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MAKING HER MARK

Senior Lizzie Gillespie paints a brick on the art room wall on May 26. "I decided to paint a saying on there to give an example to the future art students," Gillespie said. photo by Rubena Loewen



SAYING GOODBYE

Senior Kevin Flores holds up a sign from his senior girlfriend Dania Blankenburg at the filming of the end of senior review on May 14. Blankenburg couldn't be there due to funeral but still wanted to be included. photo by Sarah Sumpter



DIVING INTO LIFE

Seniors sit on the edge of the pool after taking the plunge off the platform after senior review on May 19. photo by Sarah Sumpter

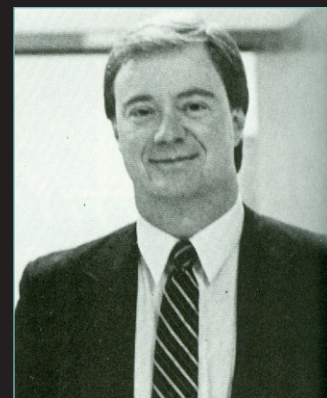
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Dedication

Superintendent Doug Harriman has given himself to education for over 30 years. He has influenced thousands of students as he went from building to building at SISD.

We appreciate his commitment to making scholastic journalism relevant in this district and his commitment to the educational values of the students in this community.

He taught us that every child in SISD is important. Thank you, Mr. Harriman. You will be greatly missed.



Doug Harriman
circa 1987

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ALWAYS THERE
The water tower is a landmark for the home fan at the football games. It served as a permanent sign of the T.R.I.B.E.
photo by Rubena Loewen

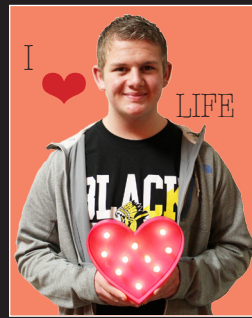


BACK THE TRIBE
Senior mascot Aubrey Owen cheers for the Indians at a home basketball game on Dec. 16. The TRIBE theme was begun by new Indian Athletic Director Kent Jackson.



OH ONE FIVE
The seniors chant their graduation year and hold the 2015 sign during the homecoming pep rally. The class had used the same banner since sophomore year.
photo by Brenda Froese

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Student Life
 "I love theater because I enjoy the people and going to state."
 Kade Thomas-9

Academics
 "I've got brains in English because I always like to write and read, and it comes easily to me."
 Lacy Jackson-9



Organizations
 "We want you to join band because we know how to have fun. It's like a big family. If you feel like you're missing that, you can find it in band."
 Sarah Sumpter-11



Sports
 "We can achieve our goals because we are willing to put in time and effort."
 Susan Reimer-12



People
 "The Class of 2017 is great because we always work hard at what we do, and we are always looking for what is next for our class."
 Jarryd Harr-10



TRIBAL Signs

Changes color beginning of year

The design for the year did not happen by accident, the school needed a design for cohesion and solidarity.

New Indian Athletic Director Kent Jackson found a theme-TRIBE (trust, respect, integrity, belief, enthusiasm), a word he believed everyone could relate to.

"The word Tribe was one of the first things that came to my mind," Jackson said. "I believe when everyone understands its meaning, it is easy to see how we each are a part of it."

Maiden volleyball took this mentality to a top 10 ranking. Senior libero Eva Reimer said the ranking "didn't seem real".

"For it being our last year, it's pretty incredible," Reimer said. "Our coach tells us that rankings don't mean anything, and I believe she is right. Being ranked doesn't have any meaning until you show people what the team is all about."

Coaching staffs took on a completely new look with numerous new hires.

"All of our coaches have a different style in coaching," football senior Justin Ledesma said. "There's no drama or stress this year. I can definitely tell the coaches care about all the players on the team."

Lunch took on a more cohesive design with one 45-minute lunch following a 20-minute tutorial period which also housed organizational meetings.

"It works out well for the most part if we ever have student council meetings," StuCo junior Brittany Quiring said. "It's better when we leave after the meeting because the parking lot isn't as crowded and not everyone is leaving at the same time."

Senior Ryder Mata saw the value of the tutorial period in the middle of the day.

"At first, I thought it was irrelevant," Mata said. "Then I needed to catch up, so they put me in mandatory tutorials, and it took me a week to catch up. I had three incompletes so I had to go to three separate classes for a week."

A new elective choice came with a new broadcast class with a design piloted by journalism senior Jake Froese.

"I get to work with a lot of technology and meet new people from interviewing," Froese said. "I'm involved in every step of the process from the concepts in writing questions and scripts to actually filming and editing the video. I really enjoy this class because there's no other elective like it."

As spirit activities built with pep rallies and homecoming, classes bonded to seek competition wins.

"We all support each other in everything we do," sophomore Jarrot Foote said. "We have way more school spirit than any other class."

This bonding was what Jackson had intended with the TRIBE slogan.

"I hope the TRIBE will be a daily reminder to each of us to take pride in whatever part we play...." Jackson said. "It is not about any one of us; it is about us all."



Christmas Construction (left)
 Sophomore Scout Lujan works on a Christmas project designed by new industrial arts teacher Royce Gregory. "I like Mr. Gregory," Lujan said. "He's straightforward and knows what he wants done and how he wants it done." photo by Esther Neufeld

Ready, Aim, Fire (middle)
 Senior Alban Bejarano and freshman Jakob Becker attempt to squirt whipped topping into their classmates' mouths during the Nov. 14 pep rally. "It was really exciting because it was the first time I volunteered to do something like that," Becker said. photo by Jesus Medina

Patriotic Presentation (right)
 Sophomore Jarrot Foote and FFA junior Taylor Perryman present the American flag during the Nov. 11 Veterans Day assembly. FFA was the architect of the tutorials assembly for local veterans and their families. photo by Mireya Garcia



Rallying the TRIBE
 Senior Jaxon Williams leads the TRIBE chant after he gives a speech at the pep rally on Sept. 5. "The chant is definitely worth doing because all the students participate when Coach Jackson or I start it," Williams said. photo by Esther Neufeld

Surprise Shot (far left)
 Athletic Director Kent Jackson takes it in the face at the student council pie throwing booth on Nov. 26. The booth was part of the Fall Festival which raised money for the local Bob Lewis Mission. photo by Vanessa Perez

Mission Possible (middle left)
 Varsity volleyball Coach Jaqueline Horton hands over the district championship trophy to the varsity seniors on Oct. 28. "It was a huge honor and a big expectation to live up to," senior Amanda Peters said.

Long Lunches (middle right)
 Freshmen Isaac Garcia and Geovanny Arroyo leave Walmart during lunch on Sept. 17. "It's awesome being able to leave every day with teachers who trust us to get back in time," Garcia said. photo by Mireya Garcia

College Choices (far right)
 Senior Salvador Antillon begins a future plan by looking at booths on Sept. 25's college day. "After high school I plan to go to college for four years at UTPB," Antillon said. photo by Matthew Webb



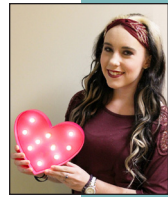
Joy Ride

Students squeeze love out of every day

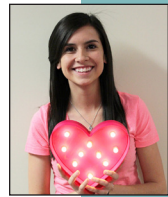
I ♥ LIFE



I ♥
"graduation because I get to start the rest of my future."
Alissa Wright-12



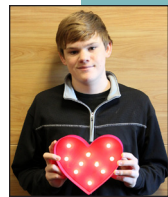
I ♥
"prom because the food was good, and I like to dance."
Miranda Freeman-12



I ♥
"the new lunch because it's way longer, and I have more time to eat."
Alexys Herrera-11



I ♥
"social media because I get to make new friends and meet new people."
Julian Juarez-10



I ♥
"Free time because I get to listen to music, and I enjoy the freedom."
Caleb Kildow-9

Planned or accidental, life's ups and downs colored the design both inside and outside of the SHS walls. Getting the joy out of that life was up to the individual.

Senior Sarah Shirley put her heart into making the last year better.

"I'm participating in everything I can to make my last year great," Shirley said. "I want to make a lot of memories."

The new schedule, which included a tutorial period attached to a lunch that everyone shared, had things to love and hate.

"I have mixed feelings about the new lunch," sophomore Nikki Loewen said. "There are both pros and cons--we get a longer lunch but, there are too many people sharing one lunch."

A crowded lunch period wasn't the only thing bugging students who struggled with class loads, extracurriculars and personal lives. Stress was easier, however, with things one loved.

"I either play music or listen to it all the time to reduce my stress," senior Abe Harder said. "Music can take me any place I want it to take me."

Another love was the freetime for the hobbies students enjoyed.

"I dance in my free time," freshman Isaac Garcia said. "It's my love."

One thing to love about the school day was one lunch without the restriction of being divided from friends in another lunch, but eating out came with restrictions of its own like where the funding came from.

"I get my spending money from my parents," junior Taylor Perryman said. "They're usually pretty giving."

Not everyone, however, had that luxury.

"I get my spending money from my job," junior Judy Hildebrand said. "I work at Korbin's Archery where I build bow strings. It's a pretty interesting job."

Loving life took a happy balance of jobs, hobbies, sports and extracurriculars. For Perryman, the love of her animals took much of her time.

"All my freetime is consumed by stock shows," Perryman said. "I feed my animals, give them shots, wash the steers. I pamper them basically."

Students filled their freetime with their passions.

"I am in all the fine arts hobbies," theater and choir freshman Isabel Acosta said. "I've always done them, and I love doing them."

Hanging out with friends, getting on the bus at 5 a.m. or leaving school early to go to work at Walmart...each one took a student closer to something in life he or she loved.



PINK OUT SPIRIT

Seniors Susie Enns and Kinzey Wolf raise their arms, pinkies interlocked, for the school song during the Pink Out pep rally on Oct. 10. "Pep rallies are fun because you get to yell and cheer for your class," Enns said. "Also it's fun to cheer on the football team."
photo by Markie Salazar



SUMMER JOBS

Sophomore Lena Martens enforces rules in the pool area at her summer job as a lifeguard. "I like lifeguarding because you get to save lives," Martens said. "It makes me feel good when I help someone out of a dangerous situation."
photo by Esther Neufeld



FINDING FUNDS

Senior April Davis and sophomore Peter Padilla work at BYO Pizza after school. "I got a job to save money for my future," Davis said.
photo by Amanda Peters



EARLY MORNING SINGING

Senior Abe Harder and his sister sophomore Ashley Harder lead the singing at the annual See You At The Pole gathering on Sept. 17. "I love playing my guitar and worshipping," Abe said.
photo by Sarah Sumpter



SHOPPING FOR LUNCH

Freshman Kye Harvey checks out at Walmart during lunch. "I like the long lunch because it gives me more time to eat," Harvey said.
photo by Mireya Garcia

Academic

got brains?

Students tap into brain power to achieve



hardest class

"Health is my hardest class because we learn about our health."
Jeremia Harms-9



easiest class

"Auto tech is my easiest class because we don't have to do anything."
Koy Duncan-10



hardest class

"I find math difficult because I can't see the board half the time. I have to squint regularly."
Jasmine Ochoa-11



easiest class

"Government is my easiest class because Mr. Carter makes everything easy."
Mayeli Ayala-12



hardest to teach

"Seventh period is the hardest because it's the biggest class."
Joe Massey-Social Studies

In the world of academics, everything depended on brain power. It wasn't always about whether students had it but about how they used it.

Science classes in general seemed to give students problems.

"Biology is my hardest class," freshman Abby Fehr said. "The tests and cycles are hard."

Sophomores Judy Wiebe and Lorissa Espino had heard stories about chemistry.

"People were saying it would be hard," Espino said. "They said I wouldn't make it through, but I am."

As students got older they could take concurrent or advanced placement classes which required more brains than ever.

"English is my hardest class," junior Antonio Porras said. "I'm not good at writing. When you jump up to college, it gets much harder."

The classes that addressed a student's strengths always seemed easier. Porras's easiest class was speech and debate. "It's easy because I enjoy it so much," Porras said. "It's like second nature."

To combat a high failure rate and a low tutorial attendance, administration instituted mandatory tutorials attached to the lunch period.

"It's good for people who fail," sophomore Clayton Froese said. "They get their work done."

The drawback of the new tutorials was that lunch was 20 minutes shorter if a student was failing at either the third or sixth week.

"If you have it, then it's no fun," Porras said. "If you don't, then it's good."

The campus saw a slew of new faces both in the 200-plus freshmen and an unusually high number of new teachers due to coaching changes. The combination of new teacher and student faces worked well for junior Abigail Knelsen who had Coach Joe Massey for U.S. history.

"Coach Massey is a cool guy," Knelsen said. "He tries to come up with the right way to help us learn."

Finding ways to learn and using brain power could take a student where he or she wanted to go in the future. Freshman Kendall Taubert, for instance, wanted to teach in college or become a pharmacist which would involve science knowledge.

"Last year I was good at science," Taubert said. "This year, it is confusing with all the tests and cycles which are hard."

Taubert was learning what students found out as they got further into high school. Everyone had brains, but using them got students where they wanted to go.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Junior Emily Letkeman trims a mannequin's hair in cosmetology on Dec. 3. She had been in cosmetology since freshman year so she could take exams for a beautician's license.
photo by Brenda Froese



EXACT MEASUREMENTS

Senior Vicky Flores works on a recipe in lifetime nutrition and wellness on Dec. 3. The class taught shopping, menu planning and nutrition along with cooking skills.
photo by Amanda Peters



LITERARY PROJECT

Junior Bryce Darby works on an assignment in Stacie Atkins's seventh period English class on Oct. 23. "It's easy because she explains everything really well," Darby said.
photo by Sarah Sumpter



GOT GEOGRAPHY

Freshman Jakob Becker takes a test in ninth period world geography on Nov. 6. "It's been hard, but I'm overcoming because my brother is helping me," Becker said.
photo by Sarah Sumpter



IN YOUR MIND

Junior Jocelin Loewen listens to the lecture in Keith Clement's fifth period psychology class on Oct. 23. "I've learned about a lot of disorders," Loewen said.
photo by Sarah Sumpter

T Together

Members join to learn, help, compete

WE WANT YOU!



WE WANT YOU!

FFA

"I do FFA because my dad used to be an ag teacher, and my brother was in FFA, too. It was destined for me."

Alec Winfrey-12



WE WANT YOU!

Choir

"I'm in choir because my mom was in it, too, and I always enjoyed singing as a kid."

Sawyer Jenkins-12



WE WANT YOU!

SkillsUSA

"I'm in SkillsUSA auto tech because I've always enjoyed working with vehicles."

Johnny Zacharias-12



WE WANT YOU!

Art Club

"I'm in Art Club because I really enjoy painting and drawing. I was interested in what Art Club did, so I joined, and now I love it."

Lizzie Gillespie-12



WE WANT YOU!

NHS

"I was inducted into NHS because of good grades and good character. I chose to be involved and ran for president."

Sarah Patterson-12

Every organization wanted members. The more members, the more help with projects and competitions.

Members seized opportunities to make a difference like when National Honor Society cleaned up a mile of highway.

"It was an eye opening experience to see all the trash thrown out on the side of the highway," NHS junior Taryn Shoemake said. "The amount of trash and beer bottles concerns me."

NHS wasn't the only club that did activities to help the community. The Art Club worked on projects on and off campus.

"We get together a lot," club treasurer junior Emily Medrano said. "We have done paintings and fundraisers for the school."

Student council wanted students to get involved in school activities like spirit days.

"My favorite spirit day would have to be pajama day," StuCo sophomore Hannah Patterson said. "It's my favorite because you get to be comfortable all day, and not have to do anything."

Being in student government was a chance to work as a team for something greater than oneself.

"I'm in student council because it's a good opportunity to gain life experiences, and it's a good way to help the community," StuCo sophomore Amy Letkeman said. "It's not hard because we work together to accomplish our goals."

Competitions also lured members into organizations. SkillsUSA connected members through career and technical knowledge on a state and national level through competitions.

"To me SkillsUSA means champions at work," cosmetology senior Randee Thomas said. "If we aren't in the classroom then we are in the workroom doing hair or nails trying to please our customers."

Competitions ranged through a variety of co-curricular organizations including music. Band Director Adam Bodine led the Pride of the Tribe to state Wind Ensemble as well as area marching competition.

"It was pretty awesome because we haven't advanced that far [in marching] in eight years," band sophomore Layne Alvarado said. "It was a big thing for everyone."

Backing the Tribe with spirit was a job the four classes and the cheerleaders took on.

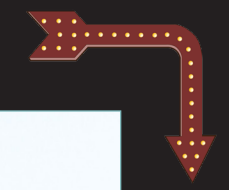
"I like the excitement about being a cheerleader," senior Lizzie Gillespie said. "You have to be happy all the time wherever you are."

Another way members got involved was through performances. "When you can't play sports or do anything active you always have your voice," A Cappella sophomore Alex Hindman said. "You can gain skills that will definitely help you in the future whether or not you enter into a career in music."

Throughout the year, groups competed in dozens of ways with chances to advance like the SkillsUSA students and FFA teams who competed in nationals over the summer. Behind those students were dedicated sponsors

"I feel really blessed to have him [FFA sponsor Ryan Best] because he was a National FFA president," FFA sophomore Jarrot Foote said. "With that I feel like he has a lot of experience. He's done a lot. He can help us in many ways."

With the opportunities, knowledge and fun available in organizations, it was a given that they would want more members to continue their causes.



CLEAN-UP CREW

NHS juniors Sadie Wheeler and Jayne Hamblin clean up trash on the Seagraves Highway on Oct. 16. Traditionally the group cleaned the area twice a year.

photo by Brenda Froese



ANIMATED ANTICS

Freshman Ransom Edwards practices his prose interpretation piece during speech class on Nov. 12. "I enjoy doing prose because I get to tell funny stories that everyone laughs at," Edwards said.

photo by Brenda Froese



FIRM FOUNDATION

Cheerleaders sophomore Kaitlyn Hogue, freshman Lucy Gerber and senior Shasta Pettyjohn base a stunt during the Sept. 9 pep rally. "Without the cheerleaders where would all the school spirit be?" Hogue said.

photo by Esther Neufeld



BATTLE OF THE BAND

Pride of the Tribe members engage in a light sabre war during the *Star Wars*-themed Halloween halftime show. "It was pretty cool how we got to just start hitting each other with the noodles," senior Ramiro Garcia said.

photo by Amanda Peters



BEAUTY FOR BUCKS

Cosmetology senior Kinzey Wolf works on senior Ellen Wiebe's hair in cosmetology SkillsUSA's booth at the fall festival on Nov. 30. "I really enjoyed braiding," Wolf said. "It was a good experience to get better with hair."

photo by Brenda Froese

Push Limits

We Can Do It!

Athletes experience changes but still excel



GETTING READY

Junior powerlifter Vanessa Perez struggles to get the lifting shirt on sophomore Amanda Rodriguez at the home meet on Feb. 2. The Maidens team had members advance to regionals and state.
photo by Markie Salazar

SPIKE IT

Sophomore Alyssa Carnes goes up for a kill at a district game versus Fort Stockton on Oct. 18. The Maidens took their 10-0 district run to the area round.
photo by Vanessa Perez

JOB WELL DONE

New Indian Athletic Director Kent Jackson congratulates senior running back Kason Rosalez on a touchdown run during preseason play against Greenwood on August 29. The new football district sent the Indians to a different district than the other SHS teams.
photo by Rubena Loewen

TENNIS TALK

New tennis Coach Kevin Gersbach talks to junior Sadie Wheeler and senior Elizeth Villa about their doubles match on April 11. "The outcome of this season was good," Wheeler said. "Even though it was rough, we tried our hardest."
photo by Vanessa Perez

A BIG WIN

The Maiden basketball team cheers for Coach Leland Bearden as he reached his 600th career win on Dec. 2. "I was really excited for him," senior post Baylee Lopez said. "I was glad to be a part of this milestone in his career."
photo by Jesus Medina

We Can Do It!



Powerlifting

"We deadlift better than anyone. If we were behind in totals, deadlift usually caught us up."

Andrew Alvidrez-12

We Can Do It!



Basketball

"Our post game is better than anyone else's. We work the ball in the paint better."

Kelea Pool-11

We Can Do It!



Golf

"My team can care about each other the most. Every shot matters in golf, and everyone contributes to one goal."

Luke Wimmer-11

We Can Do It!



Swimming

"We love each other more than other teams. When we fight, we always come back together. We support each other."

Faith Klassen-10

We Can Do It!



Track

"We put in hundreds of extra hours. We literally go to Lubbock twice a week on our own money to practice at Tech."

Jimmie Vaughn-12

With an almost 50 percent turnover in coaching staff, the Indians and Maidens needed to adopt a "We can do it" attitude to rebuild and continue athletic programs.

New Indian Athletic Director Kent Jackson used the TRIBE slogan to build the athletic program with a sense of unity. That unity made teams more like family.

"Our team's strength is the bond we created," softball senior Jacklyn Olivarez said. "The bond we share is wonderful on the field. Being as close as we are helps us start fast and end strong. Not only are we teammates, but we're a family. That's something that extremely strengthens our team."

Another thing that strengthened teams was workouts with conditioning Coach Dustin Rotan.

"Conditioning was the hardest part about practice because running isn't fun," basketball junior Kelea Pool said. "It wasn't about the fun though. It was about getting where we all needed to be."

The conditioning regime taught athletes about themselves. "I've learned about my endurance and that I'm better when I'm pushed to my limit," basketball senior McKaylee Weishuhn said. I like when things are intense like when Coach Bearden yells at me and pushes me to do better."

The Maiden basketball team took its quest to the region final, falling to a Wylie team with more depth.

The depth of two programs took them to the state level. Junior Luke Wimmer made an appearance at the state golf meet, while four powerlifters went to the state meet as well. Senior Andrew Alvidrez claimed the state championship taking both regional and state records in the deadlift.

"It was easy with the new coach because he knows I had done this my whole high school career," four-time state qualifier Alvidrez said. "He let me do my own thing."

The athletic banquet was held in the Civic Center for the first time as athletes and coaches were recognized including a new award for the top Maiden and Indian athlete of the year which went to seniors Sabraun Adams and Susan Reimer.

"I think what made me most successful in sports would have to be the coaches always pushing me to do better," Reimer said.

Indians and Maidens went to the next level of competition in 12 of 13 varsity sports during the year, showing that they "Can do it" even with changes in coaching and a new district.

"To make it to the next level took perseverance," junior powerlifter and swimmer Madi Werner said. "It challenges your mental and physical strength; you just have to push through. It takes all you have."

Unique

Individuals contribute to total class identity



Class of 2018

"We are the best because we are together as a class."
Alejandra Segovia-9



Class of 2017

"We have the most spirit."
Franky Wall-10



Class of 2016

"We are cool because we are smart."
Tony Blankenburg-11



Class of 2015

"We have a lot of fun, and we laugh a lot."
Nancy Peters-12



Staff of 2015

"We improve every year with experience."
Quincy Cronenworth-Staff

Everyone was unique. Every class was unique. It was what made individuals stand out from everyone else.

Freshman Lori Wilson said her classmates were young and reckless.

"The class of 2018 doesn't care what everyone thinks of us," Wilson said. "We do our own thing."

Sophomore Amy Letkeman said her class was involved which caused more class rivalry.

"The class of 2017 is good at everything," Letkeman said. "Everyone hates us."

Junior Aly Gonzalez said her class inspired each other.

"The class of 2016 has potential," Gonzalez said. "We are diverse and all such different people."

Senior Nathan Ramirez said his class lived life more fully.

"The class of 2015 is full of lively souls," Ramirez said. "We make everything fun."

The freshman, sophomore, junior or senior class identities boiled down to the sum of their parts or members. Every individual contributed to the uniqueness, whether it was doodling instead of turning in work or a personality quirk.

"I'm blunt," Gonzalez said. "I don't care for irrelevant opinions."

Independence added strength to be different. Junior Cassandra Luna said she makes her own decisions.

"I am who I want to be," Luna said. "I live by my own rules."

Individual time was ruled by personal preference. Freshman Beverly Fehr, for instance, love to play tennis and rode horses for fun, while sophomore Lorissa Espino baby sat and tutored for money, but used physical activity to decompress.

"I dance, workout, and play basketball," Espino said. "It takes away my stress."

When the stress was gone, students felt more free to enjoy life.

"I feel most free during the summer," Letkeman said. "I spend all day swimming, and I have no responsibilities."

Luna said she felt at liberty when her dad took her to the beach every year.

"I feel free when I'm at the beach," Luna said. "I have been going every summer since I was three."

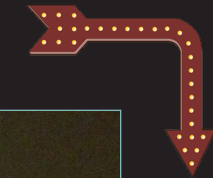
Individuality was integral in making up the variety of personalities in each class.

"I'm an individual," Ramirez said. "Why follow the crowd when you are your own person?"

Gonzalez said being like everyone else wasn't the way to go.

"I know people think following the crowd is cool," Gonzalez said, "but the crowd won't be there in your career. They won't be there after graduation."

As students explored and experimented, they found the uniqueness that together made them the Class of...



SPIRITED WARRIOR

Senior Sam Gomez wears an Indian headdress for her last pep rally in January. "I got the headdress because I honestly think I have too much school spirit," Gomez said. photo by Esther Neufeld



TICKLING THE IVORIES

Sophomore Layne Alvarado plays piano with the First Baptist youth band on Oct. 15. "I love music, and doing what I love keeps me going," Alvarado said. photo by Sarah Sumpter



ANCHORED IN FAITH

Junior Abby Navarro reads a scripture during See You at the Pole on Sept. 24. "I read from the book of Ephesians," Navarro said. photo by Sarah Sumpter



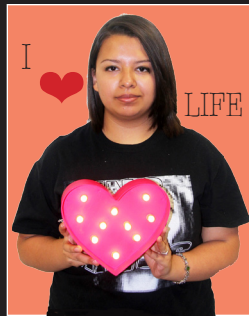
FUTURE FORMS

Senior Vanessa Lule writes her contact information down on a form during College Day on Sept. 25 in the gym. "I want to go to South Plains College for criminal justice," Lule said. photo by Sarah Sumpter

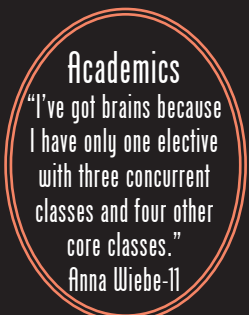


CRAZY KINDA GUY

Junior Nicolas Garcia wears a mask and costume for Crazy Day on Oct. 30. "I acted all crazy for Crazy Day," Garcia said. photo by Vanessa Perez



Student Life
 “I love high school because there is more freedom than junior high.”
 Nicole Rodriguez-9



Academics
 “I’ve got brains because I have only one elective with three concurrent classes and four other core classes.”
 Anna Wiebe-11



Organizations
 “We want you to join SkillsUSA because it helps you gain confidence and build on your business etiquette.”
 Judy Klassen-11



Sports
 “We can do it because we have more worth ethic than other towns’ teams.”
 Sabraun Adams-12



People
 “The Class of 2015 is the best because we are full of driven people who aim to succeed.”
 Alissa Wright-12

Signs of Success

Year ends
 in winning way

She would miss lockers slamming, laughs and conversations in the halls, and seeing friends daily, but senior Sam Gomez was about to embark on a new design for her future.

“It really didn’t dawn on me until Tuesday came around, and all my teachers were saying, ‘Congratulations, Sam!’” Gomez said on the last day of school. “And BOOM it hit me worse than a train wreck.”

May had been a flurry of final competitions and preparations. The wind ensemble qualified for state, the speech team took a state team championship, and one-act play took a second consecutive state championship.

“My biggest accomplishment was winning UIL state one-act for the second time in a row,” sophomore Nikki Loewen said. “Last year we set a high standard by winning state, and this year we accomplished our goal by staying the defending state champs.”

In sports the can-do attitude took four powerlifters to state including 148-pound champion senior Andrew Alvidrez. It also took the first Indian golfer to go to state in this century.

“It felt great being able to go to state,” junior Luke Wimmer said. “I felt like I could’ve done better, but just being able to go was amazing.”

Students and teachers alike had the brains to deal with reduction of paper use over the course of the year.

“It was stressful and different to go paperless,” concurrent English teacher Jeff Patterson said. “When something changes it becomes a discomfort, but over the year, it grew on me that going paperless wasn’t so bad.”

In any design there was room for improvement.

“My favorite memory this year was beating Andrews twice in order to be third in district for softball,” senior Eva Reimer said. “Beating them was an accomplishment because we have always lost to them throughout my four years until now.”

So as the signs that the year was over came in the form of locker clean outs and final exams, it finally sunk into seniors’ brains, and they came to realizations.

“Seeing all my classmates hugging each other made me realize it was really over,” Gomez said. “Saying goodbye to the teachers we thought were just picking on us but were really helping us with a memorable milestone...walking down the hallways one last time...that’s when I thought ‘yep this is it... high school is over... this... is... it...’”



The DeSIGNer (left)
 Audio video technology teacher Katie Ray completes senior review after filming the final scene on May 14. “We started planning in September when we decided the theme,” Ray said. photo by Sarah Sumpter

Thumbs Up (middle)
 Freshman Alex Hinojosa gets his bronze medal after competing in the Special Olympics on May 9. Hinojosa placed third in the softball throw.

Memory of Mr. C (right)
 Choir Director Eric Hindman leads the A Cappella at spring show on May 14. The show and choir shirts were dedicated to the memory of Assistant Director Shayne Childers who passed away during the summer. photo by Amanda Peters



Champions Again
 One-act play cast members perform for the school on May 4. *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail* took the state championship making it a second consecutive win and a sixth year in a row for state qualification. photo by Markie Salazar

Sibling Scholars (far left)
 Junior Kelea Pool and freshman Ashlea Pool stand on the stage after receiving awards on May 21. Kelea took awards in wildlife and recreation management and principles of human services, while Ashlea took an award in world geography. photo by Vanessa Perez

Steak special (middle left)
 Senior Andrew Alvidrez, junior Madi Werner, senior Robert Gonzales and senior Estevan Espino eat at the athletic banquet on May 5. The banquet was held at the civic center instead of on campus as a change. photo by Mireya Garcia

Catapult Construction (middle right)
 Junior David Davila works on a catapult project for Kenneth Kirk’s principles of technology class on May 13. “It was our final exam,” Davila said. “We couldn’t use any modern stuff, so it made it a bit harder.” photo by Jesus Medina

Signing off (far right)
 Retiring swim Coach Tim Sage instructs future lifeguards during a three-day workshop. “I’ll miss the kids the most when I leave, but I’ll get to see them a lot at the youth center,” Sage said. photo by Mireya Garcia

