

## The Echo Volume 65

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Vassar Public Schools District Mission Statement "Inspire Future Excellence._Learn, Achieve, Succeed."


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# 66 School Board and Administration 



Vassar Public School's School Board, front row I-r: Kirk VanWormer, Jill Baase, Roger Bacon; back row I-r: Jeff Fackler, Ben Guile, Russ Hubbard, and Mike Kennard.

left: Mr. Wojno, 7-12
Principal
right: Mrs. Dewey, Federal Programs Director/Data Coordinator


District Mission Statement
Vassar Public Schools will use best practices to promote excellence for all students in a safe, dynamic and supportive environment.

Vassar High School Mission Statement: The community of Vassar High School will inspire and assist students through a diverse and challenging education to become innovative and responsible citizens in a changing world.

# 66Faculty and 

 StaffMr. Baker Mr . Baldwin Mr. Chelekis Mrs. Darling Ms. Eilers Mr . Gleeson

Mrs. Gokey Mrs. Hershberger Mrs. Hubbard Mr. Hurd

Mrs. Kukulski Mr. Lasceski Mrs. Piazza Mrs. Piske

Ms. Reszke Mrs. Richardson Ms. Spaulding Mrs. Stacer Mrs. Steele Mrs Strauss

Mr . Tallman Ms. Tocco Mr. Trisch

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| Mrs. Brinkman | Mr. Joseph |
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| Mr. Cassidy | Mr. Kiss |
| Ms. Coons | Mr. Leveille |
| Ms. Dick | Mrs. Torrez |
| Mr. Grysho | Mr. Whitney |


above: Mrs. Hershberger and Mrs. Strauss all dressed up for 80 s day.

## Seniors



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Abbey Amend
NHS, Student Council, Basketball, Softball, Volleyball-Team Captain, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter

"110 \%..."

Jennifer Anderson
SADD-VP, Student CouncilTreasurer, Photography ClubPresident, Volleyball, Academic Letter, Varsity Band Letter, Choir, Honors Choir, Color Guard, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Solo/ Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Newspaper Staff-Editor, Tech Center-Early Childhood Development, Prom Committee, Yearbook Staff, Relay For Life Team Captain "Know God, Know Life. No God, No Life."


Rebecca Aymer
Bood Club, SADD, Varsity Band Letter, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Solo/Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Art Club


## Emily Araynos

NHS, SADD, Spanish
Club, Basketball-Team Captain, MVP, 1st Team All-Conference, Softball, Academic Letter, Top Ten, Varsity Letter, Cap/ Gown Committee, Ice Fest Court


## Katie Bauer

Book Club- President, Drama Club, Art Club, Academic Letter, Fall Musical, Spring Play

Jessica Armstrong


## Kayla Bell

Book Club, Drama
Club, SADD, Thespians, Cheerleading-Team Captain, Varsity Letter, Choir, Fall Musical, Tech Center-Graphic Communications, Spring Play
"All things are hard before they come easy."

## Kayla Bender

Book Club, Art ClubPresident, Softball, Academic Letter, Varsity Band Letter, Choir, Jazz Band, Marching

Band, Symphonic Band, Newspaper Staff, Yearbook Staff
"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what is within us."


Shelby Buck
Skills USA-States, Tech Center Graphic Communications, Finals 3rd Place

Maxwell Bender
History Club-President, NHS, YIG-President, Football, History Team. Academic Letter, Top Ten, Varsity Letter, Varsity Band Letter, Choir, Honors Choir, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Cap/Gown Committee, Class Officer-Secretary, Homecoming Court,
"Left is wrong, I am right."


Chelsea Bukach
Track, Volleyball, Academic Letter, Choir
"Whether I fail or succeed shall be no man's doing but my own."

Ian Bradley NHS, YIG-Vice President, Football, Wrestling-Team
Captain, Science Team, Top Ten, Cap and Gown Committee, Icefest King

"I.R.B.D."



Alisha Campbell
Rocket Club, Basketball-Team Captain, MVP, Honorable Mention, Softball-Team Captain, Varsity Letter, Cap/ Gown Committee, Ice Fest Court

Joseph Brisbin


Charles Campbell
Book Club, SADD,
Baseball, Football, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter
"The sky's the limit."


Joshua Canja


Patience Crawford


Jazmine Clapper
Book Club, Drama Club, SADD, Academic Letter, Marching Band, Solo/ Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Tri-County Honors Band, Fall Musical, Newspaper and Yearbook Staff, Tech CenterFoods/Hospitality, Spring Play
"Life is what you make it, so live it to the fullest."


Carly Curell


Chelsea Coffey
NHS, SADD, Student Council, Spanish Club, Softball, Volleyball, Basketball-manager, Science Team-Captain, Academic Letter, Top Ten, Varsity Letter


Quinn Doran
NHS, YIG-Treasurer, Basketball, Track, English Team, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Choir, Honors Choir, Cap/ Gown Committee, Newspaper Staff, Yearbook Staff-Editor


Ericka Coners
Book Club-President, NHSPresident, SADD-Secretary, Spanish Club- Secretary/ Treasurer, Art Club, English Team Capatin, Academic Letter, Top Ten, Cap/Gown Committee, Class Officer, Prom Committee, Valedictorian, HOBY Ambassador


Hannah Einhardt
Book Club, Art Club-
Vice President, Academic Letter, Choir


Gregory Ellison


Joseph Figard


Guy Gilbert


Steven Green
Football, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Cap/Gown Committee


Natasha Gamet


Samantha Groen
Spanish Club-President, Cross Country, TrackTeam Captain, Wrestling-Manager, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Choir, Marching Band, Solo/Ensemble, Homecoming CourtSophomore Rep, Senior Homecoming Queen


Lacey Germain


Madison Harper
Book Club, BasketballTeam Captain, FootballTeam Captain, Track-All-State Champion, Baseball-Manager, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Cap/Gown Committee, Homecoming Court


Codie Hartung


Nicolis Hartung


Chelsey Hatfield


Pauline Hecht Book Club
"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything."


Jennifer Hogge
History Club, Track
"It's about love, it's
about compassion, it's about kindness and
faith. It has nothing to do with luck. You get what you give, so give good."


Jacob Hohman
Football-2nd Team All-Conference


Leah Hoyt
NHS, SADD,
Basketball, Softball,
Volleyball, Academic
Letter, Varsity Letter, Choir


Gina Hubbard
Photography
Club-Secretary, Academic Letter


Austin Huber
NHS, Baseball,
Basketball, FootballTeam Captain, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter

Jessica Jacobs

Art Club, Track, Color Guard, Symphonic Band



Daniel Kennard
NHS, Baseball, Cross Country, Football, Wrestling, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Choir, Cap/Gown Committee


NHS, Student CouncilPresident and
Secretary, Spanish Club, Track, BaseballManager, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Ice Fest Court


Ashley Janke
NHS-Secretary, Student Council, Basketball, Track, Volleyball, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Choir, Cap/Gown Committee, Fall Musical, Phi Theta Kappa (Delta College Honor Society), Dual Enrollment, Physics Club, Art Club


Dallas Kokowicz
"Fool me once, shame on me. Fool me twice, well, you ain't gonna fool me twice."


Matthew Kaatz
Baseball, Basketball, Football, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Yearbook and Newspaper Staff


Darcy LaFever


Megan Landskroener

Drama Club, NHS, Student
Council-Treasurer, Thespians, YIG-Secretary, Cheerleading, English Team, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Varsity Band Letter, Choir, Honors Choir, Color Guard, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Solo/Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Fall Musical, Spring Play


Robert Major


Cody Legue

Rocket Club, SADD, Baseball, Tech CenterElectrics, MITES-
Regionals: 1st place, States: 2nd place


James McLaren


Richard Miller


Destiny Milton
"We'll sing and dance to Mother Nature's songs. This world keeps spinning and there is no time to waste."

JIII Moreau

NHS-Treasurer, Rocket Club, YIG-Secretary, Basketball, Cross Country-Captain, Track, Wrestling Manager, Math Team, Top Ten, Varsity Letter, Choir, Honors Choir, Marching Band, Solo/Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Tri-County Honors Band, Cap/Gown Committee, Class Officers-Treasurer, Homecoming Court, Ice Fest Court, Prom Committee, Alpha Beta Award, Prom Queen

Harold Otis



Ryan Muntz

Basketball, Football, Track, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Choir

[^0]Ryan Owens


## Brittany Noblin

Track-Team Captain, Wrestling Manager, Varsity Letter, Newspaper and Yearbook Staff
"Have the courage to live, anyone can die."

Jessica Ostrander
NHS, SADD-President, Spanish Club, Basketball-Team Captain, Softball-Team Captain, Softball-Team
Captain, Volleyball-Team Captain, Ist team All-Conference, all region, and broke kills record, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Cap/ Gown Committee, Ice Fest Gown Committee, Ice Fest
Freshman rep, Ice Fest Court, MVP of volleyball, basketball, and softball



## Melissa Owensby

Book Club, Spanish Club, Softball,
Academic Letter, Physics Club, Art Club, Dual Enrollment- Art


Brynne Pearson
Science Team, Academic Letter, Involved in: eating, sleeping, video games
"I really like donuts."


Brandon Peplinski Rocket Club, Technology Team
"Friends may come and go but they are still a part of your big family."


Amanda Pomranky
Book Club-Captain,
NHS, Spanish Club, Art Club, Academic Letter, Spanish II
Award, Teen Mission Trip to Dominican Republic
"Keep your hopes up high, and your head down low."


Thomas Pruner


Jennie Reid
Drama Club, NHS,
Thespians- National and Honor; Volleyball-Manager, Academic Letter, Choir, Fall Musical, Tech Center-Graphic Communications, Best
Designer, Spring Play,
"Life is like a sunset, it is too short to watch. but too long to miss."


Brandon Peter
Bonnie Petterson


Erica Rowe

## Allison Schiefer

NHS-Vice President, Rocket Club, Spanish Club, YIG-President, Basketball, Cross Country, Track-Captain, History Team, Academic Letter, Top Ten, Varsity Letter, Choir, Honors Choir, Cap/Gown Committee, Class Officers-President, Homecoming Court, Newspaper Staff, Prom Committee, Yearbook Staff


Ashley Sipes
NHS, SADD, Student
Council, Photography Club, CheerleadingTeam Captain, Competitive CheerTeam Captain, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Vassar Chill On The Hill Logo

Designer


Tyler Seymour
Wrestling, Icefest Court
"Life's a garden...dig it!"


Brandon Smith


Lacey Smith
Tech Center-Graphic
Communications

## Nicole Short

Tech Center-Nursing and National Technical Honor Scoiety


Julie Swackhamer


Enrico Torres
Football, Wrestling-
Team Captain, Track-
Team Captain, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter


Nolan Whitney

Basketball, Football,
Track, Basketball
Manager, Varsity
Letter, Tech Center-
Law Enforcement,
Prom Committee


Allison Trinklein
Tech Center-Marketing Business Management

Photography Club-president, Prom Committee, Track, Academic Letter, Choir, Cap/Gown Committee, Icefest Rep, Homecoming
Court, Newspaper Staff
Court, Newspaper Staff
editor, Yearbook Staff editor
"Take the chance or live not knowing."


Taylor Tyson
NHS, Spanish Club, Academic Letter, Choir,


Carlos Wilson

## Emilee Vian

Taylor Wilson


Charlotte Wilkinson


Ryan Woolwine
Basketball, Football, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Choir, Honors Choir, Cap/ Gown Committee, Homecoming Court

Taylor Worth
SADD, Skills USA regionals-2nd Place Oxy Fuel
"Do you smell bad pizza?"

Haley Zwerk
NHS, YIG, Basketball,
Volleyball-Team
Captain, Softball, Academic Letter, Varsity Letter, Cap/
Gown Committee

## Senior Top Ten:

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Exty Arayos
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The class' top-achieving students; those who go above and beyond to be their best.



Best Personality: Jessica Jacobs and Dan Kennard


Class Clown: Jillian Knudsen and Tyler Seymour


Best Friends: Bonnie Petterson and Gina Hubbard; Nolan Whitney and Austin Huber


Teacher's Worst Nightmare:
Leah Hoyt and TJ Pruner


Best Laugh: Allison Schiefer and Ian Bradley


Biggest Volunteer: Ashley Janke and Dan Kennard


Quietest: Pauline Hecht and Brandon Peter

## Guss




Most Artistic: Laura Sheppard and Keegan

Parks


Most Outgoing: Brittany Noblin and Nolan Whitney


Best Burp: Shelby Buck and Austin Huber


Most Likely To Be A Major In The Amed Forces: Dallas Kokowicz and Chelsea Bukach


Worst Car: Bonnie Petterson and Kyle Auernhamer


Biggest Redneck: Taylor Worth and Justin Locklear


Most Likely To Marry For Money: Quinn Doran and Austin Huber


Biggest Book Worm: Katie Bauer and Brandon Peplinski


Biggest Procrastinator: Jill Moreau and Nolan Whitney


Best Body: Sam Groen and Madison Harper


Most Likely To Write a Best Selling Novel: Eridka Coners and Max Bender


Class Gossiper: Leah Hoyt and Ryan Muntz

Most School Spirit: Taylor Tyson and TJ

Best Hair: Destiny Milton and Ryan Owens

Most Likely To Be A
Pro- Athlete: Emily
Aranyos and MadisonHlarper

Pruner

Class
Skipper:Robert Major and Abbey Amend

Class Flirt: Abbey Amend and Charles Campbell

Best Smile: Jessica Ostrander and Madison Harper


Best Musidian: Laura
Sheppard and Ryan Woolwine


Most Likely To Become
President: Jill Moreau and Max Bender


Most Likely To Take Over The World: Rosie Pearson and Ian Bradley Seniors 2011 \& 23


I am attending SVSU to study exercise science. I will do my grad work at CMU to become a physical therapist. - Carly Curell
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Going to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study psychology and Spanish- Ericka Coners

Attend SVSU
Local 324 Union
for heavy and study engineeringBrandon Peter
equipment operator- Brandon Peplinski

Ferris State, get a job, make bankAllison Schiefer Going to SVSU for Kinesiology - Rico Torres CONTINUING SCLIOOL IN THE FALL at DELTA FOR IVELDING AND AFTER THAT HOPEFULLY GETTING RICH.

Bumaias collesiate track and earnins a dectoral degrec-Brittan Noblia

Attend Northern Michigan University and receive a bachelor's degree- Dan Kennard

Go to GVSU for engineering- Austin Huber

Coffey Attend SVSU to study biochemistry for pre-med- Chelsea
 Attend SVSU- Mott Kootz Get a job and make money-Carlos Wilson

Going to Spring Arbor University to study psychology and social work- Jennifer Anderson

Attend SVSU to study criminal justice- Ryan Muntz

Going to Delta for Dental assistingKayla Bell

Attend SVSU to study exercise seienceJessica Ostrander

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DELTA ANID THIEN TIRANSIEERPING-
Hannah Einhtarit

I have enlisted in the Army and I am going to be airbourne-Charles Campbell

Go to Ferris State University-

## Shelby Buck

Go to Westem Michigan Uhiversity and became an elementary teacher-Melissa Owensby

Gains to college at mott - Fred Loche

## Bttendias dames

Madison collese at
MSy to studr lam or roliticsMax Bender

Attending Delta College and Ferris State University, then Art Institute of Michigan and getting

Going to Oakland University-Jillian Knudsen

USMC and college at CMUDallas Kokowicz

I plan to attend Wayne State University in the fall. My major will be neonatology and my minor will be Spanish

- Megan Landskroener

Attend SVSU to study criminal justice - Emily Aranyos

Attend SVSU to study forensics and College and go to the College of Spanish. Also, participate in the study abroad program - Sam Groen

After high school I will be attending Kendall College of Art and Design for the fashion studies program- Jennie Reid

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above: The graduating class of 2011
performs for the last time as a
above: The senior choir



Anastaia Traberg-Christensen "Stay"

## From: Denmark

## Host Family The Koch's


"My year at Vassar High School was fantastic and more than I could ever ask for. I have Yu Exchange because it has changed me into the person I am today. I want to thank everyone at Vassar High School, staff and students, for

We were fortunat enough to have five foreign exchange
students with us High School this me of them helped make this
a more interesting and ariching year oy sharing their unique perspectives on all things loc national, and international. Thank you for allowing us to be a small part of your life. Best of luck to

## you!

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Sophomore [soph.o.more] //noun//

1. A second year student
2. Takes the PLAN test
3. Class load consists of World History, Geometry,

English 10, and Physical Science


1. A third year student
2. Takes the MME/ACT in March
3. Class load consists of Algebra II, American Lit, Government/ Economics, and a choice of Physics or Chemistry


Freshman [fresh-min] //noum//

1. A first year student
2. Freshman Focus
3. Class load consists of PE, US History, English 9,

Algebra I, and Biology
4. Watches out for seniors

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Brittany Bell Jeremiah Bell Alyssa Bellamy Hailey Bellamy Megan Bilbee Jacob Bogert

James Brown Niccolas Candela Cheyenne Carson Zachary Case Collin Cavanaugh Nicholas Chelekis

Tyler Childs Elleceia Choyce Brent Clark Ashley Coners Tara Crane Tori Crowe

Gabriel Daenzer Jordan Dennis Mark Denniston Lydia Denome Ashley Endert Alexandra Finta


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Morgan Gillespie
Stephen Gleason
Donovan Graphman Cal Gray Gavin Greer Paige Greer


Allison Kasper Zachary Kern Ciara Killian William Kuch Cassidy Lemcke Jason Locklear


Taylor Losee
Jessica Makinson
Kevin Markhart Dalton McIntyre Courtney Miller Austin Monchilov
Christopher Huizar Lindsay Hurd Felicia Hurley Justin Jacobs Haley Jenkins Matthew Jones

Richard Moreau III Kimberly Morrison Rebekka Mulder Alyssa Muntz Amber Nelson Dylon Numn

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above: Junior class academic letter recipients for the 2009-2010 school year: Brandi Abbott, Lauren Albrecht, Porsche Aremia, Elisha Ayotte, Austin Baker, Jeremiah Bell, Alyssa Bellamy, Hailey Bellamy, Megan Bilbee, Jacob Bogert, Niccolas Candela, Zachary Case, Nicholas Chelekis, Ashley Coners, Tara Crane, Gabriel Daenzer, Alexandria Finta, Jordan Folsom, Tabitha Forbush, Morgan Gillespie, Stephen Gleason, Cal Gray, Gavin Greer, Paige Greer, Shaneen Hatfield, Chris Heath, Alexander Hildner, Brianna Holley, Zachary Kern, Rebekah Losee, Jessica Makinson, Courtney Miller, Richard Moreau, Alyssa Muntz, Amber Nelson, Tim Palmer, Anthony Pecoraro, Kevin Pratt, David Putman. Whitney Reames, Victoria Riley, Rachel Smith, Mikayla Stakolosa, Rebecca Stalsberg, Ashley Stanulis, Ashley Taylor, Erica Taylor, Andrew Tebedo, Rebecca Tereau, Kayla Todd, Jonnie Torrez, Kaitlyn Verbeek, David Vitu, Stephanie Waggoner, Brandon Wenzel, Sarah Wilson



Kayla Todd Jonnie Torrez Kaitlyn Verbeek David Vitu Stephanie Waggoner Johnathan Ward

Brandon Wenzel
Roger Wilcox Kaila Wilson Sarah Wilson

left: Junior class officers:
Taylor Losee,
Tim Palmer,
Alyssa Muntz,
and Katie
Verbeek.




Aman Peo Bradley Piazza-Clark Zachary Proctor Charles Pudelko Crystal Pudelko Tyler Rainey

Sarah Roskiewicz
Brik Rupprecht Danielle Rutkowski Justin Rutkowski Olivya Salem Harley Schatz
Lauren Nguyen
Andrew Oprea
Alexander Partridge
Nicholas Payzont
Lydia Peplinski Nicole Perkins


Tenth



above: Sophomore Top Ten; listed in GPA order: Katelynn Albrecht 4.0, Shelby DeVuyst 4.0, Melissa Ellison 4.0, Kammie Hauger 4.0, Zachary Kingsley 4.0, Tyler Langley 4.0, Lydia Peplinski 4.0, Brik Rupprecht 3.9, Trevor Schultz 4.0, Landon Zwerk 4.0

below: Sophomore class officers: Tiffany Aeschliman, Brianna Bierbusse, and Katie Albrecht





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Tesia Milton Neil Mitchell Alisha Nichols Ryan O'Connor Matthew Ollila Austin Ostrander


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 Kendra Pero Samantha Piotrowski Shaylee Porritt Chloc Ramirez Dewey Rapson Billy Reeve

Mason Roskiewicz Alec Rounds Brooke Rupprecht Desiree Sage Heaven Sasser Jessica Sayles
Adrianne Otis Hailey Otis Kade Otter James Owensby Thomas Palmer Ashiley Partridge

left: Freshmen Homecoming Representatives Maxime Groen and Eli Harper hugging it out.
below: Freshmen class officers: 1 to r. LaTonya Wilson, Lydia Wilder, Jordan Lichnovsky, and Eryn Diedrich




Travis Schlaud Cody Schnell Brianna Scott Desiree Sinkel Christopher St. Clair Jevai Swinton

Shianne Taylor Brandon Thompson Colton Tyson Kaitlin Walstad Jordan Weisenberger Lydia Wilder

left: Freshmen Top Eleven all with 4.0s: Michael Cox, Matthew Cypher, Brandon Donnelly, Maxime Groen, Jessica Hecht, Thomas Palmer, Chloe Ramirez, Brooke Rupprecht, Christopher St. Clair, Kaitlin Walstad, and Lydia Wilder



# Sp Or 

## (Noun)

Varsity Volleyball Jessica Ostrander:

State Scholar Athlete, All Region, 1st Team All Conference, Broke Kill Record: 396

Abbey Amend:
MVP, State Scholar Athlete 2nd Team All Conference, Broke Career Record: 1,811

Haley Zwerk
Coaches Award, Honorable Mention All Conference, State Scholar Athlete

Chelsea Coffey:
State Scholar Athiete

Alyssa Muntz:
Most Improved

Girl's Cross Country
Most Valuable: Maxime Groen
Coaches Award: Jill Moreau
Most Improved: Destiny Milton

Boy's Cross Country
Most Valuable: Tony Pecararo
Coaches Award: Richie Moreau
Most Improved: Chase Cain

2. Faimess, courtesy, cheering your team
on, never giving up
Varsity Football
Most Valuable Player: Madison Harper
Coach's Award: Kyle Auernhamer
Most Improved: Dallas Kokowicz
Hammer Award: Nolan Whitney
Honorable Mention: Zac Case
1st team for Offense; Madison Harper, Max Bender, Justin Locklear, and Kyle Auernhamer 2nd team for Offense: Jacob Hohman and

## Kevin Pratt

Ist team for Defense: Austin Huber, Justin Locklear, and Kyle Auenhamer.
2nd team for Defense: Nolan Whitney and Dallas Kokowicz.
The team broke the record for the most points in a season with 317 points. Zac Case broke the season interception record with 7 and aiso the career interception record with 8.


## Tarsity Frootball


above: Top L-R: Coach Kiss, Coach Hurd, Coach Germain, Coach Harper; 2nd Row L-R: Chris Huizar, Justin Rutkowski Jason Locklear, Kevin Pratt; 3rd Row L-R: Austin Baker, Daniel Roland, Jonnie Blasius, Lance Rupprecht, Josh Peplinski, Zac Case, Austin Giles, Gavin Greer, Matt Jones; 4th Row L-R: Donovan Graphman, Jacob Bogert, Tim Palmer, Brian Schultz, Nolan Whitney, Matthew Kaatz, Ryan Woolwine, Ian Bradley, Kevin Markhart; 5th row front L-R: Daniel Kennard, Max Bender, Carlos Wilson, Justin Locklear, Kyle Auernhamer, Austin Huber, Madison Harper, Rico Torres, Dallas

Kokowicz, Jacob Hohman.


| Scoreboard |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Caro | L | 13-20 |
| Laker | W | 20-0 |
| All Saints | W | 52-14 |
| Reese | L | 20-41 |
| Memphis | W | 56-12 |
| USA | W | 34-20 |
| Cass City | W | 46-6 |
| Bad Axe | W | 56-6 |
| Frankenmuth | L | 7-35 |
| Montrose | L | 13-38 |
| record 6-4 |  |  |




"Dear Lord, the battles we go through in life, we ask for a chance that's fair. A chance to equal our stride, a chance to do or dare. If we should win, let it be by the code. With Faith and Honor held high, if we should lose, we'll stand by the road, and cheer as the winners go by. Day by Day, we get better and better! Til' we can't be beat...WON'T BE BEAT!" This is the prayer that the varsity football team chanted before every game to get the players pumped up. The prayer was originally from the Nebraska Cornhuskers. The captains stood in the middle of the team while the rest of the players circled around them. Justin Locklear started off every line and the team repeated. Hearing this before every game was enough to give every Vassar football fan goose bumps. The 2010 football season was another heart pounding season for Vassar. The boys, once again, came together as a family to make it into the playoffs but unfortunately couldn't overcome the Montrose Rams. The team finished the season with six wins and four losses. Five of the wins and one loss were league games. Madison Harper was the lead rusher with 837 yards and 84 points. Kevin Pratt led the team with 108 carries this season for a total of 50 points. Justin Locklear was the team's lead receiver. He had 420 yards and 34 points. Austin Huber, Nolan Whitney, and Dallas Kokowicz led the team defensively. "Our defense really buckled down this year and made some impressive stops in important games to bring us to back to back GTW champs and playoff appearances," Kokowicz bragged. Whitney commented, "We just had to fly around a little bit." Vassar can proudly say that for the second year in a row they earned a part of the Greater Thumb West conference championship title.


Varsity Football
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## Junior Tarsity Football


above: Back row I-r: Coach Harper, Ethan Slough, Josh Basset, Tanner MacKay, Landon Zwerk, Ray Martinez, Coach MacKay; Middle row I-r: Coach Bogart, Brik Rupprecht, Nathan Greaves, Cody Loudon, Alex Levielle, Zac Kingsley, Brandon Brown, Jake McIntyre; Front row I-r: Garret Daenzer, John DeCoe, Eli Harper, Kyle Worden, Evan Hecht, and Tyler Langley.



664899 Junior Varsity Football


## Freshmen Frootball


above: Back row l-r: Coach McGrandy and Coach Whitney; Middle row I-r: Nick Baker, Kyle Lesko, Randy Bell, Billy Abbott, Doug Baker, DeParis Callahan, Matt Cypher, Jared Amend; Front row I-r: Richie Lee, Tommy Palmer, Tyler Matuszak, Evan Kennard, Ryan O' Connor, Bailey Leech, and Colton Tyson.


| Record Board |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Vassar vs. Lakeville | W |
| Vassar @ Caro | L |
| Vassar @ Birch Run | 2W |
| invite | 4L |
| Vassar @ All Saints | W |
| Vassar @ Reese | L |
| Vassar vs. Laker | W |
| Vassar @ Bad Axe | L |
| Vassar@ USA | L |
| Vassar vs. Cass City | L |
| Vassar@ Birch Run | L |
| Vassar @ Bay City | W |
| Vassar vs. Reese | L |
| Vassar vs. Laker | L |
| Vassar @ Caro invite | $9-5$ |
| Vassar vs. Bad Axe | L |
| Vassar vs. USA | W |
| Vassar @ Cass City | W |
| Vassar@ Laker invite | $5-3$ |
| Districts @ Mayville: |  |
| Vassar vs. Marlette | L |



The Varsity girls have a quote for each season; this season's quote was "No Regrets". The girls worked really hard this year and their hard work showed. In the beginning of the season, they got beat by some teams in the conference and when they played them the second time around, they defeated their opponent.



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above: Back: Coach Cox: Middle 1-r: Olivya Salem, Ashley Lockwood, Brianna. Katie Albrecht; Front l-r: Brittany Harris, Liberty Davenport, Lydia Peplinski,
Shelby DeVust, Cabrina Atkins.


## Record

Vassar vs. Lakeville ..... W
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Vassar@Bay City ..... L
Vassar@ Reese ..... W
Vassar@Laker inviteVassar vs. LakerW
Vassar@Bad Axe ..... L
Vassar@USA ..... L
Vassar vs. Cass City ..... L
Vassar vs. Birch Run ..... L
Vassar vs. Bay City ..... W
Vassar vs. Reese ..... W
Vassar@ Laker ..... L
Vassar vs. Bad Axe ..... LVassar vs. USA
Vassar@ Reese invite ..... 0-6-2
Vassar@Cass CityL


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below: Back 1-r: Coach Ellison, Desiree Sage, Laytonya Wilson, Eryn Diedrich, Julissa Cerda: Front 1-r: Samantha Piotrowski, Brook Rupprecht, Allie League, Marissa Leone, and Bailie Dunham. Missing: Coach MacKay, Alex Schroeder and Chich-Lin. Huang.



## Varsity Football Cheerleading


above: Back 1-r: Tara Crane, Anastasia Traberg-Christensen (Stay), Ashley Coners Ashley Endert, Coach Melissa Koch, Brittany Bell, Rachel Smith, Crystal Pudelko, Ashley Sipes; Front I-r: Porsche Aremia and Kaila Wilson.

Although the varsity team had very little girls in size, they were big in heart and dedication. This year's squad worked hard, showing the boys of fall their support throughout the season. The girls performed their best cheers and stunts in the warm, cold, and rainy weather. Their enthusiasm and smiling faces kept the crowd pumped every exciting Friday night.


# Winter Sports 2011 



Varsity Boys' Basketball:
Most Valuable Player: Madison Harper
Most Improved: Josh Peplinski
Coach's Award: Ryan Muntz
1st Team All Conference: Nathan Greaves
2nd Team All Conference: Madison Harper Honorable Mention: Josh Peplinski
Team Academic All-Conference

Gymnastics:
Most Valuable Player: Brandi Abbott Most Improved: Megan Bilibee
Coach's Award: Mikayla Stakalosa

## Sideline Cheer:

Most Valuable Player: Gabe Daenzer

Coach's Award: Anastasia Traberg-Christensen
Most Improved: Allison Ahn
Spirit Award: Kaila Wilson

Most Valuable Player: Emily Aranyos, Jessica Ostander, Chia Campbell, and Alyssa Muntz Most Improved: Lydia Peplinski
Coach's Award: Jessica Ostrander
1st Team All Conference: Emily Aranyos
2nd Team All Conference: Jessica Ostrander Honorable Mention: Chia Campbell, Alyssa Muntz, and Lydia Peplinski


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Competitive Cheer:
Most Valuable Player: Ashley Coners Most Improved: Rachel Smith
Coach's Award: Allison Kasper

## Wrestling:

Most Valuable Player: Rico Torres Most Imporoved: Chase Cain
Coach's Award: Rico Torres, lan Bradiey, and Richie Moreau

Captain's Award: Cyle Lesko, Nick Baker,
 and Billy Abbott

1st Team All Conference: Nick Baker 2nd Team All Conference: Billy Abbot, Rico Torres, and Justin Rutkowski Honorable Mention: Brianna Cobb, Cyle Lesko, Ryan OConner, Ethan Slough, Austen Coners, and Cody Loudon.


> Teamwork: (noun)
> 1. Working together as a group to achieve a common goal
> 2. Supporting your fellow teammates no matter what

## Varsity Boys' Basketball



Above: back row L-R: Coach Fabbro, Tim Palmer, Josh Peplinski, Gavin Greer, Zac Case, Kevin Pratt, Assistant Coach McCloud, Assistant Coach Koch. front row L-R: Kyle Worden, Madison Haper, Brandon Peter, Kyle Auernhamer, Ryan Muntz, Thai (Pongjira) Rabiabphak, Nathan Greaves.

above: Zac Case dribbles around a Millington defender on his way to the basket.

above: Josh Peplinski lays in two points against Reese.

above: Nathan Greaves works to draw the foul and two points.

above: Gavin Greer showing perfect form.
"Winners don't wait for chances, they take them." That's what Ryan Muntz said when asked about the varsity basketball team this year. The boys' team finished their season with a record of 12-10. The team had four seniors this year: Kyle Auernhamer, Madison Harper, Brandon Peter, and Ryan Muntz. The seniors agreed that they had a fun season, even though it was a lot of hard work. The seniors said that all of the players made the team fun and exciting. Although the seniors are sad that their final season of basketball is over, they are glad that they had the fun experiences and memories that will last a very long time.

above: Kyle Auernhamer goes up. up, up over his defender to score.
above: Brandon Peter fights through three defenders to reach the hoop.

above: Thai Rabiabphak drives the baseline against Millington.

## left: Madison <br> Harper shows <br> his skills, <br> shooting over

two
defenders
toward a
Vulcan
victory.

## JV Boys Basketball


above: back row I-r: Coach Shepherd, Coach Seney; middle row I-r Tyler Rainey, Landon Zwerk, Alex Leveille, Andrew Oprea, Brandon Brown, Tom Palmer, Ray Martinez; front row I-r Josh Bassett, Tyler Langley, Evan Hecht, Stephen Bragg, Tanner MacKay.

## Freshmen Boys Basketball



Left: Elijah Harper towers over his defenders.
Top: Andrew Kutch shows off his ball handling skills.
Right: Tom Goforth exercises the springs in his

feet.

above back row I-r: Coach MacKay; middle row I-r: Loren Bellamy, Jared Amend, Jack Bader, Andrew Kutsch, Doug Baker, Jose Cerda, Tom Goforth; front row I-r: Stephen Kaatz, Mason

Nine girls, one goal; victory. No one girl can do it alone, every member of the team has to bring everything they have to the court. Through the blood, sweat, and tears a family emerges fighting strong for their hopes and dreams. Its more than what the fans cheer for, it's what their hearts strive for.
below: Alyssa Muntz blocks for her pass.


Below: Katie Verbeek drives the lane to score.


above: from I-r: Lydia Peplinski, Whitney Reames, Katie Verbeek, Lydia Denome, Coach Hoerlein, Emily Aranyos,
Jessica Ostrander, Chia Campbell, Coach Nowotny, Erica Taylor, Alyssa Muntz, Danielle Rutkowski, and Lydia Wilder.
below: Emily Aranyos
drives to the hoop.

below: Chia Campbell
going for a lay-up.

below: Jessica Ostrander battles her defender.

above: back: Coach Baker: middle 1-n: Nicole Perkins, Brittany Harris, Kaylie Coleman, and Shelby DeVuyst; front L-r: Gabriel Galvin, Kammie Hauger, Brooke Rupprecht. LaTonya Wilson, and Cabrina Atkins

Sandusky 18-27
Caro 20-34 Bridgeport 39-21 Millington 38-22 All Saints 26-14 Frankenmuth 25-38 Mayville 43-12 Reese 24-36 Marlette 24-26


## Freshmen Girls: Basketball

Results
Bay City John Glenn 25-33
Caro 26-28
Millington 25 - 40
Frankenmuth 21-50
Brown City 8 - 38
Valley Lutheran 17-54
Garber 25-39
Reese 34-38
USA 32-49
Bad Axe 28-23
Brown City 19-50
Reese 32-56
Bay City John Glenn 20-56 USA $23-31$
Bad Axe 25-39
1-14 record

below: back: Coach Kukulski; middle I-r: Julissa Cerda, Kristen Wischman, Desiree Sage, Bailie Dunham, Shaylee Porritt, Brianna Scott; front I-r: Marissa Leone, Tesia Milton, Allie Leque, Desiree Sinkel, and Barbara Schroeder


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## Gymnastics


above: back row l-r: Reagan Eggert, Cassidy Taljonick, Hailey Voorhess, and Sahara Craphman front row 1-r: Megan Bilbee, Mikayla Stakolosa, Coach Purgroski, Alyssa Bellamy, Angel Shaw, Brandi Abbott Coach Cindie Brigs, Ellene Foster, Olivya Salem, and Brittany Bell

above: Cassidy Taljonick, Allie Leğue, Megan Bilbee and Olivya Salem hanging on the beam.
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right: Olivya Salem shows her balance and talent on bars.


At the East Lancing Invite, the girls came in 5 out of 8 schools, and at their Farmington Invite they came in 12 out of 17 schools. Also at their Salem Invite they came in 7 out of 10 schools and at the St. John's Invite they came in 3 out of 6 schools.

Wrestling is more than guys in spandex; it's the one sport that requires nothing more than your body and will power. Take downs take strategy, power, and timing. Reversals test your perseverance. Mustering up every ounce of strength, the wrestler goes for the pin. The only thing that matters once you hit the mat, is how bad you want it.

below: Ethan Slough fights to win the match.


Ieft: Rico Torres works to pin his opponent.

below: back row I-r: Riche Lee, Ian Bradley, Kevin Markhardt, Ethan Slough, Justin Rutkowski, Jake McIntyre, Jill Moreau; middle row I-r: Coach Knickerbocker, Richie Moreau, Evan Kennard, Randy Bell, Rico Torrez, Cody Loudon, Dan Kennard, Ryan O'Conner, Coach King; front row I-r: Brianna Cobb, Austen Coners, Cyle Lesko, Chase Cain, Nick Baker, Billy Abbott, Cody Legue. Missing: Manager Brittany Noblin.


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above: Back Row: (L-R) Coach Jessica Kuhl, Ashley Coners, Kaila Wilson, Crystal Pudelko, Gabe Daenzer, Ashley Stanulis, Allison Kasper, and Rachel Smith. Middle Row (L-R) Kaitlyn Maitland. Ashley Partridge. Ashley Sipes, Porsche Aremia, and Allison Ahn. First Row (L-R) Paige Germain, Ashley Endert, Elizabeth Colosky, and Anastasia Traberg-Christensen

above: Cheering on the boys at Districts in Brown City

Basketball cheerleading or any other cheerleading, isn't just about preppy, happy, little girls in short skirts yelling "GO TEAM!" or "GO. FIGHT, WIN!" It's about a group of girls who come together to cheer on a sport Cheerleaders become more than a team, they become a family. Bound together by school spirit hard work, and fun times No one ever forgets the cheerleader, bubbly, fun and loving. Cheerleading is more than girls being tossed into the air, it's about learning how to trust the people around you, cheerleading is about aiming high and digging deep, no matter how you feel that day.
below: Firing up the crowd at the assembly for the ABC 12 food drive



In 1978, competitive cheerleading came to life, it was created by the first broadcast Collgiate
Cheerleading
Champions on CBS. Now today, 33 years later, competitive cheerleading is all about the climb, each girl must be motitvated,
determined,
and willing to give all they have and more. Even though it's been ruled out as a sport, these girls act as if it's the greatest sport in the entire universe. At a competitive
cheerleading meet each team must perform three different routines, each one of them being one to three minutes long, and in these rounds the girls preform stunts, flexibility,
crowd response cheers and tumbling.

above: Allison Kasper, Ashley Stanulis, and Anastasia Traberg-Christensen have a bonding moment before a competitive meet.
below: Back Row (L-R) Anastasia Traberg-Christensen, Crystal Pudelko, Rachel Smith. Ashley Coners, Paige Germain, Porsche Aremia, and Ashley Stanulis. Front Row (L-R) Coach Melissa Koch, Kaila Wilson, Kaitlyn Maitland, Ashley Sipes, Ashley Endert, Allison Kasper, and Coach Jessica Kuhl.


# Spring Sports Honors 

Girls Track:
Most Valuable Player: Brittany Noblin Coach's Award: Michelle McLaren Boys Track:
Most Valuable Player: Justin Locklear


Golf:
Most Valuable Player: Austin Baker Most Improved: Jared Amend

Honorable Mention All Conference: Austin Baker and Chase Langenburg


Baseball:
Most Valuable Player: Kyle Auernhamer
Coach's Award: Dan Kennard Most Improved Player: Nathan Greaves First Team All Conference: Kyle Auernhamer, Zac Case, and Brandon Peter
Second Team All Conference:
 Nathan Greaves, Nolan Whitney, and Landon Zwerk
Honorable Mention:
Austin Huber and Austin Giles
First Team All-District: Kyle Auernhamer-Catcher
Nolan Whitney-Pitcher Brandon Peter-Infieid Zac Case-Outfield Landon Zwerk-First Basemen

First Team All-Region Kyle Auernhamer, Nolan Whitney Second Team All-State Kyle Auernhamer



Softball:
Most Valuable Player: Chia Campbell
Coach's Award: Alyssa Bellamy Most improved: Emily Aranyos Second Team All-Conference: Chia Campbell Honorable Mention:
Cheisea Coffey, Jessica Ostrander, Hailey Bellamy, and Lydia Peplinski First Team All-District:
Chia Campbell, Chelsea Coffey, and Lydia Peplinski


Above: Nolan Whitney throws the heat at a home game.


Above: Charles Campbell waves to the camera from center field.


Above: Brandon Peter steps up to bat, prepared to bring in some runs.
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Below: Top row L-R: Coach Harper, Madison Harper, Jake Bogert, Austin Huber, Kyle Auernhamer, Gavin Greer, Daniel Kennard, Nolan Whitney, Lance Rupprecht, Matthew Kaatz, Coach LaFramboise, Coach Reinert; Bottom row L-R: Miranda Wilinski, Landon Zwerk, Brandon Peter, Zac Case, Austin Giles, Daniel Roland, Kevin Pratt, Charles Campbell, and Nathan Greaves.


The varsity baseball team completed the season 20-13. The boys enjoyed their season, even though many of the games at the beginning of the season were cancelled and only some got rescheduled. The 2011 captains are Kyle Auernhamer, Nolan Whitney, and Zac Case. The team was often practicing inside because of the nasty weather this spring. The team played as a family and always had fun during their games and practices. They were often joking around with each other in the dugout and were always encouraging one another. The boys would quack when they would get runners on base. It was always entertaining for the fans to hear quacking coming from the dugout. Daniel Kennard stated, "This season was interesting. I don't know any other way to explain it." Nolan Whitney said, "I'm proud of the way we played this season." Brandon Peter beat the single season stolen base record. The record was 35 bases and Peter finished the season with 44 stolen bases. The coaches consist of head coach Jason Harper and assistant coaches, Andy Reinert, and Brett LaFramboise. Coach Harper stated, "We had an amazing season with 20 wins \& the 1st District Title since 2003! We achieved so many goals as a team \& I think our whole team wishes the season didn't have to come to an end. I'm really going to miss this team especially the seniors. These kids have been with me since I started, \& they're going to be very hard to replace." The teams managers were Madison Harper and Miranda Wilinski.


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above: the 2011 Varsity Softball Team: back row I-r: Coach Gokey, Erica Taylor, Ashley Taylor, Lydia Peplinski, Alyssa Bellamy, Katie Verbeek, Brandi Abbott, Hailey Bellamy, and Coach Goodell; front row I-r: Jessica Ostrander, Chelsea Coffey, Haley Zwerk, Emily Aranyos, Alicia Campbell, and Carly Currell.
below: Erica Taylor wheels toward home for the run.
below: Katie Verbeek makes the play for an out at first.


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below: Alicia Campbell waiting to catch.


above: The in-fielders pump up their pitcher during a break.
left: Lydia Peplinski tagos a runner out. right: Haley Zwerk slings another strike.



Bud Wilkinson once said, "If a team is to reach its potential, each player must be willing to subordinate his personal goals to the good of the team." The Varsity Softball team did just that, having a record of 16-9. They all worked as a team and it payed off when they beat some of their biggest rivals. Working as a team is the key to doing your best and being successful.
left: Jessica Ostrander throwing
 the ball in.
bottom left: Abbey Amend catches a fly ball for an out.
below: Emily Araynos making a run at stealing second.


## JV Baseball

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above: Members of JV Baseball: back row I-r: Jack Bader, Mitch Lorenz, Andrew Kutsch, Brandon Brown, Colton Tyson, DeParis Callahan, Rey Martinez, Tyler Rainey, Coach Brown; front row: Stephen Kaatz, Tanner MacKay,

Quentin Lane, Elijah Harper, Stephen Bragg, and Evan Hecht.


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above: Members of JV softball: back row l-r: Desiree Sage, Melissa Ellison, Bailie Dunham, Desiree Sinkel, Morgan Coffey-Warmbier, Cabrina Atkins, Coach Miller; front row I-r: Liberty Davenport, Tesia Milton, Sam Piotrowski, Allie Legue, Brooke Rupprecht, and Danielle Rutkowski.


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## Boys' Track


above: members of the 2011 Varsity Boys' Track team: back row I-r: Tommy Palmer, Evan Kennard, Kyle Worden, Cody Loudon, Tyler Adams, Shane Kilbreath, James Dundas, Andrew Oprea, Warren Empey, Collin Cavanaugh, Ryan O'Conner, Billy Abbott. Nick Baker, Cyle Lesko; middle row I-r: Coach Germain, Dewey Rapson, Josh Bassett, Adam Hildner, Zach Kingsley, Thai Rabiabphak, Tony Pecoraro, Richie Moreau, John DeCoe, Garrett Daenzer, Tyler Langley, Tom Goforth, Coach Kiss; front row I-r: Alex Hildner, Rico Torres, Justin Locklear, Sean Chapman, Ian Bradley, Jason Locklear, and Tim Palmer. Missing Ryan Muntz.


The 2011 Varsity Track team returned with only two of the boys that brought home the win at states the previous season, brothers Jason and Justin Locklear. Overall the team was smaller but had high hopes of continuing to run as fast and hard as they did last year. However, as the season progressed this didn't exactly happen. The boys struggled to meet the standards they had set last year. In the end, Vassar's Varsity Track team prevailed at the Greater Thumb Conference where multiple runners placed and received honorable mentions in their events. Two relay teams qualified at Regionals to go to States, the 4 by 800 and the 4 by 400.

## Girls' Track


above: members of the 2011 Girls' Varsity Track team: back row I-r: Coach Hurd, Maxime Groen, Morgan Galbraith, Hailey Vorhess, Michelle McLaren, Adrianne Otis, Kristen Wischman; middle row I-r: Gabby Galvin, LaTonya Wilson, Taylor Losee, Kristen Castillo, Allison Kasper, Lydia Denome, Whitney Reames, Alyssa Muntz; front row I-r: Jenny Hogge, Brittany Noblin, Jessica Jacobs, Allison Scheifer, Destiny Milton, Chelsea Bukach, and Danielle Gamm.


The girls' track team lost a lot of runners this year but had some success in the Greater Thumb Conference and at Regionals. LaTonya Wilson and Brittany Noblin qualifed for States.


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Meet Of Champions


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## Golf


above: back row I-r: Coach Cox, Chase Langenburg. Bailey Leach, Bryan Wilson, Kevin Markhart, Austin Coners, Jared Amend, Brianna Cobb, Coach Leveille; front row: Michael Cox, Jordan Lichnovsky, Trevor Schultz, Austin Baker, Jake McIntyre, Chase

## $80^{20}$ <br> Spanish

 History



above: Mrs. Middlin directing her choir for the last time -

above: The seniors in choir sit down for one last song from Mrs. Middlin

above: Members of the 2011 choir listed by grade. Seniors: Jennifer Anderson. Kayla Bell. Kayla Bender, Max Bender, Ian Bradley. Carly Curell, Quinn Doran, Hannah Einhardt, Sam Groen, Leah Hoyt, Ashley Janke, Daniel Kennard, Megan Landskroener, Robert Major. Jill Moreau, Jennie Reid, Allison Scheifer, Laura Sheppard, Julie Swackhamer, Taylor Tyson, Emilee Vian, Ryan Woolwine. Juniors: Woo-Young Ahn, Brandi Abbot, Lauren Albrecht, Brittany Bell, Alyssa Bellamy, Nick Chelekis, Ellecela Choyce, Lydia Denome, Alexandra Finta, Gabe Daenzer, Ashley Endert, Donovan Graphman, Jacob Helsel, Chieh-Lin Huang, Taylor Losee, Courtney Miller, David Putman, Whitney Reames, Victoria Riley, Rachel Smith, Abbey Stroup, Mikayla Stakolosa, Ashley Taylor, Erica Taylor, Kaitie Verbeek, Brandon Wenzel, Kaila Wilson. Sophomores: Katelyn Albrecht, Jon Blasius, Brianna Bierbusse. Melissa Ellison. Warren Empey, Brittany Harris, Samantha Fox, Tyler Langley, Zach Kingsley, Abigal Landskroener, Sarah McKenny, Lydia Peplinski, Tyler Rainey, Danielle Rutkowski, Olivya Salem, Barbara Schroeder, Anatasia Traberg-Christensen, Hailey Voorhess, Miranda Wilinski. Freshmen: Randy Bell, Brandon Donnelly, Sahara Graphman, Maxime Groen, Gabby Galvin, Tommy Goforth, Bailey Leach, Evan Kennard, Kaitlyn Maitland, Jordan Lichnovsky, Alisha Nichols, Dewey Rapson, Chloe Ramirez, Chris St. Clair, Jevai Swinton, Colton Tyson, Lydia Wilder, LaTonya Wilson

above: Maxime Groen, Laura Sheppard, and Samantha Groen pose for the camera

above: Bailey Leech has his spotlight with a solo
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## National Honor Society

This year the National Honor Society had a blast doing great deeds to make the world a better and much happier place to live in. On March 31, 2011 the National Honor Society hosted a blood drive. On April 1, 2011, NHS went out to Saginaw Valley State University and helped out with Special Olympics. Special Olympics is a field day for children with special needs. The National Honor Society Induction took place on May 25th where they inducted 18 new members, to add to the 27 current members, and 26 senior members.

above: Chelsea Coffey, Megan Bilbee, and Paige
Greer relaxing with some of the athletes.

above: NHS volunteers and athletes ready for competition.

above: Jessica Ostrander and a couple of athletes cheer on the competitors.

above: Members of NHS stop for a picture after a fun day helping with the Special Olympics.






## Bouth In fouernment


above: members of the 2011 YIG team (listed by grade): Seniors: Kyle Auernhamer, Max Bender, Ian Bradley, Carly Curell, Quinn Doran, Megan Landskroener, Jill Moreau, Allison Schiefer; Juniors: Brandi Abbott, Jake Bogert, Zac Case, Colin Cavanaugh, Jordan Folsom, ALex Hildner, Haley Jenkins, Richie Moreau, Tim Palmer, David Putman, Austin Rupprecht; Sophomores: Katelynn Albrecht, Brianna Bierbusse, Jon Blasius, Brandon Brown, Kaylie Coleman, Liberty Davenport, Shelby DeVuyst, Evan Hecht, Zack Kingsley, Tyler Langley, Alex Leveille, Tanner MacKay, Andrew Oprea, Tyler Rainey, Landon Zwerk; Freshmen: Tom Goforth, Maxime Groen, Chase Langenburg, Allie Legue, Tommy Palmer, Brooke Rupprecht, Chris St. Clair, Colton Tyson, and LaTonya Wilson.

above: Tom Goforth recognizing a delegate as the Blue/White Speaker of the House.

Left: Max Bender leading a committee meeting in the Red/Green Senate.

above: David Putman giving his governor candidate speech.

above: Katie Albrecht during a House meeting.

above: Tanner MacKay and Jake Bogert in Electronic Press.
below: The Vasssar delegation during a General Meeting.


above: LaTonya Wilson leading her committee

## to review bills.

below: The second MIP team: Alex Leveille, Brianna Bierbusse, Maxime Groen, and Collin Cavanaugh with the advisor Mr. Lasceski.


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above: Members of Art Club: back 1-r: Taylor Losee, Amanda Ronteltap, Shannon Riedel, Samantha Fox, Jordan Folsom, Keegan Parks, Ashley Janke, Amanda Pomranky, Rachel Revesz, and Tabitha Forbush; middle 1-r: Erica Taylor, Lydia Wilder, Jessica Jacobs, Ellecia Choyce, Beccy Aymer, Brandi Abbott, Ashley Taylor, Kayla Bender, Hannah Einhardt, and Katie Bauer; front 1-r: Tiffany Aeschilman, Miranda Wilinski, Ashley Stanulis, Savannah Shepherd, Allison Ahn, Ashley Sipes, Melissa Owensby, and Chelsea Bukach.

## 趋保 Club


above: Members of Book Club: back I-r! Jon Kraus, Rachel Revesz. Hannah Einhardt, Melissa Owensby, Amanda Pomranky, Jazmine Clapper, Katie Bauer, Paúline Hecht, Beccy Aymer, Makayla Mallow, and Melissa Aymer; front I-r: Victoria Riley, Eficka Coners, Brittany Bell, Charles Campbell, Felicia Hurley, and KayIa Bender.


## History Club



above: members of the 2010-2011 History Club: back row l-r: Tyler Langley, David Putman, Colin Cavanuagh; middle row l-r: Andrew Oprea, Max Bender, -Justin Jacobs, Tony Pecoraro; front row 1-r: Joy Huang, Brandi Abbott, Allison Schiefer, advisor Mr. Baker

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above: members of the 2010-2011 Spanish Club: Abby Landskroener, Alex Finta, Alex Leveille, Amanda Pomranky, Ashley Coners, Ashley Stanulis, Austen Coners, Billy Abbott, Brandon Brown, Brianna Bierbusse, Brik Rupprecht, Brooke Rupprecht, Bryan Wilson, Cabrina Atkins, Carly Curell, Chase Cain, Chelsea Coffey, Colton Tyson, Danyell Rutkowski, Darielle Bilbee, Destiny Milton, Ellecia Choyce, Emily Araynos, Ericka Coners, Gabe Daenzer, Hailey Voorheis, Jacob) McIntyre, Jacob Stoley, Jared Amend, Jessica Ostrander, Jon Blasius, Jonathan DeCoe, Justin Jacobs, Kammy Hauger, Katelyn Albrecht, Kaylie Coleman, Kyle Worden, Landon Zwerk, Laura Sheppard, Lauren Albrecht, Lauren Nguyen, Lydia Peplinksi, Makayla Malow, Maxime Groen, Melissa Ellison, Meilssa Owensby, Miranda Wilinksi, Patience Crawford, Porsche Aremia, Rachel Smith, Rey Martinez, Richie Moreau, Samantha Groen, Samantha Fox, Savannah Shepherd, Shane Kirbreath, Shelby DeVuyst, Steven Gleason, Tara Crane, Taylor Tyson, Tim Palmer, Tommy Plamer, Tyler Rainey, Tyler Langley, Zach Kingsley



The 2010 Homecoming pep assembly was wild! There was dancing, cheering, and plenty of face paint. The cheerleaders and football players did a great job on getting everybody pumped for the game. After the fall varsity teams were introduced, the Homecoming court was brought forward and Vassar prepared to crown their King. After a moment of anticipation, our king, Madison Harper, was crowned!


# Homecoming Court and 

## icpresentatives


above: L-R: Freshman Reps Elitah traper and Maxime Groen; Sophomore Reps-Landon Zwerk and Cabrina Atkins: Junio Reps-Zac Case and Alyssa Muntz Senior reps Ry an Woolwine and Taylor Tyson, Madison Harper and Samantha Groen, Kyle Auernhamer and Jill Moreau, Justin Locklear and Allison Schiefer, Max Bender and Destiny Milton.
below: Madison Harper, moments after being crowned King, with the Senior court.

rightit Samantha Groen being crowned Queen by last year's Queen. Kelsey Hecht, at halfime of the football game.


## Homecoming Highlights



## (My F aip Lady


above: Cast of the fall musical My Fair Lady. back row I-r: Jazmine Clapper, Tyler Langley, Lydia Wilder, Justin Rutkowski, Brittany Bell, Melissa Ellison, Sarah McKenny, Erin Diedrich, Kayla Bell, Alex Finta, Brandon Donnelly, Mikayla Stakolosa, Jake Helsel, Katie Bauer, Evan Kennard, Dewey Rapson. front row l-r: Jennie Reid, Nick Chelekis, Victoria Riley, Zach Kingsley, Laura Sheppard, Brandon Wenzel, Chris St. Clair, Megan Landskroner, and Gabe Daenzer.

left:
The maids and Victoria Riley attempt to put Laura Sheppard to bed.
right: Sarah McKenney, Tabitha

Forbush,
Kayla Bell, Katie Bauer, Evan
Kennard, Robert Major, and Jennie Reid belt out a tune.


Left:
Gabe Daenzer
is kicked out of
the bar by
Jacob Helsel.

## FaH Musical




The Ice Fest Pep Assembly was a riot! The cheerleaders got the crowd pumped up and the whole school joined in dancing to the "Cha Cha Slide". Tug of war was something to remember with the Seniors dominating the event. After much anticipation Mr. Wojno announced that Kyle Auernhamer found the medallion by the fence behind Central School. Way to dominate Seniors!


# 2011 Ice Fest Court and Repriesentatives 


below: Ice Fest Court and Representatives 2011: back row I-r: Brandon Peter, Ryan Muntz, Cody Legue, Ian Bradley, Tyler Seymour, freshmen rep. Tanner MacKay, Zachary Kern; front row I-r: Jessica Ostrander, Emily Araynos, Chia Campbell, Jillian Knudsen, Kaycee Kowitz, Allie Legue, Paige Germain, Elleceia Choyce


left:
right: A discussion
Brittany Bell and Laura Sheppard share a moment.

above: Cast of A Haunting We Will Go: back row I-r: Tabitha Forbush, Katie Bauer, Bailey Leach, Melissa Ellison, Eryn Diedrich, Patience Atwood, Zach Kingsley, Tyler Langley, Tiffany Aeschliman, Megan Landskroener, Jennie Reid, Lydia Wilder, Brandon Wenzel; middle row I-r: Alex Finta, Victoria Riley, Sarah McKenney, Mikayla Stakolosa, Brittany Bell, Laura Sheppard; front row I-r: Jevai Swinton, Gabe Daenzer, Nick Chelekis, Evan Kennard, Chris St. Clair, Brandon Donnelly


Right: Megan Landskroener about to be strangled by Bailey Leach.


Right: The hotel ghosts make the plot more complex and frightening.


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## A Haunting We Will Go!


bottom left
(clockwise): A
séance is in session
led by Laura
Sheppard. The nurse, played by Alexandria Finta, prepares to help her ill patient. Gabe Daenzer plays the groundskeeper who is defensive of the
 hotel. Brandon

Wenzel plays a theif trying to get gold.


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## Students vs. Staff Basketball Game



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 Quinn Doran; front row I-r: Megan Landskroener, Taylor Losee, Victoria Riley

above: Science Team: back row 1-r: Zach Kingsley. Mr. Cassidy. Thai Rabiabphak, front row l-r: Erica Taylor, Lydia Peplinski, Chelsea Coffey, Ashley Taylor

below: Math Team back row I-r: Laura
Sheppard. Ms. Eilers; front row I-r: Tom
Palmer. Tim Palmer, Jill Moreau, Richie
Moreau, Chris St. Clair, Kaitlin Walstad

left: Technology Team back
row 1-r: Zac Case. Brandon
Peplinski, Gavin Greer,
Kyle Auernhamer, Landon
Zwerk; front row l-r: Kaylie Coleman, Miranda Wilinsbi,Samantha Fox


Max Bender, Justin Jacobs, Tony Pecoraro;
front row I-r: Joy Huang. Brandi Abbott,
Allison Schiefer, Mr. Baker


top left: Members of the tech team and social studies team relax before the competition; top right: Stress Reliefl; middle left: The math tead working feverishly in competition middle rright: Quinn and Taylor take tike to smile: bottom left: The tech team; project: bottorm right: Th ai meditates before the heated quiz round.

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## Prom 2011

## "Lost In the Moment"

King and Queen, Austin Huber and Jill Moreau
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Prince and Princess, Jason


Ericka Coners ready to dance the night
 together for a memorable senior prom away.

above: Ashley Stanulis, Allison Kasper, and Morgan Giullespie show us their
below: Alison and Joy enjoying themselves at their first Amerian prom.

above: Taylor Tyson and Patience Crawford pose with their dates

above: Dinner time!



Choral Director's Award winners Jennifer Anderson and Taylor Tyson (missing) with Mrs. Middlin


Science Award winner Jill Moreau with Mrs. Hershberger


National School Choral Award winners Laura Sheppard and Max Bender with Mrs. Middlin


Sparkle Award winners Jill Moreau and Hanneh Einhardt with Mrs. Middlin


Spanish Award winners Julie Swackhamer (Spanish I), Whitney Reames (Spanish II) (not pictured), and Ericka Coners (Spanish III) with Senora Gokey

Journalism Recognition Jennifer
Anderson, Quinn Doran, Destiny Milton, and Taylor
Tyson with Mrs. Strauss

Social Studies Award winners
David Putman
(Government/Economics), Alex Partridge (World History), and Carla Pecoraro (U.S. History)



English Award winner Ericka Coners


Golden Hammer winner Daniel Kennard with


Senior Artist Laura Sheppard with Mrs. Piazza Mr. Trisch


Honor Thespian winners Laura Sheppard, Mikayla Stakalosa, Victoria Riley, and Jennie Reid (also National Honor Thespian) with Mrs. Hackett


Math Award winners Ian
Bradley (Calculus), Richard Moreau (Pre-Calc). Shelby DeVuyst (Algebra II), and Kaitlin Walstad (Geometry) with Mrs. Hershberger

Greater Thumb Academic All Conference Team
Chelsea Coffey Honorable Mention
Brandon Peter Honorable Mention
Haley Zwerk Honorable Mention
Allison Schiefer Second Team
Jill Moreau First Team
Laura Sheppard First Team

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Jill Moreau: VEA


Ericka Coners: Gulliver \& Vassar Eagles


Allison Schiefer: Martin Hecht Memorial


Amanda Pomranky: George \& Alice Beach


Emily Araynos: Tuscola County Sheriff's Mounted Division


Ashley Janke: Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival


Jessica Ostrander: Dustin Shannon Memorial


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Chelsea Coffey \& Jill Moreau: Olaf Goodell


Jillian Knudsen: Student
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Ericka Coners:
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Haley Zwerk \& Dan Kennard: U.S. Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete


Max Bender, Chelsea Coffey, Jessica Ostrander, Haley Zwerk: MHSAA Scholar Athlete Nominees


Chelsea Coffey: Detroit Free Press Scholar Athlete Award


Jessica Ostrander \& Kyle Auernhamer: Dr. and Mrs. Barbour Scholar Athlete Award


Jessica Ostrander \& Madison Harper:
Sportsmanship Award,
Male and Female MVP's

above: Masonic Lodge \#163
recipients back row l-r: Rico
Torres, Kyle Auernhamer, Dan Kennard, Ashley Janke; front row I-r: Jillian Knudsen, Quinn Doran, Allison Schiefer, Carly Curell, and Ashley Sipes.

above: Chris Esckleson award winner Allison Schiefer.
left: Michael May award winner Laura Sheppard.

## Art Show


above: Best Exhibit winners Laura Sheppard and Chelsea Bukach

above: Joy Huang's art exhibit

above: Hannah Einhardt and Melissa Owenby's art exhibit, "The Old and the New"

above: Chelsey Hatfield and Ashley Sipes' art exhibit called "Serendipity"

above: Jessica Makinson's art exhibit, "Murder by
Rock"

above: Megan Bilbee, Paige Greer, and Katy Theurer's art exhibit "An Artists Getaway"

above: Bonnie Petterson's art exhibit called, "Surfin" Safari"

above: Thai Rabiabphak's art project
below: Joy Huang's art project


above: Allison Ahn's art project

above: Jessica Makinson's art project below: Laura Sheppard's art project

below: Sarah Langer's art project


above: Ashley Janke's art project

above: Bonnie Petterson's art project
below: Paige Greer's art project



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