A High School Experience Like No Other

A Reflection of Some of the Most Memorable Moments from the Past Four Years

More Memorable Moments

- As pictured on the front cover, Kim Lien Huynh and Michael Kelly were crowned prom king and queen this year
- Getting a day off our second day back due to a power outage junior year
- Homecoming was almost cancelled during our junior year
- Pranks such as the inflatable car in the courtyard and the hippo on the roof (thanks to the class of 2009)
- The introduction of the Kalamazoo Promise. PROPS TO FREE TUITION!!

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It's your first day of high school. You are both nervous and excited as you make your way up to the imposing glass tower. Once inside you may worry about getting lost in the confusing wings of the building or you may wonder if you will have lunch with any of your friends. The next four years stretch out before you, filled with many possibilities and unknowns.

Most seniors can probably still vividly remember what it felt like the first day of their freshmen year as they ascended the stairs of the tower for the first of many times. For some these past four years have flown by. Most people have found their niche within the walls of Loy Norrix whether it was on a sports team, in the drama or music department, in the art circuit, at KAMSC, or in many other activities and groups.

But what has really defined the class of 2008? When you look back at your high school years what is it about our class that will really stand out to you? There are so many memorable moments that it would be impossible to reflect on all of them, but there are some that stand out from all the rest.

We started out as the huge freshmen class of more than 500 students. Perhaps because of our large class size we experienced quite a bit of commotion in the beginning. Almost everyone will forever remember the infamous fight started by a small, hard, colorful piece of candy known as a Skittle. Who would have thought that such a small piece of sugar could incite such turmoil?

The class of 2008 has also been put through many different changes in policy in the past four years. Our freshmen year we had fries, Dominos Pizza, chips, candy, and cookies galore in the cafeteria.

During a brief "sugar ban period" during our sophomore and junior years we were stripped of fries, candy, a school store, and anything else deemed unhealthy by the administration. Then suddenly this year sugar and fries reappeared in the school in greater quantities than ever before. Now we even have Bosco Cheese Sticks and Slushies!

Also new this year was the introduction of BLUE, a positive behavior support program that includes rewarding students with… candy! Most students don't have the slightest idea why they are receiving BLUE favors, or what to do with them. They must not realize that BLUE favors are our rewards for "supporting our BLUE," just like we used to get gold stars or smiley face stickers back in elementary school for being good.

Then there was the ID policy, one of the few points of consistency that the class of 2008 has experienced. No one will ever forget the tiny pieces of plastic we were required to wear around our necks everyday, all day, or the constant reinforcement of the importance of having our "IDs out and visible."

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One of the most exciting moments in the sports realm occurred at the end of the football season this year. After a 35 game losing streak that started in 2003 and four long years of waiting to experience what it feels like to win a football game, the team pulled it off this fall against Benton Harbor. Anyone at the game will probably remember the feeling of shock and then elation as they glanced at the scoreboard and saw that LN had won. It was a long awaited and quite magical experience.

Another notable moment that occurred this year in sports was the big win in our first men's basketball game against Kalmazoo Central. Even though the game was held at KC, school spirit was at an all-time high at the game. After an intense game LN students rushed the court to cheer on the team and paraded the team off the court in a cloud of triumph.

Not to be forgotten is the big shake up that started during Winterfest of our junior year. Generally the seniors always win the Spirit Jug, but for one of the first times ever we were awarded the Spirit Jug during our junior year. We went on to win the Spirit Jug three times in a row, which is the longest Spirit Jug stretch since Andrew Laboe became athletic director in the fall of 2004.

Taking into consideration the many ups and downs that come along with going to LN, no one can deny that attending LN has been a memorable experience in one way or another. Graduating will certainly be exciting for everyone, but for many it will also be bittersweet.

As you finish up your last semester of high school EVER, take a minute to think about what you will remember most about your high school experience. At LN, it has certainly been one of a kind.

SENIORS SPEAK OUT

What Or Who Will You Remember Most About High School?

Matt Marquette

"Qualifying for State in swimming."

Amy Dozier

"Ms. VanLieu. She's funny and she's cool with the kids."

Anya Dompier

"How much people have changed over the past four years."

Dylan Rustenholtz

"The bonding that the forensics team brings between people that normally wouldn't even meet."