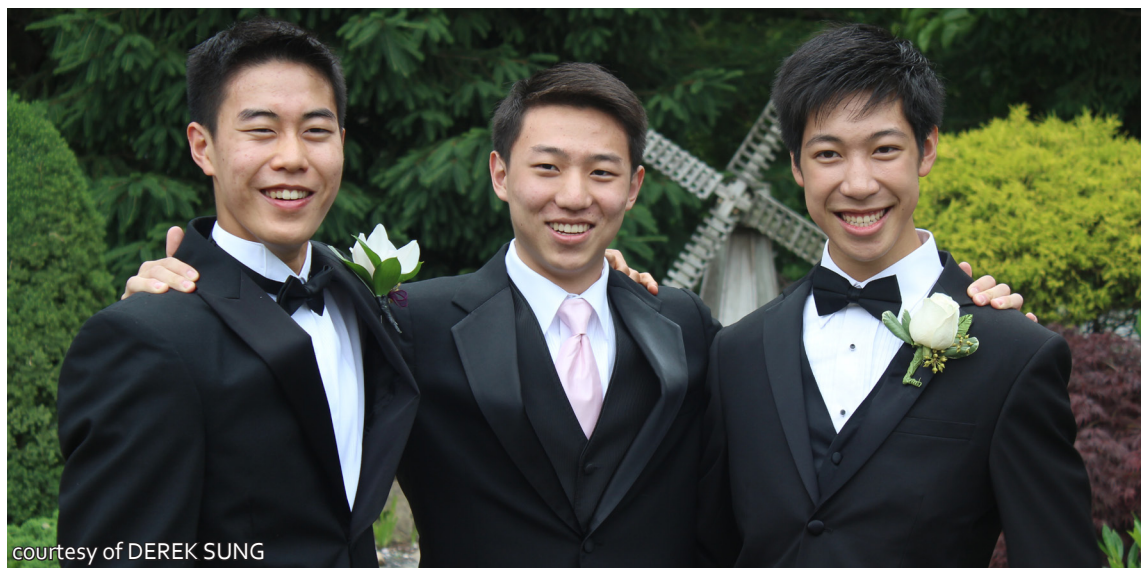




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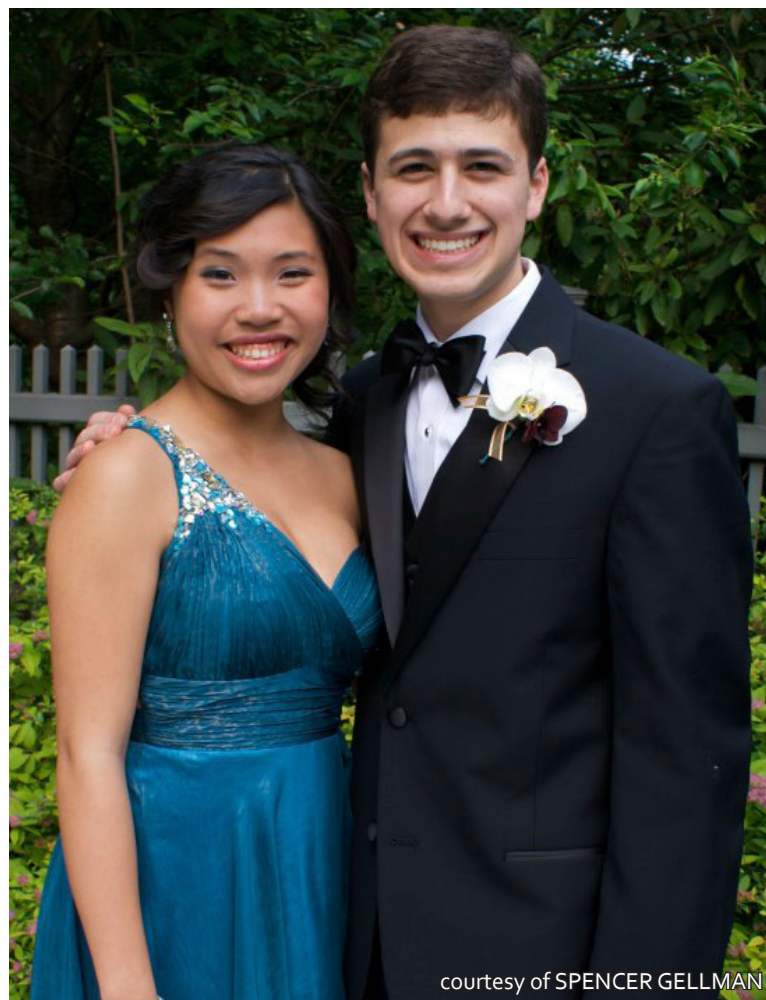
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TREASURE THE MEMORIES PROM 2012

DEREK SUNG
news editor

Limousines, party busses, gorgeous gowns and dapper tuxedos helped set the scene for the 2012 Ridgewood High School Prom at the Harborside in Jersey City situated right on the banks of the Hudson River.

The party began with a cocktail hour where students were served hors d'oeuvres and enjoyed drinks concocted by the Harborside staff.

Salutations and hugs were exchanged as the students entered the venue, and the level

of energy seemed to build as the main event neared.

Of course, no one missed an opportunity to take pictures with friends and teachers. Dresses sparkled as cameras flashed. Students and faculty alike were able to enjoy and to pose in front of the fantastic view of New York City skyline and lights.

Yunjoo Chung said of the location, "The gorgeous skyline view was perfect for taking pictures!"

Finally, the curtains opened revealing an elegant and festive venue with glass ceilings and a radiant dance floor.

"I thought they did a really nice job of setting up the scenery and the decorations on the table," explained Hannah Gilliland. "From what I hear, it was much better than last year's prom."

Soon after, the floor opened up and all rushed to show off their best dance moves. As the night progressed, prom attendees boogied to various beats – slow and fast, pop and rock, techno and classics.

"The highlight of the night was definitely when the DJ played 'Don't Cry for Me Argentina,'" stated Zoe Dartley. "It's a beloved show

tune for me and my friends."

Then, the iconic prom moment came – the crowning of the prom king and queen. Among the prom "court" were seniors Taylor Barclay, Kristen Megargee, Kiley Donovan, Kelly Boylan, Tripp Telesco, Peter Westcott, Alex Sarappo, and Jun Kim.

Ultimately, Anna Caliendo and Brendan Carroll won the coveted title of prom king and queen.

Caliendo commented on her win saying, "Being crowned prom queen was very unexpected, but I'm glad I got to share it with a friend."

As the night wound down, prom-goers, clearly spent but satisfied with the evening's festivities, boarded their limousines and party buses – some off to their after-prom beach houses and others back home.

Regardless of their destinations, most can agree they left, feeling the words of Dave Brenner, as palpable as the chilly June air: "Friends are the most important part of your life. Treasure the tears, treasure the laughter, but most importantly, treasure the memories."

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COLLEGE DESTINATIONS

ALABAMA–3

Auburn University: 2
The University of Alabama: 1

ARIZONA–2

Arizona State University: 1
The University of Arizona: 1

CALIFORNIA–8

Berkeley City College: 1
Pitzer College: 1
Stanford University: 2
University of California (various campuses): 4

COLORADO–3

Colorado College: 1
University of Colorado: 2

CONNECTICUT–14

Connecticut College: 2
Fairfield University: 3
Quinnipiac University: 1
Sacred Heart University: 3
Trinity College: 3
University of Hartford: 1
Wesleyan University: 1

FLORIDA–1

Florida Atlantic University: 1

GEORGIA–1

Emory University: 1

ILLINOIS–6

Northwestern University: 2
Parkland College: 1
University of Chicago: 1
University of Illinois: 2

INDIANA–4

Indiana University (various campuses): 3
University of Notre Dame: 2

LOUSIANA–7

Louisiana State University: 1
Loyola University: 1
Savannah College of Art and Design: 1
Savannah State University: 1
Tulane University: 3

MAINE–7

Bates College: 3
Bowdoin College: 2
Colby College: 2

MARYLAND–16

Goucher College: 1
Johns Hopkins University: 3
Loyola University Maryland: 2
Maryland Institute of Art: 1
McDaniel College: 1
St. Mary's College: 1
The Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University: 1
US Naval Academy: 1
University of Maryland (various campuses): 5

MASSACHUSETTS–27

Amherst College: 2
Bentley University: 1
Berklee College of Music: 1
Boston College: 2
Boston University: 3
Brandeis University: 3
College of the Holy Cross: 2
Dean College: 1
Emerson College: 2
Northeastern University: 2
Springfield College: 3
Tufts University: 3
University of Massachusetts, Amherst: 1
Western New England University: 1

MICHIGAN–5

University of Michigan: 5

MISSOURI–1

Washington University: 1

NEW HAMPSHIRE–1

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NEW JERSEY–76

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Centenary College: 1
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Montclair State University: 8
New Jersey Institute of Technology: 1
Ocean County College: 1
Ramapo College: 5
Richard Stockton College: 1
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Stevens Institute of Technology: 3

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William Paterson University: 6

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Cornell University: 6
Fordham University: 2
Hofstra University: 2
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Manhattanville College: 1
Marist College: 3
Mercy College: 1
New York Institute of Technology – Old Westbury: 1
New York University: 8
Parsons The New School for Design: 1
Rochester Institute of Technology: 1
School of Visual Arts: 4
Skidmore College: 1
State University of New York at Albany (various campuses): 4
Stony Brook University: 3
Syracuse University: 5
The Juilliard School: 1
US Military Academy: 1
University of Rochester: 2
Vassar College: 1

NORTH CAROLINA–8

Duke University: 2
East Carolina University: 1
Elon University: 2
Louisburg College: 1
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: 1
Wake Forest University: 1

OHIO–5

Cleveland State University: 1
Miami University, Oxford: 1
Oberlin College: 1
Ohio Wesleyan University: 1
University of Dayton: 1

OKLAHOMA–1

Oklahoma State University: 1

PENNSYLVANIA–52

Bryn Mawr College: 1
Bucknell University: 1
Carnegie Mellon University: 1

Dickinson College: 1
Franklin and Marshall College: 3

Gettysburg College: 4
Haverford College: 1
Kutztown University: 1
Lafayette College: 2
Lehigh University: 5
Muhlenberg College: 7
Pennsylvania State: 4
Saint Joseph's University: 3
Susquehanna University: 4
Temple University: 4
The University of Scranton: 3
The University of the Arts: 1
University of Pittsburgh: 1
University of the Sciences in Philadelphia: 1
Valley Forge Military College: 1
Villanova University: 3

RHODE ISLAND–11

Brown University: 2
Johnson and Wales University: 1
Rhode Island School of Design: 2
Roger Williams University: 2
Salve Regina University: 1
University of Rhode Island: 4

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Clemson University: 2
Coastal Carolina University: 2
College of Charleston: 1
Furman University: 1
University of South Carolina: 1

TENNESSEE–2

Vanderbilt University: 2

VIRGINIA–17

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James Madison University: 4
Roanoke College: 1
Shenandoah University: 1
Sweet Briar College: 1
University of Richmond: 6
University of Virginia: 1
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University: 1

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American University: 2
Georgetown University: 2
Howard University: 1
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CANADA–2

McGill University: 2

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Farewells from the Editors

The best part(s) about being an editor for the newspaper have been my fellow editors! Late nights – after-school gatherings of our crew in the computer lab, during which we put the issues together – aren't so bad when you have people like Emily Geiger, Zoe Dartley, Victoria Pan, Derek Sung, Alison Graham, Carolyn Stichnoth, Samantha Fink, Sidney Kanell, Colin Halvey, Christina Salerno, Mercedes Whitman, and Camille Davis (and those are just the seniors) there with you.

Vickie's so great she brings us cookies almost every day. One of my favorite memories is of the April issue of this year. One day, for reasons I can't recall, we started to look up images and videos of funny animals on the Internet. We saw painting kittens, a skateboarding dog, and a narcoleptic dog which one of the editors found particularly entertaining. As I leave for college, I'll take with me many fond memories like these.

Helen Peng

I can't believe my four years with the newspaper have finally come to a close. It certainly feels strange to be writing my senior farewell letter when not too long ago I submitted my first article to the High Times. When I look back on my experience with the newspaper, I remember when I first became a news editor my junior year. It is no secret that I am technologically inept; needless to say, I felt overwhelmed by all of the new programming I would have to learn and use. Now as a senior editor, I look

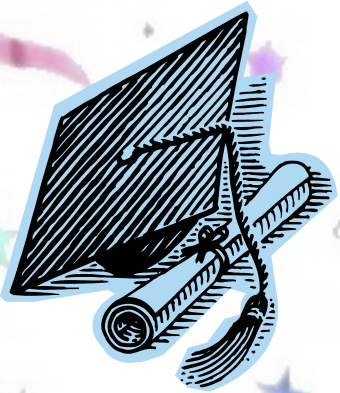
forward to our "late nights," where I have grown accustomed to Ms. Sabo's Pandora playlist and the take out food from local restaurants. As I leave RHS, I can't help but feel a bit nostalgic about the countless hours I've spent toiling over layouts and hurrying to finish the paper on time. I would like to thank Ms. Sabo and my fellow editors for working with me to create a newspaper I can be proud of, and I wish the best of luck to the future editors!

Samantha Fink

Over my single published issue as editor, I've enjoyed working in the computer lab with the other editors. I'll always look back fondly on late nights spent chatting, working, and rocking out to music. I've always been just a reader of the High Times, and I've loved getting to know what happens on the other side of journalism. A big thank you to all my peer editors for all the memories and Ms. Sabo for being such an awesome and fun advisor.

Derek Sung

R H SENIORS P E A K



What has been your favorite memory at RHS?



“Being Asian Fest Leaders.”
~ Dan Chun and Erika Chan



“Going to prom with my best friend Carter Hartman.”
~ Kelly Boylan



“Physics Day at Six Flags.”
~ Marshall Bronfin



“Directing a New Players concert scene and watching my cast on opening night.”
~ Rachel Goodgold



“Making a Romeo and Juliette movie guest featuring Alex Alpert and Javi Hassan in 9th grade.”
~ Claire Guerriero



“Winning the baseball state sectional championship this year”
~ Mike Johnson



“Being taught by Dr. Schaefer.”
~ Justin Halle



“Getting to be a part of Celebration of the Arts.”
~ Patty Gonzaga

SENIOR CLASS SUPERLATIVES

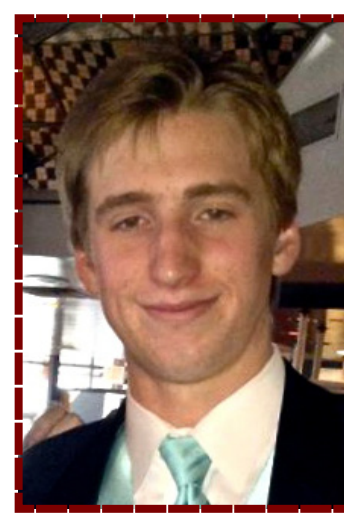
BEST EYES

Marina Krygin and Justin Halle



GAG AWARDS!

Joanne Lee and Mike Henni



MOST LIKELY TO SLEEP DURING CLASS

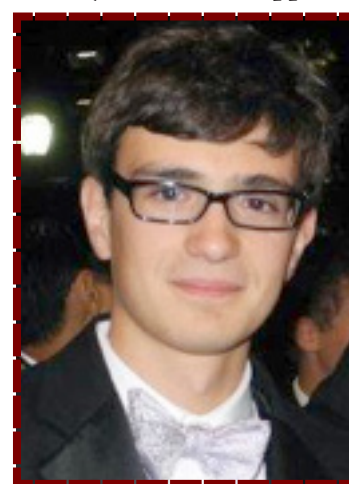
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Hanah Landis and Richard Lopez



BEST WRITER

Laura Berry and Alex Sarappo



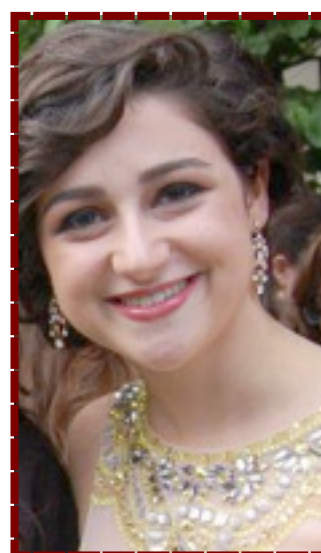
MOST LIKELY TO BE A MILLIONAIRE

Emily Riemer and Colin Halvey



WORST DRIVER

Zoe Dartley and Evan Bartlik



MOST LIKELY TO BE KICKED OUT OF THE LIBRARY

Liz Oliva and Aaron Sacks



Farewells from the Editors

It's been really fun getting to know all of my fellow editors over the past two years working with the High Times. We have a great time preparing every issue and I'll miss you all next year. Thank you for all the fun!

Carolyn Stichnoth

These past four years have flown by, and I'm excited to graduate. One of the things that I will miss, however, is working "behind-the-scenes" with the High Times staff. I've enjoyed getting to read so many articles reported and written by my peers and it has been a privilege to edit and publish them in the paper. I may not always remember every issue we've published, but I'll always remember the candid and creative staff with whom I've gotten to work.

Alison Graham

PROM 2012



Farewell from the Editor

My High Times career started the beginning of junior year. A former editor asked what I thought about adding a photography section to the paper and I thought it was a great idea. I then joined as co-editor. This year, I gained more responsibility as the only photo editor. I love this position because I have met and worked with many students who share the same interest as me that I had not known previously. The photo section gives students a creative outlet to share their perspectives on different themes from month to month. Throughout these two years, I have gotten the opportunity to work with a bunch of great editors that helped me a lot especially when I was just learning the system. I hope that this new section continues to grow throughout the years. Good luck to next year's editors!

Mercedes Whitman

A SUMMER OF SEQUELS

ELIZABETH KOPEC
entertainment editor

Sequels always cause some debate. Some say the sequel will never be able to live up to the original, while others look forward to seeing the story continue. Either way, it is always fun to see some of our favorite characters come back to the big screen.

This summer will be full of sequels. *The Amazing Spider-Man*, *The Dark Night Rises*, and *The Bourne Legacy* all come out this summer.

The Amazing Spider-Man comes out July 3rd, and will start off a summer full of movies. Although this film is not technically a sequel, it is the fourth film featuring Spider-Man from Columbia Pictures. Andrew Garfield, known for his role as Eduardo Saverin in *The Social Network*, stars as teenaged Peter Parker/Spider-Man, who tries to learn

introduced into the series as well: Selina Kyle, also known as Catwoman, played by Anne Hathaway, and Bane, played by Tom Hardy.

Catwoman steals from the wealthy, while Bane devises complex plans and uses his strength to fight Batman hand-to-hand. These villains will be an interesting challenge for Batman, who has already aged since the last film of the series.

The Bourne Legacy is the fourth movie in the Bourne film series. Although the movie is part of the Bourne film series, it is not based on the book, and has a different director from the previous films. Matt Damon, who starred as Jason Bourne in the first three films, will not be returning to the series as well. Instead the focus will be on a new hero, Aaron Cross.

The female lead and love interest of Cross will be Dr.

SENIOR PICKS FOR YOUR SUMMER PLAYLIST

EMILY GEIGER
entertainment editor

Summer is filled with relaxation by the pool and exciting vacations. What is more perfect than enjoying the heat while listening to hot and sizzling music? A summer sound track is an iPod playlist essential, and some seniors have been sharing their favorite hits for the upcoming season.

Although the music is not contemporary, Senior James Lee believes anything Beach Boys-related is perfect for being out in the sun and by the water. If you are looking for a particular song, "Fun, Fun, Fun" and "Surfin' USA" are Beach Boys classics.

Senior Mollie Grunat likes the song "Surfin' Bird" by the Trashmen, another fun song from another era.

Senior Kelly Boylan says, "I always have to go back to 'American Pie,'" Don McLean's hit.

In terms of more recent songs, Senior Nick Tai is a big fan of Carly Rae Jepsen's single "Call Me Maybe," which some are calling the song of the summer. The song is not particularly deep, but its catchy chorus is fun to sing along to while hanging out with friends.

Another fun song is "Starships" by Nicki Minaj. With the lyrics "Let's go to the beach each/ Let's go get away," the song relates perfectly to the carefree excursions of summer.

Senior Sofie Coopersmith likes Katy Perry's song "Cali-



Any song from the Beach Boys is perfect for every summer moment.

fornia Girls." Coopersmith says "I know it's cheesy, but it's a fun song that reminds me of summer."

Senior Dan Chun likes "The Way I am" by Ingrid Michaelson, which is a soothing song to help you escape from the chaos of summer.

Senior editors of The High Times have also shared their favorite songs for summer.

Senior Victoria Pan is a huge fan of the popular boy band One Direction. Although "What Makes You Beautiful" is their most popular song, Pan thinks that their album, "Up all Night", is perfect for every summer moment.

Senior Zoe Dartley likes "Uncharted" by Sara Bareilles, and she thinks it is appropriate for the summer because "it's

an adventure song."

Senior Carolyn Stichnoth likes the song "Dynamite" by Taio Cruz. She says "it reminds me of Graydon Camp, where I work in the summer, so it always gets me excited." Derek Sung has a somewhat unusual pick with "Summer" from "The Four Seasons" by Vivaldi.

Summer is about having fun with friends and family, and these songs are all about just that. Whether you get excited when you hear your favorite song come on the radio or from when you play a song on your own iPod, the music you listen to during this summer will forever rekindle memories of Summer 2012 for years to come, especially for the RHS graduating seniors.



The Dark Knight Rises hits the big screen July 20th.

more about his past and his father. Along the way he runs into a former partner of his father, Dr. Curt Connors, played by Rhys Ifans. Parker also develops a love interest in Gwen Stacy, played by Emma Stone, who is Garfield's real-life girlfriend. The movie is predicted to be a huge success and another *Amazing Spider-Man* is already in the making for release in 2014.

The Dark Knight Rises is the third Batman film directed by Christopher Nolan. The movie picks up eight years after the end of *The Dark Knight*. Christian Bale returns to Gotham City as Bruce Wayne/Batman. Two new villains are

Stephanie Snyder. Jeremy Renner and Rachel Weisz play the protagonists of the story. These heroes will have to escape from the CIA, and the action thriller is sure to please-- despite the views of sceptics who believe that there is no Bourne movie without Jason Bourne and Matt Damon.

Going to the movie theater is a great way to escape the summer heat, so be sure to check out these great films over the summer. There will be plenty of other movies coming out as well, so there is sure to be something for everyone. So grab a buddy, relax, and enjoy a summer of fun at the theater!

As an Arts and Entertainment editor for the past two years I have been able to read and write articles about the artistic events going on around the high school, the community, and the country, which is something that I have really enjoyed. A newspaper is an important part of any high school, and it is great to see student writers come together to publish the High Times every month. Collectively, the editors spend many hours together to put the paper together and although this can sometimes be tedious work, it is also a lot of fun.

I am so thankful to our three Editors-in-Chief, Victoria Pan, Sidney Kanell, and Zoe

Dartley who helped create an atmosphere that was both fun and productive. Editor-in-Chief Victoria Pan would always surprise us with some kind of food, which would automatically put everyone in a good mood despite any technological difficulties that were going on before her arrival. Vickie was also always ready with a One Direction song for us to listen to, which was something I really enjoyed.

Editor-in-Chief Sidney Kanell was a real help to everyone when we had some kind of technology issue, and always came running to me when I needed saving from some frustrating dilemma.

And Editor-in-Chief Zoe

Dartley was great at coming up with titles for articles and helping out with layout. All three Editors-in-Chiefs carried a lot of responsibility and should be recognized for all of the work that they have put in.

As most of the editors are seniors, we have all bonded and have strived to create the best product possible that the student body would be interested in reading. I'm grateful to have been able to be a part of the High Times since my freshman year, and I am so happy to have been able to do so with my fellow editors and friends.

Emily Geiger

Farewell from the Editor

MEMORIES FROM THE 2011-12 SPORTS SEASON

"I had fun playing soccer this year."

-Emma Szymanski
(Girls Freshman Soccer)

"WINNING COUNTIES!"

-Leslie Lam
(Girls Bowling)

"We played really well as a team at the Junior Varsity Bergen County Championships. I really appreciated 'Operation Grace' and everyone helping me to score. It was a really good season"

-Grace Eckels
(Girls J.V. Lacrosse)

"Placing 3rd at State Sectionals was great!"

-Allan Wong
(Boys Spring Track)

"The swim team was victorious this season. We were so happy to beat Montclair."

-Elizabeth Graham
(Girls Swimming)

"GOLFING IN MARYLAND FOR FOUR DAYS WITH THE TEAM."

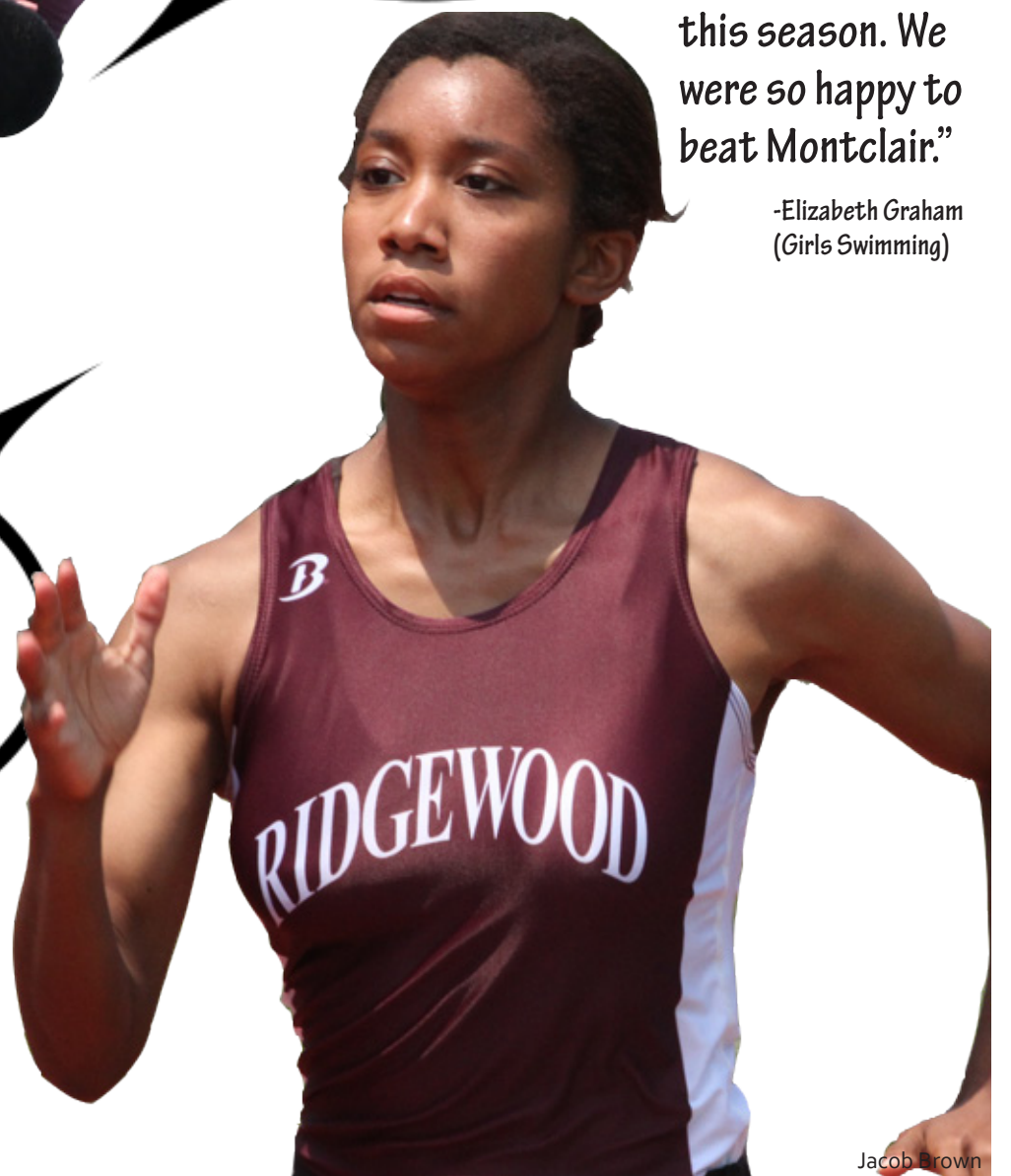
-CAITLIN GOODMAN
(Girls Golf)

"I really enjoyed the State Sectional Meet because I got to qualify for groups."

-Moriah Jennings
(Girls Spring Track)

"We played Summit and we were down the entire game. Through perseverance and the strength of our coaching staff, we came back and won in the fourth quarter."

-Matt Casale
(Boys J.V. Lacrosse)



Jacob Brown

Farewell from the Editor

As I am trying to write this reflection, all I can think is, it is nearly over. I have gotten so comfortable here and I don't want to have to leave.

Working as an editor and a writer for the newspaper has helped me feel like a greater part of the school. Every month for a week- usually more- I would spend an hour

or two in Room 140, trying to come up with articles and pictures for the sports page. At first it seemed a daunting task; saying we did not have many sports writers would be quite the understatement. But somehow we always made it work!

Although I doubt the mayhem in our little newsroom



is comparable to the chaos of a real news office, the frantic work we put in to reach a deadline each month was one of my most fond memories, working as an editor on the newspaper.

Yet now, we are in the final stretch, and this is my last edition. My article is being typed up, my last sports page

is being corrected--which I will have to re-do about ten more times--but I will love every bit of it. We are at that time of the year again, and now I must get ready to say my final goodbyes.

Camille Davis

Farewells from the Editors-in-Chief

Wow. I can't believe it. Four years has gone by, and now here I am, a senior. I feel like I haven't even fully adjusted to calling myself that word, and already the year is over. I remember when I read my first copy of the High Times and thinking I want to be a part of this. I immediately started submitting articles every month. Then for the next two years I was the Features editor and now, I am an Editor-in-Chief! I really did get to see us grow—not only as a newspaper publication but also as a family. When I think of the High Times, I think of the hours we spend in the computer lab every month, working together to construct a powerful, engaging paper that captures the core voice of the student body. I think of the times we blast loud and obnoxious pop music (especially One Direction), channeling our vivacity into our work amidst the glow of the computer screens, the sounds of clicking mice and the humming of the radiator. Of course, I will never forget the fact that putting all of our dynamic personalities in one room (which may seem dangerous) actually instills the sort of energy that brings the paper to life. Working with my fellow editors-in-chief and all the staff members has been an experience I will never forget. It has been such a pleasure to work side by side with one of the smartest, most creative group of people I know. I also would like to thank Mrs. Sabo for her constant guidance and for always being that extra "push" we need to move the paper along. I couldn't have asked for a more complete family—we really have plowed through some obstacles this year. Honestly, it has been a crazy ride, but it was an adventure that I will always keep in my heart forever. I love you all and I will truly miss you guys!

Victoria Pan



I started my High Times career in May of my freshman year. Walking into the room for the first meeting, I was overwhelmed by how many things were happening at the same time. Editors running around everywhere, writers churning up topics— it was insane! The fast-paced chaos of our little newspaper turned out to be my favorite thing about the High Times. It would be a lie to say that these four years have been peaceful bliss. In fact, I have spent most of them running around—but I wouldn't have it any other way. As a part of four staff rotations, I have had the unusual chance to work with a slew of different people.

It has been an honor to work with such an amazing group of talented students, who helped make my experience with the High Times not only one of leadership, but one of learning. As Editor-in-Chief, I could not help but appreciate the dedication and elbow grease of the staff. We work to put out an interactive, enjoyable newspaper in an extremely short amount of time and our staff seems to pull it off every month.

It will be bittersweet to be leaving the newspaper that has grown with me throughout my four years of high school. As I venture to college, I know that I am leaving it in the hands of exceptional leaders and a great staff. To the underclassmen in the coming years, cherish your crazy, stress-filled newspaper experience! You won't regret it in the long run.

Zoe Dartley

I can hardly believe that four years have passed since I first submitted an article to the High Times. The time I have spent working on the paper has been a journey like none other that I have ever experienced. As I rose from Staff Writer, to News Editor, to Editor-in-Chief, I have had the privilege of assuming a wide range of roles and working with countless talented writers and co-editors. Of course we have had our ups and downs, and technology never seemed to be on our side. But our team always persevered and succeeded at churning out a final product that reflected our hard work in the end. I could not have asked for a more dedicated and optimistic staff to work with. The editors constantly contributed unique ideas that have given the paper its personality; Zoe and Vickie were phenomenal teammates; and I could always count on Ms. Sabo's skills and creativity, not to mention sense of humor, to get the staff through a difficult issue. I will forever cherish the memories I have made and the lessons I have learned in our cozy little computer lab. It is hard to say goodbye to the High Times but I am happy to be leaving behind something that I am proud of. It has truly been rewarding to watch the paper thrive over the past four years and I can hardly wait to see how it continues to evolve in the future. So to the future High Times staff, I challenge you to continue to make our school newspaper the best that it can possibly be. And to our dedicated audience, keep on reading!

Sidney Kanell

