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LAST RESPECTS — Students line-up along Lindbergh Blvd. as the funeral procession for Greg Formhals and Ryan Divine passes by Wednesday during First Lunch.

Tragedy

Two students die, one injured, in traffic accident

-PILOT STAFF-

Juniors Greg Formhals and Ryan Devine, both 16, were killed in a traffic accident Friday night. A third student Sean McNeely (10), also in the car, was critically injured.

MOURNING

Reaction from the student body was immediate. A candlelight vigil was held by nearly 100 students within hours of the accident at the flagpole who had heard about the accident or stopped to inquire.

The vigil continued Saturday night and Sunday night. A memorial of flowers, candles, pictures, statues, and other sentimental items grew as the days went on.

Students, faculty and other community members came to school

midday expecting an exciting Quarter finals football game against Kirkwood not knowing about the accident the night before. A moment of silence was held before the game in honor of Formhals and Devine, as well as a Kirkwood faculty member and a local referee who had recently died.

Before and during the game, cheerleaders and other friends handed out black ribbons and red hearts with "our hearts are with you" written on them.

"The Lindbergh High School guidance staff is available also officials from Special School District are on hand to assist students and staff in coping with this tragedy," Dr. Frank Wood,

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TRAGEDY — Greg Formhals(11) and Ryan Devine(11) (above) were killed in a traffic accident Friday. Sean McNeely (10) (left) was critically injured and released from the hospital Tuesday.

Friends till the end: The Ryan and Greg story

-PILOT STAFF-

Greg Formhals and Ryan Devine lived great lives. They were best friends from age 6.

Greg Formhals was born on December 9, 1985. He grew up as the oldest child in the family. He had a younger sister, Erin. He attended Truman Elementary, and went on to attend Sperrung Middle School, before his time at Lindbergh.

Greg was a defenseman for the Hockey Club

team. Greg's favorite team was the Detroit Redwings. His favorite player on the St. Louis Blues was Chris Pronger, because he got in a lot of fights. "Greg enjoyed talking about hockey and I'm not a huge Hockey fan, so he educated me a lot on the sport of Hockey," said Rich Florez, Greg's 10th grade math teacher.

He loved cars and enjoyed anything to do with them. He wanted to be a pro race car driver when he grew up. Greg saw the movie, The Fast and

The Furious, 13 times. "He loved to talk about cars. He was interested in the Probe that I used to drive," Florez added.

"He was always pleasant. He was very respectful. He always did the things that I asked him to do" Florez said.

Greg would be associated with any person, regardless of their social status. He was a great friend to everyone he knew. "I had first hour with Greg last

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FLY-BY NEWS

-adam covault-

Senior T-shirts

The deadline to turn designs for the senior t-shirt is Dec. 9. Designs can be turned into the 12th grade office.

Holiday Sale

Afton Lindbergh Early Childhood Education Center is accepting 'gently' used items. Clothes, shoes, toys, books, puzzles, games, baby equipment, strollers, car seats, playpens, and more will be taken now. All profits will benefit the center. All remaining items will be given to Nurses for Newborns. For any questions, call Mary Driemeyer, 729-2460 ext. 6470.

DECA Adopt-a-Family

Students can bring donated canned foods next week, Nov. 26-27 such as peas, corn, yams, and more. One can also donate money for turkeys to be donated.

National Merit Students

National Merit Scholarship Corp. announced Seniors Emily Boehmer, Heather Grogan, Ryan Madden, Ross Twele, Jessica Carson, Timothy Hackmann, and Melissa Tienes, have been named Commended Students.

All Suburban Orchestra

St. Louis Suburban High School Orchestra has accepted six students to join the orchestra. Kate Haberman (9), Emily Stubbs (10), Nicole Moore (10), Corrine Zeller (10), and Abbie Hainz (12) earned the prestigious honor for their violin performance. Emily Paige (12) has been accepted for the string bass. This is the highest student award in local scholastic music.

Gordmans' donation benefits students

Gordmans' department store in Fenton made a \$5000 donation to the District. Jeff Gordman, president and CEO, presented the donation through Gordmans Partners in Education Program. The money will be used to promote community service with students.



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CHECKMATE — Captain Sam Kassis (12)(top left) puts Co-Captain Jeff Faust (10)(right) in check while playing at lunch as Coach Rick Nelson evaluates the game.

Chess Team is King

Earns 5th Place at Highland, to host tourney

-ricky heyer-

Recently, the Chess Club demonstrated their abilities, as a team, they won fifth place out of 25 teams at the Highland Optimistic Tournament with Captain Sam Kassis (12) placing fourth place and Co-Captain Jeff Faust (10) receiving fourth place while competing against top players.

Walking Counselor Rick Nelson, coach, said, "Considering chess is a sport of the mind, our practices and tournaments are rather sophisticated and mind-boggling at times, but the physical element comes with the time spent on conditioning oneself to play the game."

Science teacher Doug Barton, assistant coach, said, "The Chess Club's performances at local and regional events show our school and community that LHS can compete intellectually."

The 15 members meet and practice everyday from 2:30 PM to 5 PM in the Commons.

"We practice everyday for at least three hours. I wish the school would consider us a sport and give us some more recognition. When a sport does this well and is not recognized by the administration, then something has to be wrong. People have their

stereotypes about chess being only for nerds and that we don't do anything, but they have no idea until they come to a practice or a 13 hour tournament. It can be physically demanding," commented Kassis.

For a typical tournament day, they arrive at school at 7am in front of Gym 2. Then, a group of carpools drive the club to the tournament at 8 am. Registration begins from 8 AM to 8:30 AM, and the first round starts at 10 am. Each consecutive round is two hours, and there are four rounds in the whole tournament. That's eight hours worth of chess, more than the standard two to three hours of football or baseball.

To the naked eye, chess might seem easy and predictable, but behind the scenes there is intense practice as well as studying of openings, middle game, end game, and strategic placement.

Upcoming tournaments for the Chess Club are: Gateway League Tournament tomorrow Nov. 23 at Belleville East High School; Gateway Chess League Board Tournament Dec. 7 at Chaminade College Preparatory School; Gateway Chess League Team Tournament Jan. 11 at Belleville East; and hosting the Gateway Chess League Class Tournament Feb 1.

-jill brown-

Winter Pep Assembly, first scheduled for Friday Dec. 6 will be rescheduled for sometime in January when most winter sports are in the heaviest part of their seasons.

"At the leadership meeting it was agreed it was best that LHS have it held in January, so it doesn't disrupt the finals," said Ron Helms, Head Principal.

Athletic and Activities Director (H.S), Mike Slyman agrees, "I'm fine with the assem-

bly being held after the break, it'll be a good way to get the season rolling again."

"I'm really in support of the date change, cause now Stu-Co will have more time to put together creative ideas that will make it a better assembly," said Greg Schattgen (11), Stu-Co member in charge.

Support is not all-around though. Sara Akers (10), a hockey cheerleader, said, "It bothers me, we've been working so hard on the cheer team."

Winter Pep Assembly TBA

Friends: Best friends since elementary school

year, and everyday Greg greeted me with a smile and a piece of gum. At the end of the year he gave me a whole pack of 'winterfresh' gum," one friend said.

"He was very passive and an extremely nice guy," said Kerri Peters(11).

French was Greg's favorite class, due to the fact that Ryan sat close by.

Ryan Devine was born on March 22, 1986 to Ray and Shelly Devine. He was the youngest child in his family. He had two brothers, Chad and Brad, and two sisters Stacy and Nicole.

Ryan went to Sperreng, before transferring to CBC High school. He returned to Lindbergh last year.

"I can remember Ryan at the Pep assemblies. Some of the [students] were dancing, and he would dance with them, making sure that everybody got a laugh out of it." stated Luke Lachmann(11).

Ryan would often wear his hair in pig-tails while jumping around like a bunny, again causing his friends to laugh. Ryan also loved hugs. He would literally pick people up, while hugging them. "Ryan

would do anything to cheer a person up," said close friend Ashley Rhodes(11)

Ryan summed up his life in the following poem he wrote in French Class earlier this year. It has been translated into English. *"My life has been like a roller coaster. I've had some rocky experiences in my life. I have also had a good life. I have had some loves, some hates, and some losses. I have a lot of dreams and memories."*

Ryan and Greg both worked at Friendship Village. Last year, they even started a huge food fight at Lunch.

Both Ryan, and Greg had plans for the future. They were planning a 'Hockey Night', in which they were going to rent out All-American, a roller hockey rink. They also had plans to travel to Paris, France in 9 years.

If you can touch one person in your life then it is all worth it. Ryan and Greg have touched so many people in their lives. It is no secret, their lives were worth it.

Tragedy: Wake, funeral, burial held together

asst. principal said.

"Keep your thoughts and prayers with those families and with each other In a time like this we just need be together and be with each other As a Lindbergh family I know that we will mourn together but we will also stay strong together," Wood said.

ACCIDENT

According to Sunset Hills Police, their Mitsubishi Eclipse veered into oncoming traffic about 8 pm and was struck by a GMC Yukon.

The accident occurred on a winding part of Old Gravois Rd. near Chateau Chura Estates in Sunset Hills. Vehicle speed and rain possibly played a role, according to police. Police said Formhals, who was driving, lost control possibly due to rain and speed. Devine and Formhals were pronounced dead on the scene. Neither of them were wearing their seat belts according to police.

A third vehicle, driving behind Formhals and Devine, hit a utility pole as it swerved to avoid the accident. The driver and passenger of the third vehicle were Jeremy Carron (11) and Melissa Freeman (10), friends of Formhals and Devine. They suffered minor injuries.

"The [Mitsubishi] took off at a pretty high rate of speed, according to [Carron], close to 60mph or so. [Carron] said the [Mitsubishi] was opening a distance of 10 to 12 car lengths and it was widening," Sunset Hills Chief of Police Bill LaGrand said.

McNeely suffered serious leg injuries. He was

first treated at St. Anthony's Medical Center before being transferred to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital for surgery and continuing care. He was released from the hospital Tuesday to attend the wake.

The five occupants of the Yukon were examined and treated for nonlife threatening injuries.

SERVICES

Divine and Formhals had their visitation, funeral, and burial together. The funeral, at Concord Church, was held as a celebration of the lives of Formhals and Devine. The church was full, forcing some to stand in the back. About 45 minutes long, the funeral highlighted the expireneces that they had in their lives. The ceremony featured a group sing-along, a scripture reading by the pastor, and speeches by some of Greg and Ryans family. The 'Praise Team', a small band, played 'Friends' by Michael W. Smith, while pictures of Greg and Ryan were shown on the large projection screen.

The funeral concluded with the families following the caskets out of the church and into their cars. Everyone then joined in the processional to the cemetary. The processional lasted over 10 minutes from start to finish. In an emotional scene, almost the entire student body and staff lined Lindbergh Blvd. as the processional passed.

They were laid to rest at the St. Lucas Cemetary, side by side. Balloons were released while 'amazing grace' was played on the bag-pipes at the burial site.



Provided by the Formhals family

Formhals and girlfriend Marissa Hatfield (11)



Provided by the Jill Brown (11)

Divine and friend Jill Brown (11) in eighth grade



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WATCHING OVER — Students mourn while the the news media watches Monday during fourth hour.



Going beyond city limits

My County Ride-along interpreted

-sam kassis-

I pull into the parking lot. The cars are separated so neatly, with everyday cars on one side and police cars on the other. I walk up to a check-in window. I was approached by an officer.

"Can I help you," she exclaimed.

I responded, "Yes, I have a ride along.

After making a phone call, she tells me, "Yes you do, please sit on the bench, it will be 20 minutes."

I sit on the bench waiting, for my officer to arrive. I could hear the cars outside as they pass by; sounding like the buzzing of a bumble bee. I hear a siren, my heart starts to pound and I get excited like a little child on Christmas morning. A police car pulls up to his everyday vehicle and places something into the trunk. Then drives off to finish the rest of the day.

I could hear the ticking of my watch, sounding like a foot tapping on the floor. I glanced at my watch, 2 PM. In arrives the officer that I will accompany. His name is Anthony Berardi. He introduces himself quickly, telling me to hurry because we have

to go to an accident.

We arrive at the scene, and I check my watch again, 2:10 pm The officer tells me that I can either wait in the car or I could come out if I wanted. I decided that I would stay in the car. The accident involved a white Lumina and a Bi-State bus. The Lumina hit the right side of the bumper and into the left side of the bus bumper. No major injuries were sustained.

We drive the Marlborough neighborhood waiting for a call. During the drive I asked the officer about some of the criteria to become a police officer. He reached into the back seat, and pulled out a three inch brown binder. Quickly he turned to the page and started reading them aloud. Instantly I began writing them down, thinking to my self, this can not be easy.

The clock hits 5:48 pm, and the dispatcher calls about a neighbor on Cheshire Dr. who smells marijuana in the neighborhood. We arrive at the scene, and the officer goes behind the house with his flashlight and an old lady was barbecuing and a leaf fell from the tree above into the grill, which created the smell of burning marijuana.

Requirements for St. Louis County Police

- 1) Must be a U.S. Citizen
- 2) Must be an area resident
- 3) Must be at least 21
- 4) Must have a high school diploma
- 5) Must have 64 credit hours and 2.0 G.P.A. in college
- 6) Must have an Associates degree
- 7) Have one year police training
- 8) Have one year police work not on duty, such as desk work or call taker
- 9) No convictions or class A offense
- 10) Valid Drivers license
- 11) Cannot have an addiction six months prior to becoming an officer
- 12) Must pass physical, polygraph, and psychological exam

We drove around a little more, waiting for a call. I checked my watch 8 pm and the ride along had ended. We pulled up to my car and he left me with one piece of advice...

"Police work is interesting because you never know what is going to happen. You can go 3-4 hours without getting a call and then get 10 in a row. All which are different. It keeps you on your toes."

After this ride along I have decided that police work is not what it is portrayed. People may think that police work is nothing more then donuts and coffee. I think I have put an end to that. It was fun, but can also be kind of serious. It might be a profession that might be pretty cool.

I would like to thank SRO officer Mike Kaufman for setting up this ride along. SRO. officer Kaufman, he told me, "Police work is different. It's a lot of work, you have to have split - second instincts."

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Staff Editorial**School Should Start Later—
Teens, sleep deprivation**

Teenage years are not only the most trying times of life, but are also the times when a teenager needs the most amount of sleep. Starting class at 7:30 am every weekday to go to school makes these years even more trying and difficult.

Ask any teenager how they are honestly feeling in the morning and the common answer is always:

“tired.”

Sleep deprivation is most common among teens these days; from sports and activities to loads of homework

that keep them up late every night.

While younger children need about eight or nine hours of sleep a night, teenagers need around ten in order to stay functional throughout the day. Also, the “biological changes” in their bodies cause them to need even more sleep each night, but naturally go to bed later, around 10:30 or 11 pm.

According to the National Institutes of Health’s Center on Sleep Disorders Research, 55% of car accidents, where the driver falls asleep, involve people under the age of 26.

Reoccurring sleep deficiency also contributes to hastened aging and the lack of awareness in everyday activities. Contact in social situations becomes strained. This, for teens, is an obvious problem because of the constant interaction with their classmates throughout the school day.

In saying these facts, we have to consider whether or not a 7:30 am starting time is really very logical and is too physically and

emotionally demanding for teens. In addition to all the activities, each class, on average, gives 45 minutes of homework each night.

Younger kids in the District go to bed around nine each night and wake up at 7 am or so. This seems backwards. They are allowed the amount of sleeping time teenagers need but they require less to remain functional in the day.

If the starting times of the high school and the elementary schools could be switched, the problem of teenage

sleep deprivation could be one step closer to being solved. Or if the high school’s starting time could at least be changed to 8 am, every extra minute would help.

Then, many other factors this school thrives on can most likely be affected in a positive way. For one, MAP and other test scores would be higher because the students are well rested and their minds are at the freshest point of the day because of this.

Secondly, the attendance percentage would improve from 92 to 93 percent. More rest keeps the body in the best condition and the immune system is stronger for fighting off sicknesses.

Finally, early morning tardiness would decrease, for there would be less chance of over sleeping.

In considering these facts and the well being of the students (and, not to mention, the faculty), the school starting time should be changed to at least 8 am.

Teenagers need about ten hours of sleep each night to be functional.



PRINCE OF LAZINESS — Jeremy of *Zits* listens to music while lounging in a chair, something students and faculty would surely like to be doing right now.

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MARSHALL LAW

-dave marshall-

Laziness is a fairly common occurrence during high school.

Students enjoy sitting on, the sofa, eating their bag of chips while watching *Judge Judy*. They enjoy sleeping away, just laying there in bed. Isn’t that the fantasy of every high schooler?

This raises the argument of nature vs. nurture.

Are people born lazy or are they made lazy?

I think people are lazy because it is human nature. We accept just getting by. I believe that the way people grow up affects their laziness. If a person grows up in a strict home, the laziness level might be pretty low.

If a person grew up in a loose home then they might be so lazy they can’t chew food. That would ring a whopping 11 on the lazy scale.

It is a known fact that students hate Homework. Amen!!

It’s a known fact that students hate sports practice. Hallelujah!!

Students just dislike work to-

gether. Guess what? Parents don’t like work either. There are some days that even teachers hate coming into work. We all would much rather sit in our chair, eat twinkies, with no cares in the world, than go and dirty our hands with work.

We enjoy laughing at people on TV who are lazy.

Homer Simpson from the sitcom *The Simpsons* is a prime example. People laugh because they can relate. Another one is Joey from *Friends* or Newman on *Seinfeld*. Newsflash, that’s not real life.

What can we do to overcome this laziness?

We must have a focus point, something that drives us to come to work or go to class. We need to realize the consequences of our actions.

Ask yourself: What would the world be like if everyone was lazy?

Answer: More channels, more candy, less work!

I do not know about the world, but to me it would get pretty boring, pretty fast.

WHAT CAUSES LAZINESS ACCORDING TO THE FACULTY POLLED?

Is it nature? 23% yes 77% no

Is it nurture? 95% yes 5% no

Is it because the students don’t care? 60% yes 40% no

Is it one particular class? 35% yes 65% no

Which class shows the most laziness?

Fresh. 50% Soph. 15% Jr. 0% Sr. 35%

**According to 20% of the faculty.*

Here he comes to save the day

Bevel returns to help students, computers

-sam kassis-

LHS Alum (86') returns to save the day. Actually, he returns to save student's computers. In his free time Brian Bevel works on computers at home, reads and 'hangs out' with his new wife.

Starting as a small boy, Bevel developed a passion for computers. He said he has a love of computers and has always built components for his computer. He has never bought a PC of his own. He buys parts for a PC and puts together his own.

He enjoys working with students day after day and hopes to someday work with kids of his own.

Bevel's first paying job was working on computers for a summer school. After graduation, Brian decided to attend Meramec Community College.

After getting his basic classes out of the way, he transferred to University of Missouri-Columbia, where he acquired his

Bachelors in Journalism and is currently working on his M.C.S.E. (Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer).

Soon after his degree, Bevel started out as copy editor and page design specialist for the **Suburban Journal** in Granite City, and Belleville, Illinois. Then working for the **Peninsula Daily News** in Port Angeles, Washington, where he used his computer skills to design web pages.

Bevel achieved his skills outside the classroom. He said he is self taught by from books, internet, and the famous trial and error method.

After his work time in Illinois, the next step in his quest for success was a return to the District Jan 1, 1999. His primary job and specialty is web design and coding, using mostly HTML code to design the District home web page.

He works from one central computer that can access each PC in the District.



Brian Bevel, specialist in web design and coding

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It's Not Just A House, They Are Not Just Waffles

-casey bruce-

Ah, late start days. They seem like the perfect chance for students to sleep in late, or have a well-balanced meal.

For those that choose the latter, there are only so many places that serve a fast, affordable meal that can be ready before that tardy bell rings. Favorites include; *Denny's*, *TJ's Diner*, and *Eat Rite*, all known for a reasonable and cozy atmosphere.

The *Waffle House*, being built in Ronnie's Plaza, will be a nice, new addition to the late start breakfast line up.

The *Waffle House* is a nationwide chain of small restaurants, known for speedy service and affordable prices. While *Waffle House* food is geared towards breakfast, it also has a variety of dinner type foods, and serves all options around the clock, open 24 hours.

Some of the famous breakfast includes waffles of course, made to fit on an entire dinner plate, world famous hash browns, complete

with a plethora of toppings to add, omelets, eggs, and all the other typical American breakfast ingredients.

The All Star is an especially tasty combo, costing just \$6, includes: 2 eggs, grits, toast, a waffle, and the choice of bacon or sausage.



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EGG HOUSE —
Waffle House, wakes up daily to a delivery of fresh eggs.

Many people opt to get just an order of hash browns, sized from the single to the triple and ranging in price from \$1.20 to \$3.80, depending on the toppings added. Topping choices include; onions, cheese, ham, chili, tomatoes, jalapenos, or all of the toppings combined. The waitress at the *Waffle House*, Lisa, recommended chili cheese

hash browns which turned out to be a masterpiece to the stomach of any hungry person, warming the stomach and satisfying the taste buds.

Big Deal Dinners are another option for the meat lover, combining a slab of a variety of meats with a dinner salad. Meat choices include; pork chop, country ham, sirloin, chop steak, grilled chicken, porterhouse, or T-bone steak, and the prices on the Big Deal Dinners range from \$6.70 to \$10.50.

Although *Waffle House* food is delicious with a homemade taste and mucho choices. Service and atmosphere makes it ideal for students to meet and, whether on late start days or late study sessions. The staff was very friendly, welcoming and appeared willing to meet the requests of customers.

The atmosphere is very laid back, and appears to be no chance of students receiving disrespect as in many other more sophisticated restaurants.

The element that completes the mood of the *Waffle House* is the jukebox that belts out oldies during meal or coffee. This makes the atmosphere very friendly and fun.

Overall, *Waffle House* fits into the lifestyles and late nights of high schoolers. *Waffle House* in Ronnie's is expected to be open before the next late day, Dec 4.

The Secret Is Out ... In Theaters Anyway

-paul goetz-

The chamber of secrets has opened, and so has the new Harry Potter movie, the second in the film series, based on the popular books by J.K. Rowling. Most cast from, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* make a return, as well as several new characters not yet theatrically seen. It is rated PG and is probably the biggest, and most anticipated family film of the year.

This time around, the young wizard is 12 years old, anxiously awaiting his second year at Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. But, when he is confronted by a house elf named Dobby at his aunt and uncle's house over the summer, and warned not to return to the magical school, Harry begins to question whether it is a smart move.

Ignoring his worries, Harry heads back to Hogwart's, the return is not easy, as he and his best friend, Ron, must steal an enchanted flying car to get there. However, upon arrival, Harry is greeted by a mysterious secret concerning a chamber deep within the school, and his concerns prove not to be in vain.

Upon arriving at school the three heroes, Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe), Ron Weasley



CHAMBER OF SECRETS—Harry gets a little bit older, smarter, and a whole lot better.

with returning favorites the infinitely wise headmaster, Albus Dumbledore (Richard Harris), the strict yet caring professor, Menerva McGonagall (Maggie Smith), the friendly giant, Hagrid (Robbie Coltrane) and the cold and rigid professor, Severus Snape (Alan Rickman), some new faculty has arrived such as, Gilderoy Lockhart (Kenneth Branagh), the new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher.

A mystery concerning a chamber hidden within the school quickly arises, and students around the campus start being found "petrified," and in a comatose state. Once again it is up to our three little heroes to save the day without getting expelled.

This sequel does what has seemed im-

(Rupert Grint), and Hermione Granger (Emma Watson), meet new faces as well as old. Along

with returning favorites the infinitely wise headmaster, Albus Dumbledore (Richard Harris), the strict yet caring pro-

possible in the past, surpassing the original. It follows a much darker plot than the first, as much more is mentioned about death, and there is even some blood and gore toward the end. Much more serious tone exists within the film, as well. Evil grows stronger, Magic grows darker, and rivalries grow deeper, especially between Harry, and his classmate/enemy, Draco Malfoy (Tom Felton).

This film is also more reliant on special effects than "Sorcerer's Stone," and repeatedly wows its audience with continuous mind-blowing movie magic. Potter fans (such as the author writing this story) will most certainly not be disappointed with the feature, as it follows the book even closer than the first film.

Performances are a strong point in the film as well. Kenneth Branagh's Gilderoy Lockhart keeps the mood from being too dark, as he provides hilarious comic relief. Richard Harris' brilliant Dumbledore will be sorely missed due to the actor's tragic death. Even the kids are maturing as actors, and this shows quite clearly throughout the adventure.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets does an extraordinarily successful job of going right from the page to the screen.

Fall Sports Wrap-up

But the season still goes on-tomorrow

-chris hirbe-

Whether it was the football team making the playoffs for the second time in school history or cross country placing three runners in State, fall sports proved exciting.

Varsity

Football

started with a payback victory over Parkway West, who at the time was ranked third. Their only losses were to Mehlville and Parkway Central. In District play they went undefeated, beating North-

west, Oakville, and Parkway South. Their win against Oakville secured a spot in the playoffs. In the first round of playoffs they beat Kirkwood 31-20, for their first playoff victory ever. With a win over Mehlville they would make it to their first championship game in school history.

Soccer finished with an overall record of 9-8-6 and 4th in conference play with a record of 3-1-3. They beat three top ten teams; Lafayette, who was 4-1-1, Mehlville was 5-2, and Parkway Central 4-1-2.

Varsity Water Polo finished at 16-10. In Conference play they were 4-2 and finished third. Only teams to finish above them were Parkway West, who was 6-0 and

Marquette who was 5-1. They led in team defense by only allowing opponents 6.2 goals per game. Sam Lape (11) lead Conference with 98 goals and finished 3rd in overall points with 122. Drew Baumgartner (11) lead the league with 293 saves.

Varsity Boys Cross Country high points were finishing 2nd at the Fox Warrior Invitational and placing 2nd at the Ladue Invitational. They had three All District and All Conference

runners; Kyle Hubbard (12), Steve Bender (11), and Mark Riley (12). In State competition, Bender finished 67th and Hubbard finished 113th.

Varsity Girls Volleyball finished at 14-14-2. Becky Christ (11) lead in aces with 30. Kay Stewart (10) lead in kills with 170. Other key players were; Mary Catherine Richmond (10), Kristen Gregory (10), and Stephanie Kersting (9). Captain Sarah Chambers, (11) got an honorable mention in Conference.

Varsity Softball finished at 9-16. Ashli Meyer (11) led with a .488 batting average and seven doubles. Molly Redman (10) pitched eight complete games and had 34 strikeouts.



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SPIKE — Spiking past her opponent is Kay Stewart (10) (right).

Football lifting off to new heights

Face Mehlville tomorrow

-matt biermann-

With a taming 36-10 win over their District opponent Oakville Tigers, Varsity Football qualified for their second playoff in school history in as many years.

Flyers had 372 total yards of offense. They had 215 yards on the ground. Miles Jackson led with 75 yards rushing. Brock Bond (11) tossed for 157 yards, and both of his touchdown passes went to Chris Geisz (11). With key interceptions by Ronnie Fink (11) and Andrew Spitzfaden (11), the stingy defense shut the door on a Oakville team that didn't get many chances.

They faced rival Kirkwood in the first round of the playoffs. The game started off slow, with both teams not taking many risks with their play calling.

But the game finally broke open on the first play of the second quarter, with a 51 yard pass to Cameron Roberts (12). The great catch got the Flyers down to the Pioneer one yard line, and set up a Kyle Manley (12) touchdown run making a 10-0 lead at half-time.

In the second half, Dan Gabris (11) trampled over Pioneer players for most of his 126 yards rushing. With his dominant running, they picked up

the important first downs and controlled the clock. Defense played spectacular for the second consecutive game. While Manley and Spitzfaden were laying out some crushing hits, Doyle Washington (12) got one of four sacks on the day.

"Our defensive line got good jams at the line, and the linebackers filled the holes well," said Football player Kyle Klein (12).

Since their two losses to the Mehlville Panthers and Parkway Central Colts, the flyers have been flying sky high. With eight wins in a row, one would figure they have all of the momentum and would be able to control the pace against the Panthers. But Head Coach Tom Beauchamp said other wise.

"We're taking it one game at a time, as I'm sure Mehlville is also."

Flyers are looking to avenge their 31-7 loss @ Mehlville Sept. 13. But, Head Coach Tom Beauchamp said that it won't be an easy game.

"Mehlville has a lot of speed and talent. They are probably the fastest and most elusive team in our Conference," said Beauchamp.

A win over Mehlville would catapult the team to the State Final game at the Edward Jones Dome against either Rockhurst (Kansas City based) or Rockwood Summit.



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SO CLOSE BUT YET SO FAR — Kyle Manley's touchdown was set up by this 51 yard reception by Cameron Roberts. He was tackled at Kirkwood's one yard line.

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