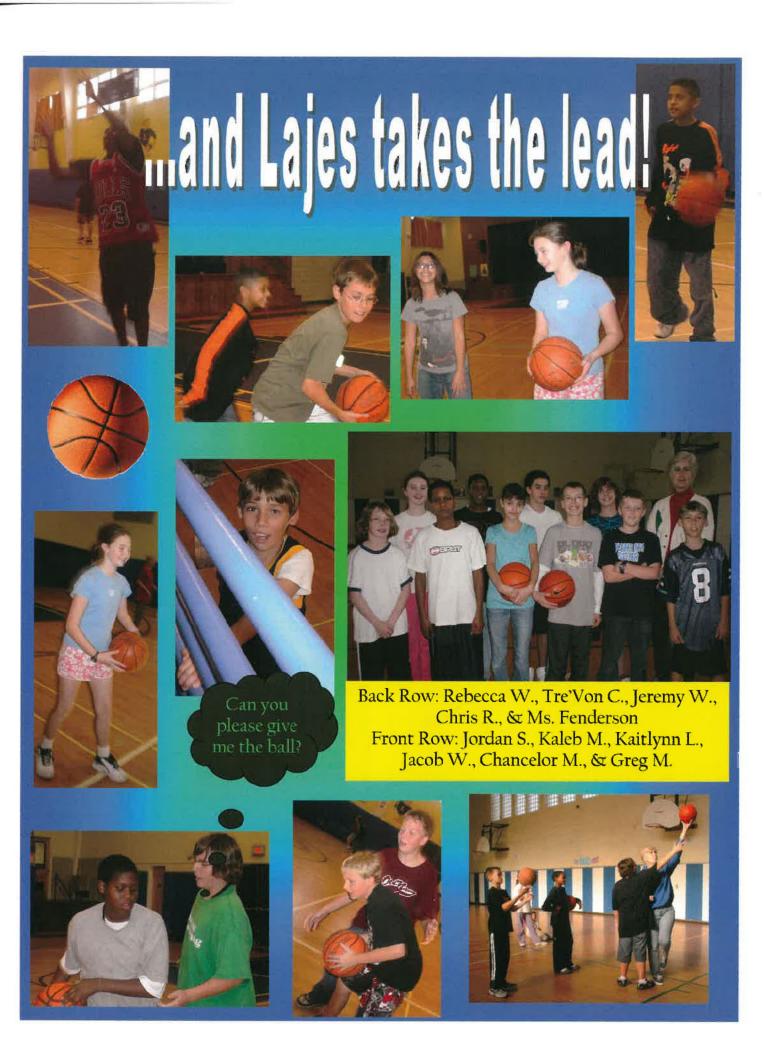




Ryan and Joel trade places in a deceiving play.







## Drospective Soccer



Top Row: Laura Goynes, Alexa McMonagle, Seirra Bowman, Emily McClain, Macy Walker, Anne Briggs, Brynne Coleman, Janel Thomas Bottom Row: Amy Wagner, Destinee Baucum, Jessica Hunt, Meghan McClain, Brittnee Jones, Nicole Berry, Erica Phillips





Top Row: James Cole, Mason Bowman, Joel Marte, Mike James, Jarred Truesdell, Garrett Bailey Bottom Row: Jack Collins, Jacob Beard, Nathan Beard, Dylan Brooks, Ryan Corpus

## SOFTBALL '07



Nathan Beard and Joel Marte wait for their turn to bat.

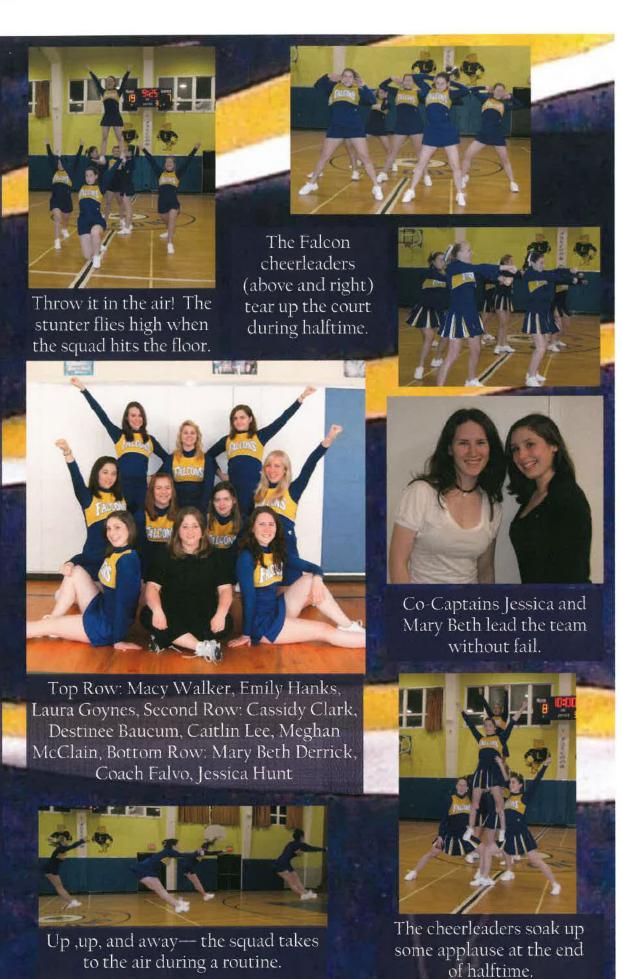


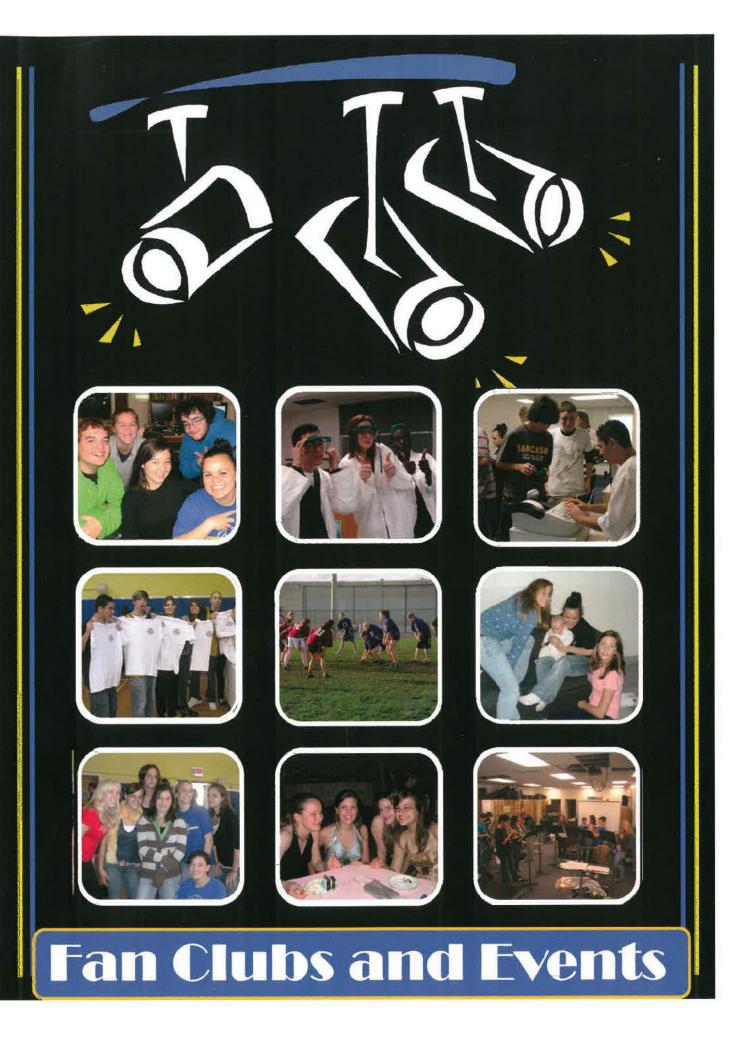
Out, out, out of the park! Joel Marte, Nathan Beard, and Krista Miller hit the ball out of the park.



Chelsea Nutting hits the ball while Krista Miller runs to catch it.

## E R G









#### Pep Rally



The cross country runners (above)
take a break from their busy
training schedule to enjoy the
pep rally.

The volleyball team (right) strikes a pose after being introduced in the pep rally. They went on to Germany to win fourth place.



Derrick

Bland

(left) serves the ball to Mr. Miller (right).



The middle school (above) starts a wave hoping the high school will continue it.

During the pep rally, the teachers battled the students in a game of volleyball. The student council selected team members from seventh through twelfth grade. Both teams played an excellent game, but in the end the teachers won.



President Larissa
Palmer and
Secretary
Michael
Lehman (right)
wait on the
sidelines to
work the
scoreboard for
the volleyball
game.



#### Spirit Week



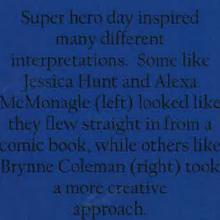
Don't look so surprised, Laura. You and Amy did agree to be twins after all.



Lajes students Laura Goynes, Larissa Palmer, Amy Wagner, and Brynne Coleman certainly are mix-matched on Monday morning.



The high school
(right) was
drenched in blue
and gold for
Friday's pep rally.









Anne Briggs moves in to take out the quarterback.



It's anybody's ball, but it looks like Amy Wagner may get there first.



In the end the upper classmen were victorious, but the lower classmen were good sports.



Alexa runs for a touchdown, closely guarded by Janel.



Both teams ran until the last second to win the game.



Way to guard, Megan! That's the way to rack up the points.



Dari, are you alone? Hardly. Everyone just made another run to the buffet table.



The Cha-Cha Slicle is a must for every dance.



Larissa Palmer gives the buffet a thumbs-up of approval.



Brittnee Jones and Deanna Bruce tear

themselves away from dancing

James Cole breaks it down on the dance floor.



Emily McClain and Brynne Coleman look like they're having fun at homecoming.



Zac Funari and Chelsea Nutting are just one of the couples who showed up to celebrate homecoming.

# Middle School Dance



Ryan bustin' a move!

little pep

talk!

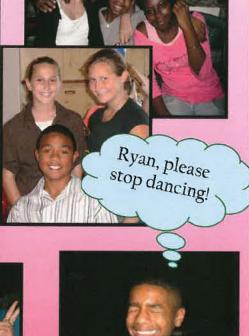








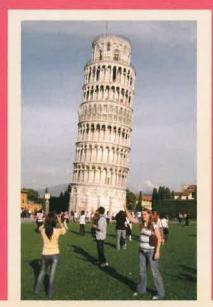




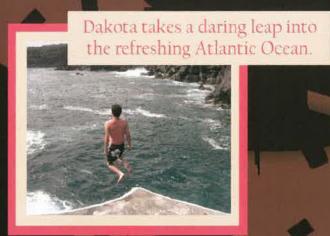




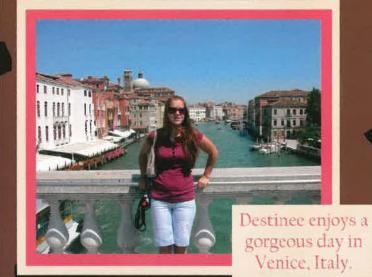
# **Exotic Vacations**



Laura easily props up the Leaning Tower, making it seem like a "Pisa cake,"

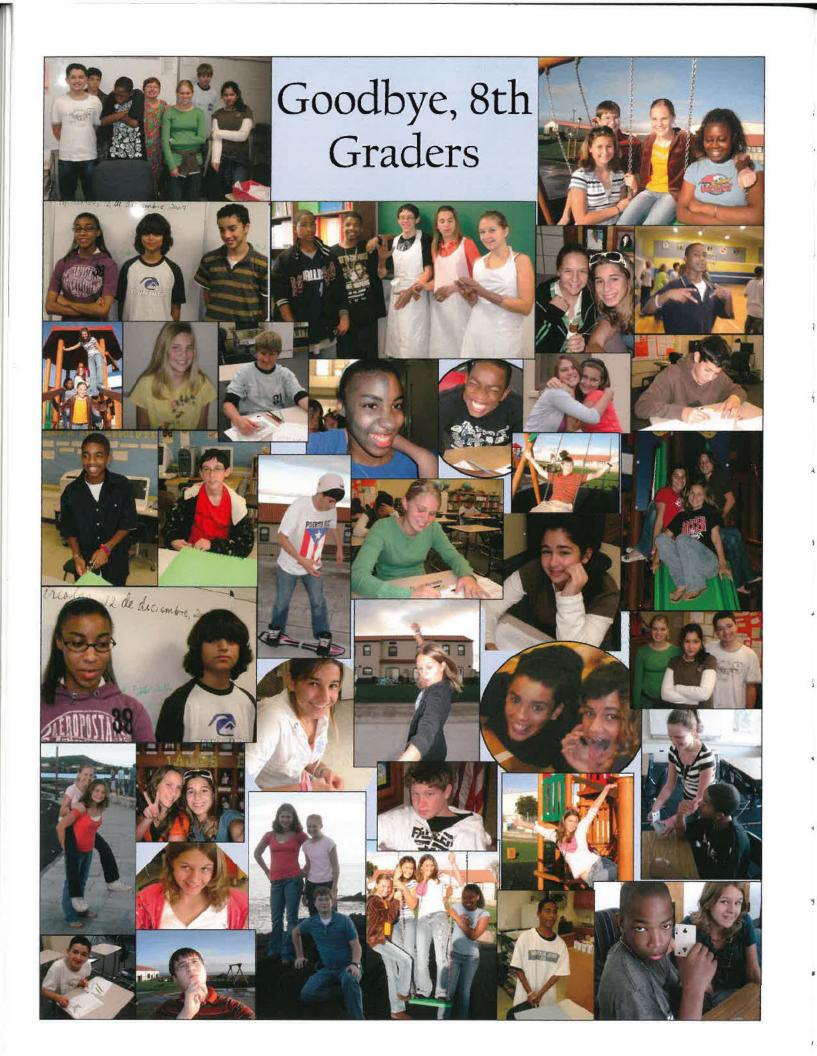


Athens, Greece, paints a stunning background as Meghan pauses to take a picture.





Mary Beth finds her knight in shining armor at the Alnwick Castle in Northern England.



Middle School Activities





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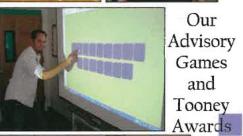
















Everyone works together. Our events are where we work together and have fun.





Our Word Day Our Thanksgiving Feast

### Your Lajes Middle School Paparazzi



Around the Island: Porto Martins (Left) Praia da Vitoria (Right)

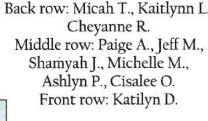








Back row: Micah T., Kaitlynn L.







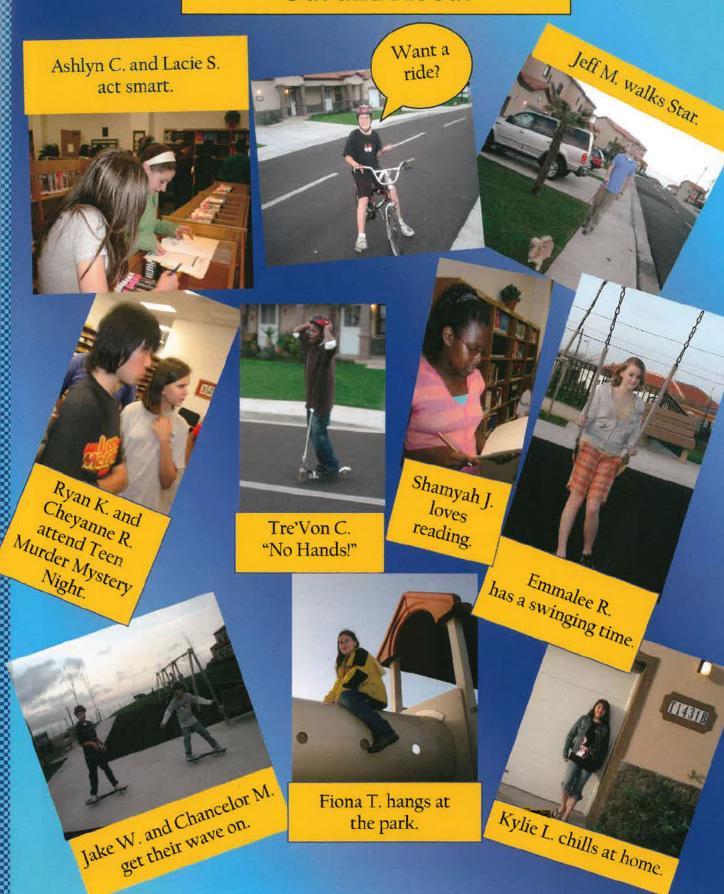




Praia da Vitoria (Above), Porto Martins Swimming Hole (Below)



### Middle School Students Out and About



### Around the Island























S. SEBASTIÃO





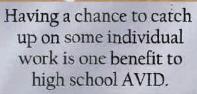










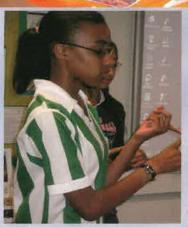


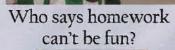


Daniel and Dari are close to finishing their project.



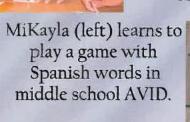
Directions are part of every class... AVID included.

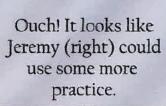


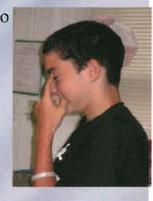




to provide answers.









The class is always eager Ms. Ching's sixth graders take a moment to pose for the camera.

## Science Symposium

Ashlyn and MiKayla cooperate to find an explanation.



Students have an in-depth discussion about science.



Toni Flowers concentrates on the task at hand.



# **Outdoor Education**





Kaleb has a "shoulder to lean on" as he places the pen as far as possible.

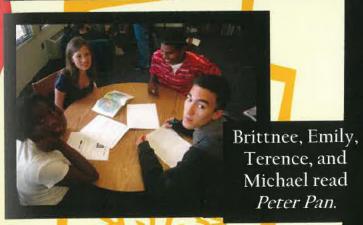
Everyone listens intently as Mr. Hoff explains the instructions.

Austin and Tory work together to win the game.





### Drama



Larissa and Alexa are EXCITED about reading their fairy tale.

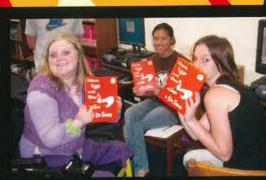




The drama class strikes its best poses.

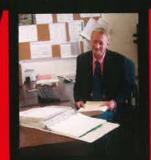


Terence Williams studies hard.



"I do not like green eggs and ham..."

Mr. Rehak is dedicated to making this year the best.





Laura (above) encourages eager 3rd graders.



Students discuss the importance of an education.





Robert (above) observes as a student performs an experiment.



Vis. Ching (above), the sponsor, gives insight into what teaching entails.



Organizational skills are key to teaching success.



3rd graders love to discover new things with the high school students.



Mr. Hoff (above). the sponsor. feverishly racks his brain.



Kaleb (above) exercises his brain.





Students love the satisfaction of solving a difficult problem.



Jeffrey Maler, Kaleb Mitchell, Eluc Palmer, James Gretta, Jan Ginnaty, Austin Wagner, Jasmynne Flores



From left to right: Mr. Hoff.



# Logic Club,



lan (left) tries to cipher a very difficult cryptogram after just learning how to solve them.



Mercedes faces off with Ms. Ornelas (above) in an intense game of backgammon and decides to show her a thing or twol



Ms.Ornelas. (below) the

sponsor of the

Logic Club, not

only likes to teach

the logic puzzles.

but she does them

herselft

The logical thinkers of the school are Mercedes Prand, Kyle Ginnaty, Ian Ginnaty, and John Webb (left).





Noah and Austin battle it out in the intense game of Othello.



The group takes a respite to pose with their favorite games.



Ms. Ching, the sponsor, exclaims, "Games Club is awesome!" and welcomes all students.







# Pic

Zac Funari (above) listens intently while research topics are assigned.



# MUSS



Clockwise from Left: MUSS sponsor, Mr. Walker, and members Zac Funari, Andrew Lambert, Anne Briggs, and Chelsea Nutting

Andrew Lambert (left) awaits his turn to discuss current political affairs.



Anne Briggs (above) reviews her notes before presenting.



Chelsea Nutting (above) expresses her views on various U.S. and foreign relationships.



The newly trained Student-2-Student group is ready to put its plan into action.





We help you:

- · find your way,
- · develop relationships,
- know your academic requirements.



The team (above) graduates from the rigorous 3-day Student 2 Student training program in Heidelberg.



Jarred (above right) steps up to welcome DeSean Williams.

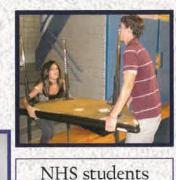
# NHS/NJHS



Students (above) are always ready to assist the teachers.



The officers lead the group in a discussion of the year ahead.



(above) rearrange furniture to accommodate the parent -teacher conferences.



President: Meghan McClain



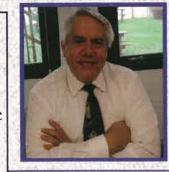
Vice President: Amy Wagner



Secretary: Laura Goynes



Jessica Hunt (left)
thinks, "NHS is a
great way for high
school students to
feel connected to the
community. I love
that I can participate in such a
dedicated group."



Mr. Brown (above), the sponsor of NHS, is very dedicated!



Treasurer: Mercedes Prand



STUDENT 2 STUDENT

### Lights, camera, action!





Steven Miller listens intently while Mr. Landers explains proper shooting



"If the camera truly likes the tripod, they will connect," says Dari Vermilyea. Very insightful tip, Dari! For their first assignment, Mr. Landers's video students found themselves learning the basics: how to assemble a camera.



Jamie Shipman (above) is determined to have her camera working in tip-top shape!



Jessica Hunt adjusts a tripod while Zach Funari supervises.



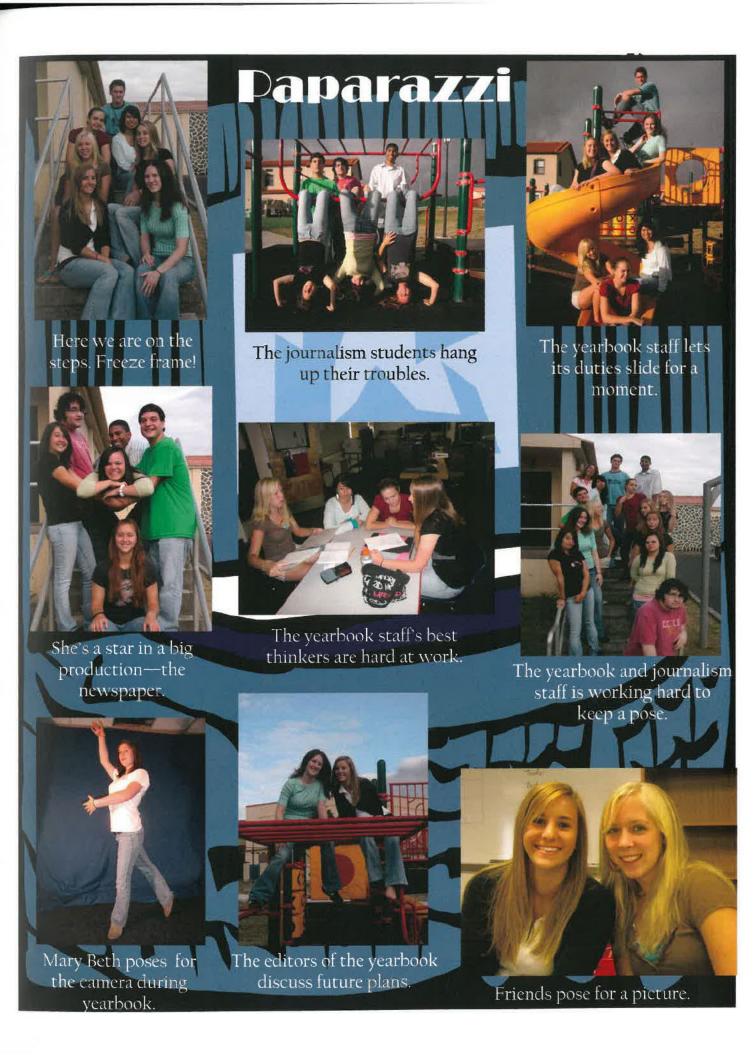


Mr. Landers directs a music video starring Dylan Brooks.



So how's the filming coming along? "I think it's broken," Janel Thompson says.

Oops, sorry we asked!







Caitlin Lee and Dari Vermilyea are practicing the music they will play with the rest of the class.



"Are you sure this is what we're supposed to be playing?"



Sarah Schendel and Cisalee Oldham practice during a break.



Meghan McClain and Jamie Shipman (above) complement each other well.

Mark Shipman and Nicole Berry (right) practice fingerings on the sax.





Joel Marte and Gabe Marte demonstrate their skills on brass.





These students know practicing individually is the key to success in beginning band.





Many students in Mr. Landers's

the field of music. In this class,

concepts of music to more

complex lessons, specific to

their individual instruments.

Beginning band is the first step



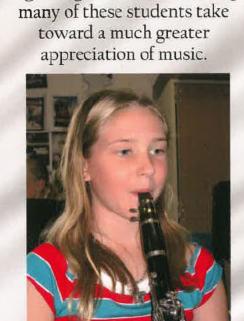
The clarinets know playing together is the best way to develop a good sound.



Mr. Landers shows fingerings to the trumpet players.



These students take a minute to review their music during a break.



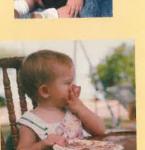
Mikayla Kennell practices with the rest of the class.

### Who's That Baby Falcon?





















From left to right: (First Row) Larissa Palmer, Robert DeMelo, Nathan Beard, (Second Row) Alexa McMonagle, Kristiana Miller, Cameron Oldham (Third Row) Jessica Hunt, Michael Lehman, Janel Thomas (Fourth Row) Christian Soto, Tatiana Slater, Seirra Bowman

Attending a
military school,
the
seniors at
Lajes
American School
have lived
in many diverse
places,
including ...

- Yakota AB, Japan
- Vandenberg AFB, CA
- Dover AFB,
   DE
- Upper Heyford AB, UK
- Incirlik AB, Turkey
- Landstuhl, Germany
- Aviano AB, Italy
- Hickam AFB, Hawaii
- Tyndall AFB, Florida
- Laughlin AFB, Texas
- Ramstein AB, Germany

Believe in yourself. You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you stop to look fear in the face...You must do that which you think you cannot do."

Eleanor Roosevelt





Find the courage to sacrifice what you are for what you could become.



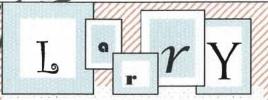
Dear Larissa



I just want to let you know that you have made this year unforgettable. I don't know what I will do every day next year without your smile or our jokes to get me through the day. You have been there for me through so much, and you were always the one to brighten up the worst of my days. You are the kind of person that everyone wants to be around because you can always find a way to have fun anywhere. I wish you the best of luck throughout college, and I know you will do well. Don't ever forget the good times we had and all of your Lajes homies.

Love Always,





I LOVE YOU! You are my little ball of fun, and you can always make my day. It's amazing how you bring me up when I'm feeling down. I really liked the green star stickers you gave me that one day. I love hanging out with you because you're just so awesomely fun to be around. I'm so glad I met you this year and got the chance to be your friend.

> Luv ya lots, Chelsea Nutting

















So I don't even know where to start with you, Midget. I guess I'll start way back in July of 2006 at the wonderful post office. You were lonely with no friends and I definitely ad no friends cause I just moved to Lashes Fashes [makes me \*dam\* nauseous]. So then we definitely became homies. Remember, we weren't gonna make any other friends cause we were too cool: [] Then I was dumb and went out with that skunk kid and left you a little bit. But it was all good in the hood cause at Bball Europeans, we definitely won that game! Haha Me, you, and Seirra had the BEST room ever pretty much. Smelled extreme bad by the end of the week, but it was still way awesome. I mean, how many people can seriously spit out a gummy bear and hit a lamp post? Not many, I know. :[] Then it was seccer season and your big head didn't even play. But after that, school was pretty much out, making you a BIG SENIOR! Scary thought, lemme tell you what. ;] haha Oh man, so then this summer when we took the same hop to los estados unidos with me and you and Fortson. And remember at bagage claim, we were all like "OH MAN! LOOK AT THAT "Nice Looking" AMERICAN BOY!" haha Oh yeah, member in the middle of the summer, that lovely myspace message Seirra got and then I got? It was just 50 friendly. I just love my friends cause we're definitely the coolest and we rule the world. [] If you know what I mean hah When we got back, everyone was just chillin' and I went to England to see...you know who :]] But when I got back, we started hanging out with all the new folk and now, we got this year and then you graduate and go to Tennessee and I'm definitely moving to Italy...or Germany...or Australia...or Japan...ok, just not America. :|| But this year has been pretty fun so far with all our fun times at Girls Night Out in Homecoming in food in volleyball in birthday parties in so much more! I'll never forget you, Midge, so don't you ever forget me k? I love you, Larry!!

NICOLE-TAURUS FOREVER!:]]













Wow! What a year it's been, and I can't believe you're graduating alreadyl Even though you're sadly leaving us, I know there are some really lucky people out there that will get to meet you. You are amazing and one of the most genuing, funloving, and wonderful people I've ever met. and I'm just so glad that we became such good friends! We've had so many fun times and made so many memories in only a year, and I look forward to continuing our friendship past high school. Whatever you decide to do after leaving Lajes. I know you're going to be the best, and I'll be keeping my eye out for you on the news! I want to wish you my best wishes and all the luck in the world. Enjoy life outside of this rock called Teregira, but also don't forget about ust I will always be here for you. Remember I'm only one phone call or plane ride bove always.





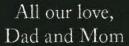






### Seirra,

We love you and are so proud of you. We have watched you grow from a little girl who loves Winnie the Pooh and N\*SYNC to a beautiful young lady who loves her family (yes, even Mason and Dallas). The house will be quiet without you next year, but we know you're ready. May God bless you and keep you!!

















### Seirra,

Words cannot describe how very proud I am of you. Your life is just begining. Let your next stage in it be your greatest accomplishment, and always remember- I will love you forever.

> To the moon and back, Mom







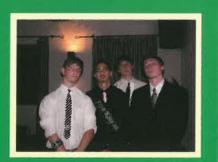




# Zac Funari











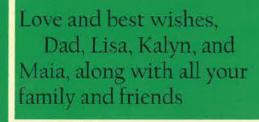




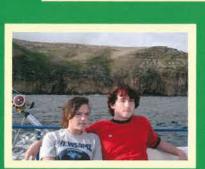




We are so proud of what you have accomplished in your life so far. You have excelled in academics, but also as a son, brother, friend, and so much more. We could not have asked anything more of you, and we can not wait to see what the future holds for you.













### Dear Jessica,

One day a little girl looked at a school playground which was full of children and asked her mother if she could go play with the kids. It would be more than a year before she said "bye, Mommy" and without looking back hurried into her first classroom. Thirteen years later, we remember the wonderful qualities you carried into your first classroom.

When you went through the door that first day, you took with you the ability to observe and question. While teachers thought you were quietly working, you were actually taking note of all that was said and everything that happened. When you

arrived home, you would recount each event along with your analysis of the results or consequences.

Within you are a determination and the persistence to succeed. In first, grade, you discovered your friend Kevin could read. You made it a personal goal to be the best reader in the class before the year ended. Within weeks you were in the top reading group. Your greatest fear of junior high was that you would be late for class because you were unable to open a combination lock. You practiced opening your new lock until you could open it on the first try, and then you went off to school as a confident seventh grader.

Even as a child you had the ability to "read" and empathize with people. In elementary school, teachers would ask you to help your classmates. Informal leadership of your seventh grade science class table earned you the nickname of "Grandma." And you have continued to grow as a leader in class, ROTC, school activities and organizational leadership positions.

Jessica, you also entered that first classroom with a wonderful sense of humor. We love your "Hunt" humor with the comic impressions, play on words and imaginatively recreated comic scenes.

Within you are all these wonderful gifts. So Jessica, get your socks on straight and tie your shoes, because your best is yet to come.

We love you, Mom and Dad













Dear Christian,

June 2008



As you graduate from high school and are now considered an adult, your parents and brother and sister want to wish you all the best as you begin a new chapter

Behind you are the days, where as a young boy...you started to talk and take your first steps, then started to inquire about your home surroundings, then started school to learn to read and write and started to learn about having good manners and what home chores were.

Then, as a young teenager...you continued with learning about what is right and wrong, learning the value of family and friends and learning about the value of money and having responsibility.

Now, as a young adult, you will continue learning about life, about the need to forge your own path, and about the need to be true to your principles and your values. The

way ahead will not be easy and life will test you at every turn you take. However, have no fear as your recent high school studies, your family and our God will always show you

Best wishes again in all your future endeavors! As you transition from high school towards college in San Diego, California, pursue your dream of becoming an Air Force Pilot; cherish your friends and memories at Brook Point H.S. in Virginia and Laies American H.S. in Portugal--as undoubtedly, you will soon find them to be your best vears ever!

Con el cariño y amor de siempre...tu familia que te quiere.



Thank you for encouraging us to come to the beautiful island of Terceira. What an adventure we have had living here! We have experienced, and now have unforgettable memories of farm life (with pigs, chickens, goats, ducks, rabbits, horses, and donkeys), fishing, spear fishing, snorkeling, scuba diving, four-wheeling, jet skiing, motorcycle riding, kite flying, wakeboarding, hiking, caving, rappelling, horse riding, swimming, boogie boarding, camping, bullfights, beach bon fires, movie nights, and festivals.

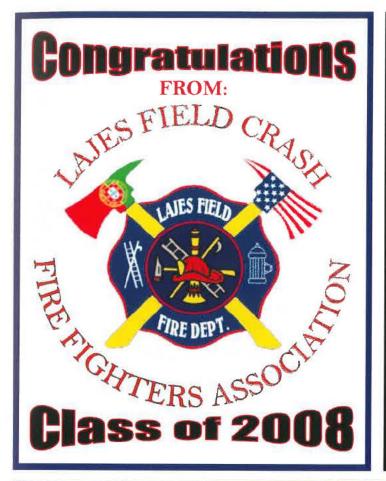
You have definitely had unique job experiences here: farmer (to include animal obstetrics), Toltest, and horse trainer.

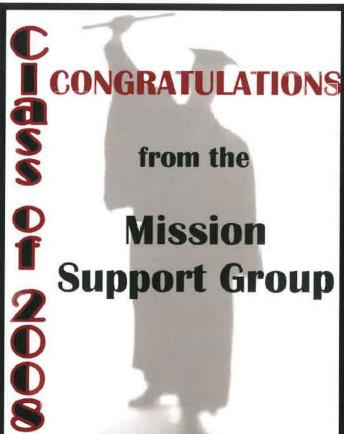
You have become an incredible young man. You are so adventurous, energetic, smart, and fun. You have learned how to work hard and play hard. We are truly grateful and honored to have you in our family.

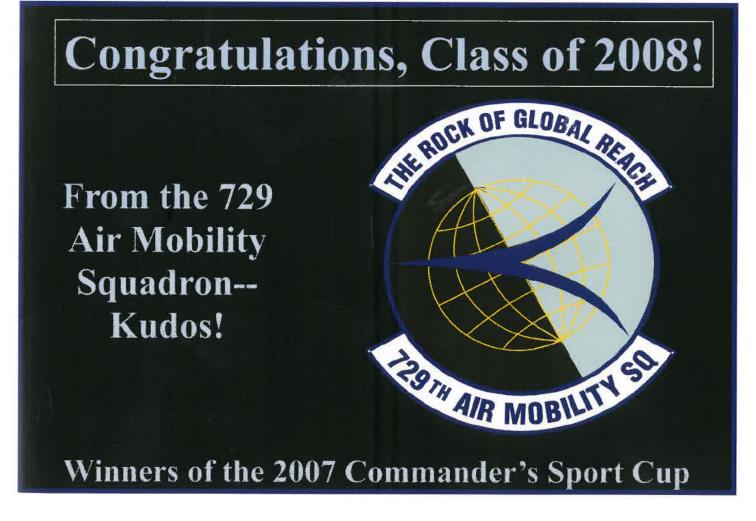
We have certainly all learned, grown, and become better people having lived here.

Mom & Dad





















In recognition of the Lajes American School class of 2008.





The Lajes First Sergeant Council would like to congratulate the senior class of 2008.

















The 65th Operations Support Squadron

would like to congratulate you on your momentous achievement and wish you the best of luck in the years to come.



"In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins- not through strength but by perseverance." H. Jackson Brown

What would you attempt to do if you knew you would not fail? - Robert Schuller

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"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."

Eddie Robinson



# FROM THE LAJES PTO

It is wise to keep in mind that neither success nor failure is ever final. Roger Bobson "Every worthwhile accomplishment, big or little, has its stages of drudgery and triumph; a beginning, a struggle and a victory." Chandi

Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty eads and empty hearts can do that." Norman Vincen

# The Civil Engineer Squadron



would like to wish the **Class of 2008** the best of luck with all their future endeavors.

# Congratulations, Seniors, From 65th Security Forces Squadron



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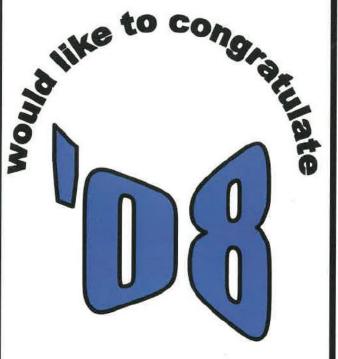
Congratulations on all you have accomplished over the years.



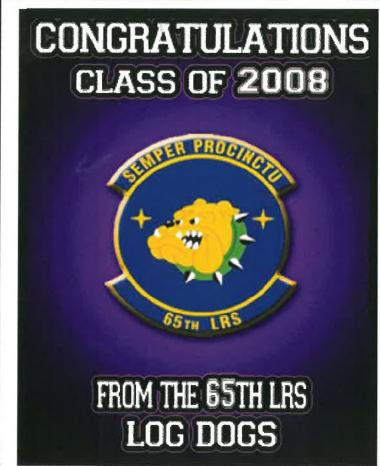
We wish you good luck in everything that you strive for in the future.

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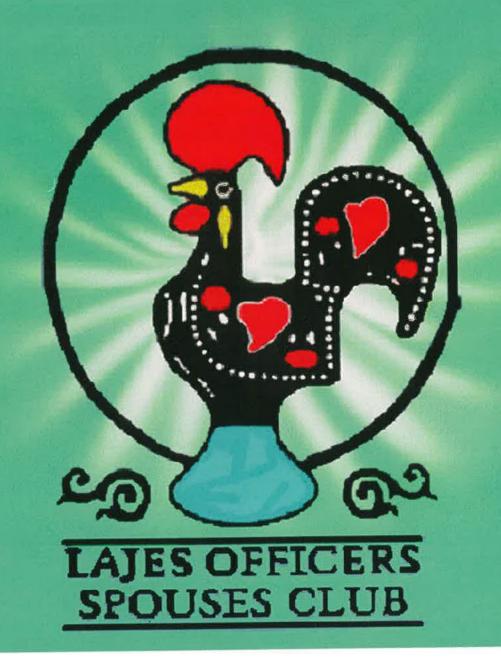


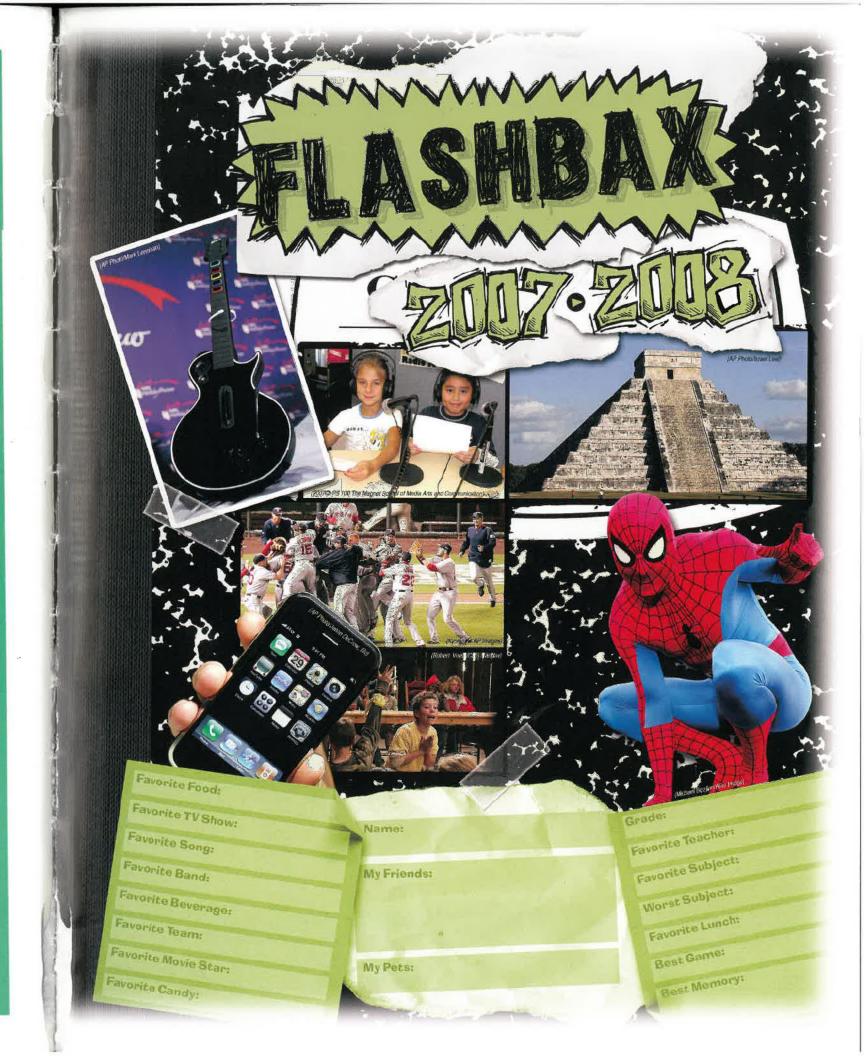
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The Officers Spouses Club is proud of your accomplishments.

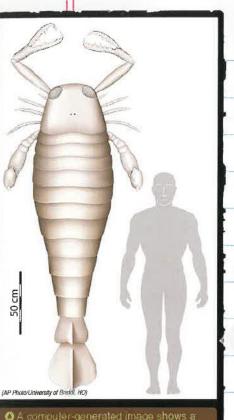
Congratulations, Seniors, and good luck next year!



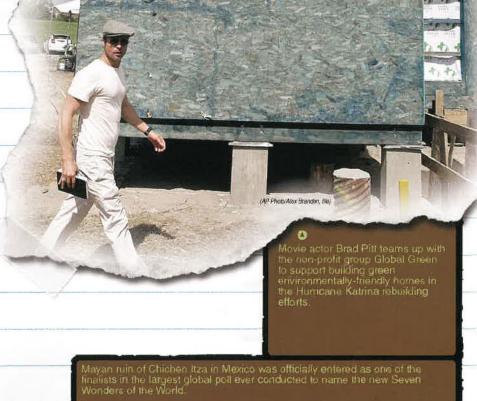








A compuler-generated image shows a size comparison between a human and an ancient sea scorpion fossil found in Germany. The fossil was once 8 feet long, making it the biggest bug ever known to have existed.











Students at PS 100
The Magnet School of Media Arts and Communication in Brooklyn, NY proudly produce their school newspaper called The Centurion and their own radio show called WMAC.

When your school does something it is proud of, give School Annual a call so we can feature your success in our Flashbax® - Get Into It!™.





G.S. 187 in Brooklyn, NY is not only proud of math teacher Grace Anne Menella's work in the classroom, but also her dedication to raising money for cancer research. Menella, a colon cancer survivor, fundraises by running marathons and working with students after school making beaded bracelets. I.S. 187 and Menella have raised over \$325,000.

(2007@ Liberty Christian Academy)

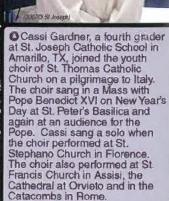


OBlessed Mother Teresa School in Dorchester (Boston), MA is very proud of their Red Sox. We have Red Sox spirit days, attend games, and cheer them throughout the playoffs. We were seen on the news for our Red Sox Nation spirit when they were going to play in the 2007 World Series, the entire school posed in a "Go Sox!" message sent to the Red Sox.

Shawnta Martin and



Amber Williams from
Liberty Christian
Academy in Moulton, AL
competed at the regional
Accelerated Christian
Education competition in
the state of KY.
Competing against 300
students, each girl vied in
the academic area of art,
photography and speech.
Shawnta received 3
metals and Amber won 9.
Amber went on to the
International competition
in AZ where she won 4
metals and challenged 40
states and 19 different





Children at Barrett
Elementary School in
Morgan Hill, CA really enjoy
the spirit of Halloween.
The principal at Barrett
Elementary makes certain
that every student has a
costume to wear whether
she purchases them,
receives donations or
makes them herself.

OTogether, Father Frank
Colacicco of St Isidore School
and Orphanages run by Nuestroa
Pequenos Hermanos made it
possible for students at St Isidore
School in Danville, CA to meet with the
orphans they had been supporting in
Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and
Guatemala on October 26, 2007.



Ghost Catholic School in



© Pat Bertini, 1st grade teacher at Washington Street School in Franklin Square, NY won a \$5000 grant from Lowe's Toolbox in Education. Gardens were formed and a fountain and picnic tables were added for teachers and student to enjoy.



OThe Trendsetters Program in Kyrene de las Lomas in Phoenix, AZ is a community based after school program for 4th and 5th grade students. This program teaches the children the value of giving back to the community, bein kid of character, learning teamwork, and helping other On Saturday, Oct. 27th, the Trendsetter group hosted a carwesh to raise money to help support community projects and raise money for the Trendsetter program.

N.H. SNAK is a backpack filled with healthy snacks to help teachers teach nutrition.

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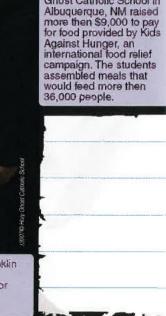
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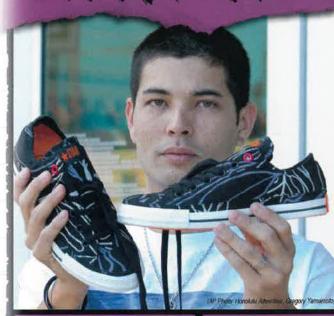
Raya Al-Hashani and Amy Kennedy, two students at the Great Bay E-Learning Charter School in Exeter, NH developed a new nutrition product called N.H. SNAK, Implemented

into the classroom in the fall of 2007.

Students from Charles W. Barrett
Elementary School in Los Angeles, CA are proud
of Dr. Veronica Brown, their Principal. Dr. Brown,
the author of Crazy for Cutie Berry, recently
published her second book of the Cutie Berry &
Friends series entitled Cutie Berry & Friends Visit
New York City. Students pose with the published
author from their school.



# FASHION

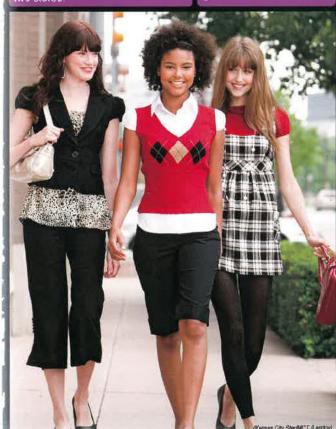


▲ lan Ginoza teamed up with Converse to create a special sneaker to help raise money to fight AIDS in Africa. The project's Kicks/HI sneakers are covered in stylized breadfruit tree leaves over a black background and will only be found at Ginoza's two stores.

Preppy looks such as argyle sweaters, polo shirts, knee length shorts and miles of plaid were a high priority in back to school fashion.

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VITAMIN WATER



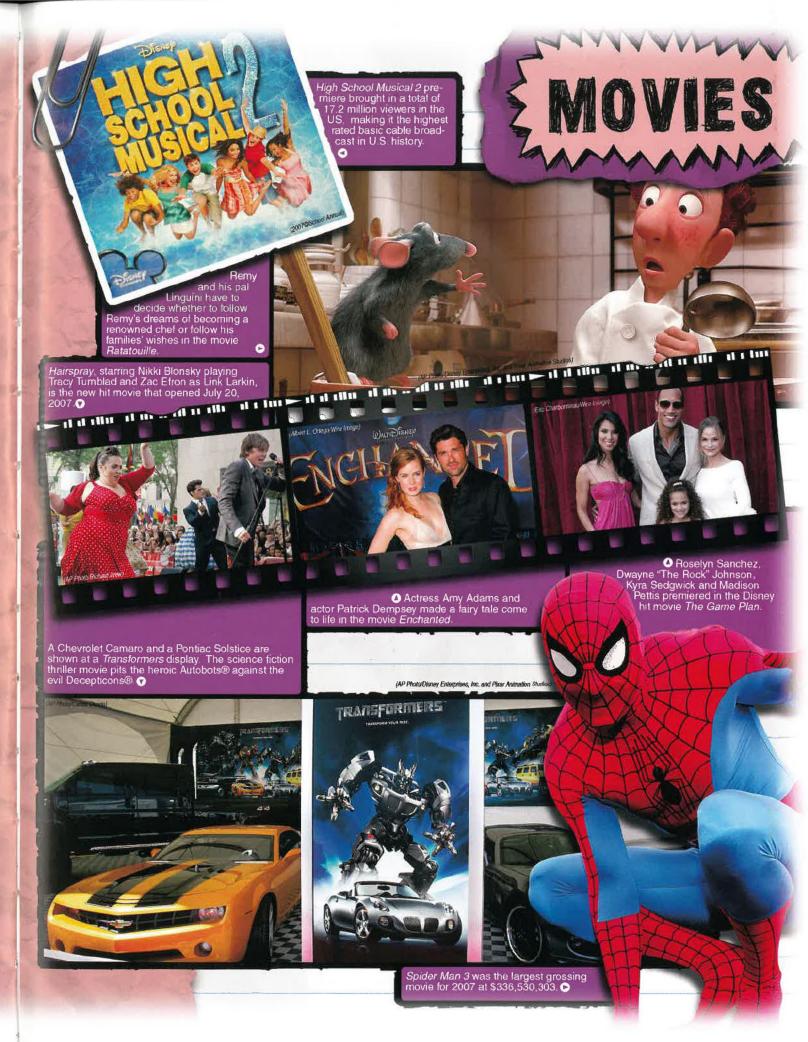


Fun graphic tees are everywhere in today's department stores. From "going green" to "superheroes" you can find just about any message to promote

your style.

"Essential",
"Multi-V" and "Defense" are just a few of the flavors of GLACEAU vitamin water. This new generation in water just made drinking your 8 daily glasses

of water easier.









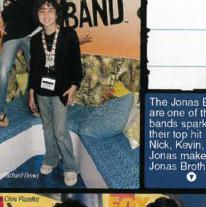
Nat and Alex Wolff of the Naked Brothers Band launched their new album in October of 2007. This CD includes their pop hit "Crazy

Taylor Swift won the 2007 CMA Horizon Award Swift is known for her hit songs "Tim McGraw" and "Teardrops On My Guitar" both off her album *Taylor Swift*. ♥

Rihanna's top hit 'Umbrella" won the MTV Monster single of the year for 2007.







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The Jonas Brothers are one of the hottest bands sparked by their top hit "SOS." Nick, Kevin, and Joe Jonas make up the Jonas Brothers



Aly and AJ Michalka, the pop music duo, released their second album Insomniatic in 2007.

The new Apple iPhone launched to June 29, 2007 at the retail price of \$599. Later in September Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs
apologized and
offered a \$100 credit
to people who shelled out
up to \$599 in the summer and were burned when the company chopped \$200 from the expensive model's price.

# SPORTS

Sox players celebrate October 28. 2007 after defeating the Colorado game 4 of the best of seven World





elebrate win against Tokyo Japan, and win the World Championship Game of the 2007 Little League World Series August

26, 2007.

 Nascar drivers pose on top of the Hard Rock Cafe marquee after completing their
"Victory Lap" around
the streets of Times
Square in New York on
November 28, 2007.



ose for a team picture as they win the Stanley Cup in game five of the NHL Stanley Cup hockey finals in Anaheim, June 6, 2007.



rena Ochoa of Mexico, received the 2007

male AP Athlete of the Year Award.

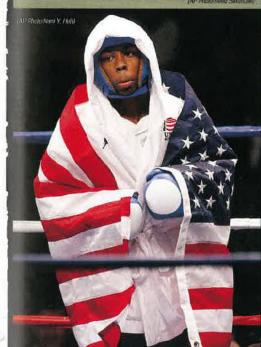
Raushee Warren walks in the ring before match against Samir Mammadov in the World Boxing Championships, November 2, 2007 Warren won 26-13.



♠ Roger Federer hits a winner against Andy Roddick to get to match point when he played in the men's final at the US Open tennis tournament in New York, September 10.

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, received the 2007 Male AP Athlete of the Year Award.

San Antonio Spurs Tony Parker holds the MVP trophy after the Spurs win their fourth NBA Championship, June 14, 2007



Justine 🕞 Belgium wins the women's finals at the US Open tennis ournament September 8. 2007, making it her second U.S. Open title.

◆ Los Angeles Galaxy's David Beckham kicks the ball during a soccer training session at BC Place Stadium in Vancouver, British Columbia, November 6, 2007.



Florida quarterback Tim Tebow holds up the Heisman Trophy after

winning the award. Tebow is the first sophomore to win the award.

