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Lake Orion's Guide to Optimism ☺



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Lake Orion High School

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Student Population: 2,588

Freshmen: 645

Sophomores: 649

Juniors: 673

Seniors: 621

Staff Population: 203

How to:

Banish *bullying*

"Bullying happens all the time," **Sierra Woods '12** said.

This year a program named S.T.A.R. was instituted to build relationships between teachers and students to end bullying and to address other school issues.

S.T.A.R. stood for Student Teacher Affective Relationships. The class took place on Tuesdays and alternated between morning and afternoon meetings. As the program progressed, the hope was to help students who were holding back feel comfortable sharing instances of bullying, and encourage them to come forward to speak out to an adult. Students who had experienced bullying were willing to talk.

"Bullying is out there, just not everybody sees it," **Katelyn Llewellyn '15** said. "This year, as a freshman, it's difficult to fit in. Upperclassmen may look down on us."

When the school year began in the fall, Llewellyn was "pants-ed" in the hallway. "I was embarrassed, so I did something back to her," Llewellyn said.

Looking back on it now, "two wrongs don't make a right, so I should have just told a caring adult and moved on," Llewellyn said.

Bullying took place in hallways, classrooms, stairwells, and even in the bathrooms.

"One day I was in the bathroom

and I saw a kid had written something about me on the wall of a bathroom stall," **Alec Schlitt '13** said. "I told my mom, but I wish I would have told  an adult at school or an administrator. They could have done more than just make me feel better."

Schlitt felt that adults affiliated with the school would be able to do more about bullying situations.

"Telling someone who can make a difference toward you getting bullied can make you feel better after all is said and done," Schlitt said.

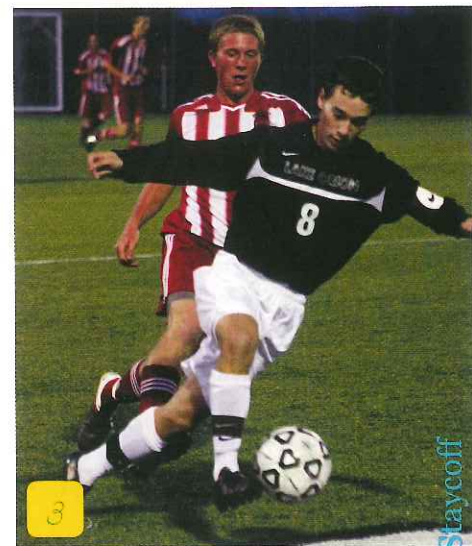
Many reasons about why people bully were revealed during S.T.A.R. discussions.

"People bully because they are insecure about themselves so they feel the need to bring other people down with them," **Thomas Iselli '14** said. Understanding why didn't make dealing with bullies easier, though.

In S.T.A.R., students let their feelings out and established a rapport with a caring adult. The goal was to build an environment where students felt safe and could focus on learning and growing, a comfortable place to be themselves.

Students simply hoped to "make LOHS a better place for everyone to be," Woods said.

By: Kate Kildahl



BULLYING | Why do people do it?



"They have low self-esteem and they aren't confident in themselves," **Madison Tate '15** said. "If people were happier in and out of school, then bullying would disappear altogether."

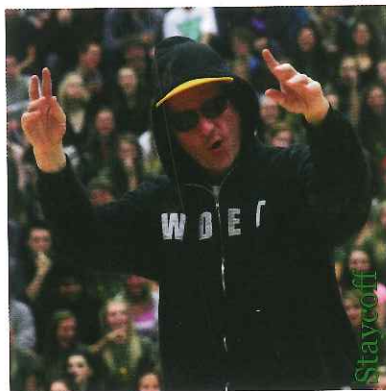


"To make themselves feel better about their lives," **Tyler Dutton '14** said. "They obviously don't think enough of themselves and want to bring others down to their level of feeling miserable."

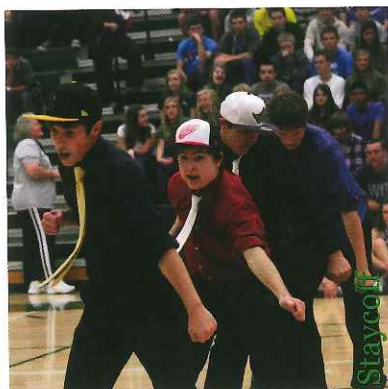
During the pep assembly, Margaret Blackmer '12 and Heather Quinn '12 participate in one of the competitions between the different grade levels that involves putting together a puzzle of the United States, as students cheer for their class. "We had to go and find puzzle pieces from under the bleachers and put them together," Quinn said. "We had trouble finding the rest of our pieces so we weren't able to finish."



Students watch as some of their fellow teachers perform a dance routine during the pep assembly. "I enjoyed letting the students know that teachers can have fun too," Teacher Steve Tighe said. "Mrs. Cureton pretty much decided that I was going to participate. Getting the male teachers to participate is difficult. It was easy to decide to do it when I knew I could 'hide' myself in my hoodie. If I can go incognito next year then I'm definitely in."



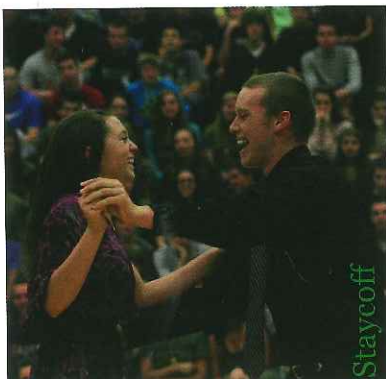
Joseph Lehman '12, Shane Stockwell '12, Justin Denemy '12, and Kristopher Mosier '12 try to outdo the dance routine performed by the Junior boys. "It was just a fun experience," Lehman said. "I was asked by two of the previous people who did it last year, so I decided to make the most of the opportunity. I love dancing and it was fun being able to do it in front of the whole school."



Cheerleaders Madeleine Martindale '14 and Samantha Volff '14 impress the crowd with their routine and help get everyone pumped up for the rest of the events that would be happening during the week. "The pep assembly was my favorite part of homecoming week," Volff said. "It was my first time getting to be a part of it, and it was really fun. I liked performing in front of everyone."



Homecoming court nominees Taylor Hargraves '12 and Kevin Cronin '12 perform their dance routine that involves a medley of songs, hoping to make a good impression on the crowd. There were a total of five pairs who were competing for the most votes to be homecoming king and queen. "We practiced really hard for it," Cronin said. "We spent about 20 hours a day working on our dance steps, with no water breaks of course."



The Kick-Off: *Pep Assembly*

In an effort to help kick off spirit week, the annual pep assembly provided an opportunity for the different sports teams to be recognized by their classmates, including the Varsity Dance team.

"I have enjoyed just being on the dance team and getting to participate in everything that goes along with it," Ashlee Krystek '12 said.

There were also many other components, including performances from students and teachers, and competitions between the grade levels.

"I liked all of it," Abigail Glenn '15 said, "but my favorite would have to be the teacher dance because it was really funny."

Contrary to years past, the pep assembly was held on a Monday this year, but despite the small change in tradition, it was still a much anticipated event among students.

By: Emily McQuiston

Creating a Masterpiece



Estee Schlenner '15

"Art means a way of expressing yourself, and I love being creative."

Art Club members expressed themselves through hard work to shape their art.



"Art means a way of expressing yourself, and I love being creative," **Estee Schlenner '15** said.

Although the club meant different things to different people, all agreed that it gave students the chance to express themselves through art.

Students could do anything they wanted as long as it was art related. For example, members could just have studio time to work on whatever they wanted.

There was also no judgement in the club. "Art is hard to define, the only opinion that matters would be the true artist's opinion," **Andrew Schultz '12**, president of Art Club, said.

One of the many things that the club did this year was the students painted a mural for the Information Resource Center. **Adviser Melissa Wilson** said that she wanted students to join the club so

they could do things to "help beautify your school."

Also the club that helped students express themselves was providing guidance in figuring out what career pathway they would like to go into for art.

"I want to go into a career in art, either in animation or videogame design," **Nicholas Sena '12** said. When asked about how he had prepared for a career in art, Sena explained his dedication.

"I have taken art class after art class, and I have put everything I have toward it," Sena said.

This year, Art Club was a club where students could do things for their school and express themselves. Students were able to create anything they wanted; it could have been abstract, vibrant, or even made of metal. According to the Art Club participants, as long as the artist thought it was art, then it was art.

By: Christopher Ehrmann

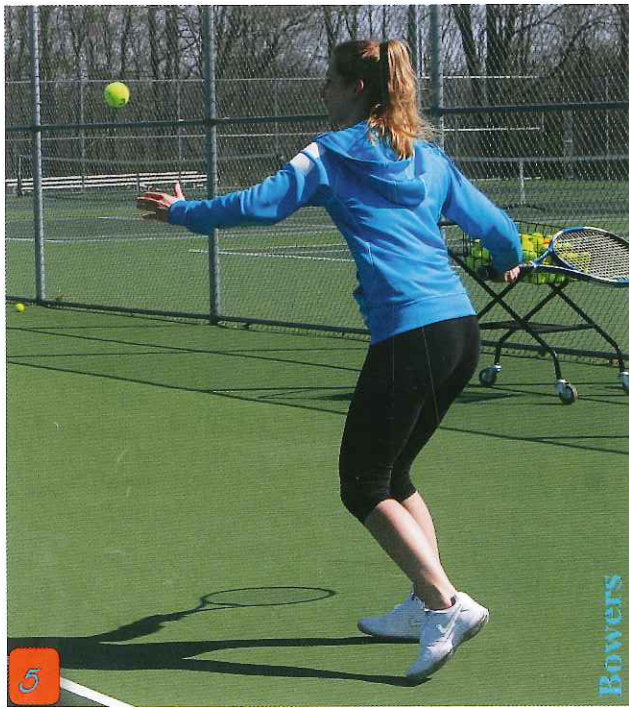
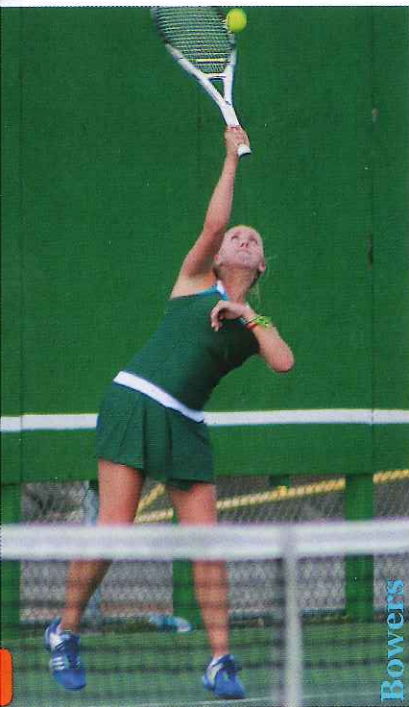


Tanlines and Tennis Courts

Making team memories while enjoying the warm weather

"I strive to win to help the rest of my team get motivated."

Elena Kovac '13



Concentration, determination, focus, and friendship. Before she started playing tennis, **Hannah Young '12**, never realized how important it was to have a good relationship with her doubles partner.



"Playing doubles with a friend doesn't only make the game easier, but a lot more fun," Young said. "Elena and I always strategize before we get on the court to give us the advantage."



Hannah's partner, **Elena Kovac '13**, also enjoys playing doubles with a good friend. "I know that she'll always have my back on and off the court," Kovac said.

At the beginning of the season, the girls were focused on their ranking competition, over team bonding.

"We have one big competition between teammates to see how each individual plays," **Janie Luby '13**

said. "That's about as much competition between us that there is."

This leaves plenty of time for the girls to work on their skills and bring out some intensity. "I strive to win to help the rest of my team get motivated," Kovac said.

When playing singles, some girls felt as much pressure as playing with a partner. "I feel like all eyes are on me," Luby said. "And if I mess up, there's no one there to have my back."

Whether playing singles or doubles, tennis has brought the girls closer together. "Our team loves spending time together," Young said.

At the end of the season, it's not about their record as much as the memories their matches and practices have brought them, with the people they've grown so close to.

By: Aly Ladd

1. Her first year on the courts, **Collette Doran '15**, warms up with a partner during practice. "I wasn't sure if I would like it or not," Doran said. "But I think it's a lot of fun and can't wait for next year."

2. For the past 8 years, **Phoebe Holmes '15**, has been practicing her tennis skills. "I concentrate on improving my volleys," Holmes said. "I have a strong corner shot, so I always use that to my advantage."

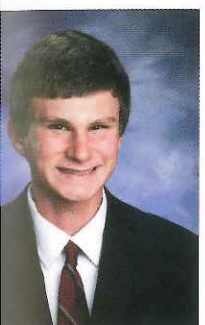
3. While the team listens to the coach, **Amber Najjar '12**, gets focused. "Our team has a great relationship," Najjar said. "We always have fun on our bus rides to games."

4. During a serve, **Abby Ulewicz '12**, focuses on accuracy. "I just try to get it in," Ulewicz said. "As big as the court looks, it can be pretty challenging."

5. Playing since she was five, **Agatha Pawlikowski '12**, strikes the ball using her forehand. "My forehand is my biggest strength," Pawlikowski said. "It's pretty powerful."



Colin Meeker
Casey Miller
Connor Miller



Steven Miller
Christopher Milliman
Ryan Millmine



Elizabeth Milne
Thomas Miracle
Kailee Mitchell



Madison Mittelbrun
George Modrak
Megan Moesta



Shawn Monaghan
Evan Monk
Jeannette Moore



Kameryn Moore
Tyrone Moore II
Gerald Morden Jr.

What will you take with you?

Remembering *senior year*



Leaving high school means starting fresh at a college, or beginning to work in the "real world." Students agree, the things we learned here will carry with us throughout life.

"The relationships I made, like how to talk to people," **Chelsea Steinfeldt '12** said. "The whole social aspect, and the memories, good and bad."

Other students like **Adam Storts '12**, said they would take away the words of wisdom we recieved daily, "I can do anything I set my mind to because I am the captain of my soul, and I am Lake Orion Dragon."

Seniors have left a legacy here, and will take all they've learned with them.

"I can do anything I set my mind to, because I am a Lake Orion Dragon."

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What will you miss most about high school?



"I'm going to miss not having very many responsibilities," **Jessica Hartman '12** said. "We have it so easy right now, but when we get out into the real world it's crazy, and people are going to expect a lot from you."

"Friday night football games," **Alex King '12** said. "I liked frolicking in the stands and yelling at people."



who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who er don't mind" Christian Moreno '14 said

Seniors



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How do you start your morning off?



"I eat breakfast, which is the most important meal of the day," Katherine McAuliffe '14 said.

a hot shower to wake up," Olivia Andersson said. "Then I eat breakfast and prepare myself for the day."



Personal profile



omore year was the greatest year, besides freshman year, most students would agree. It was a step up from being a freshman, and a step closer to being a senior. Dalton Pecar describes how the sophomore year and all the experiences that were new. "Now that as a sophomore I am more used to the school and feel more comfortable with the environment, it's a lot better than freshman year. I feel a lot better about it now," he said. "I look forward to becoming an upperclassman next year."

"It's good to have more freedom this year, and I look forward to becoming an upperclassman next year."



Allyssa McGuire
Claire McIntyre
Bryan McKnight
Jordyn McLane
Angela Meador



Olivia Mecum
Katelyn Mehl
Michael Merritt
Marissa Meyers
Brandon Milano



Elizabeth Miller
Kristine Anne Miller
Nadia Minart
Kayla Miracle
Peter Modrak



Milena Mohri
Sara Monette
Taylor Moon
Adam Moore
David Moore III



Jacqueline Moore
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Sean Morden
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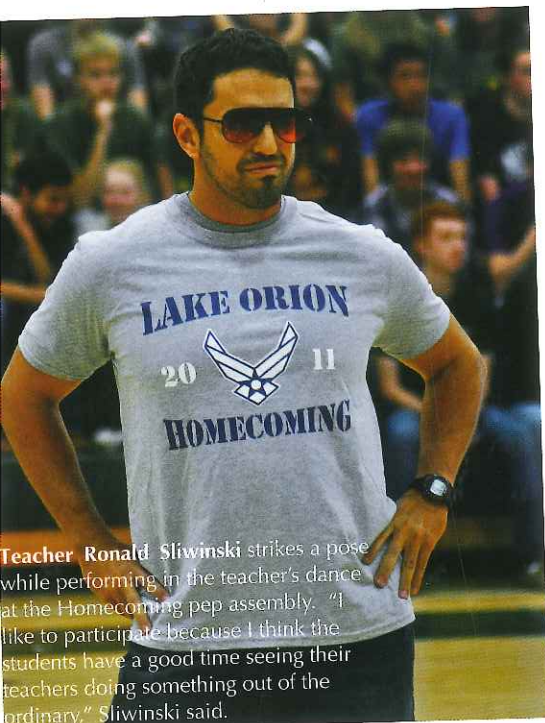
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Jacob Nelson
Binh Nguyen
Autumn Nickson Nye
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Shannon Noe
Shelbie Norris
Cheyenne Nutlouis
Casey O'Brien
Selina Ochoa



Teacher Ronald Sliwinski strikes a pose while performing in the teacher's dance at the Homecoming pep assembly. "I like to participate because I think the students have a good time seeing their teachers doing something out of the ordinary," Sliwinski said.

Staff

Teachers, administrators, custodians, lunch ladies, campus monitors, secretaries, and coaches all had an outstanding impact on our lives.

"The most exciting part of teaching is seeing the young adults my students are becoming."

Teacher Brian Bishop

Darin Abbasse
Melanie Arrowood
Wendy Baeckeroot
Julie Barnes
Chris Bell
Jenna Bendle
Michael Bendle
Brian Bishop

Scott Boeneman
Lisa Bogus
Amy Bowman
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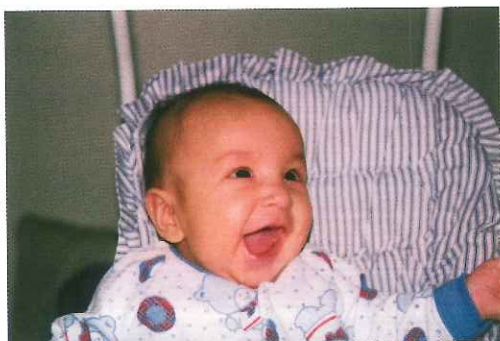
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Brent Cubitt
Michelle Cureton
Lynn Dahl
Steven Dahl
Al Daisley

Julia Dalrymple
Kelly Day
Derek Delzer
April Dobbs
Rachel Doherty
Carol Doll
Paul Downey



Isaac *Anzures*



Our baby boy.
We are so proud of you.
Another chapter in your life
complete.
Always keep your spirit of determi-
nation and dedication.
Always keep your eyes on the prize.

God Bless You,
We Love You,
Mom and Dad



Mackenzie *Blust*



We are so proud of the woman you have become. Your hard work,
accomplishments and the goodness, warmth and giving is such a part of
the joy you bring to others.

Remain true and believe in yourself, be courageous, have faith and find
your passion.

We feel fortunate beyond all measure to have been given the gift of a
daughter like you.

Now - Live the Life you Imagined!

Love, Mom, Dad, Tori and Parker

Kathryn *Beary*

Congratulations Katie!
You are so full of good cheer and
enthusiasm for whatever comes your
way. Keep up the hard work and the
positive spirit as high school comes
to an end and you take your next big
leap to college!

We are proud of you and love you
very much!
Mom, Dad and Tommy

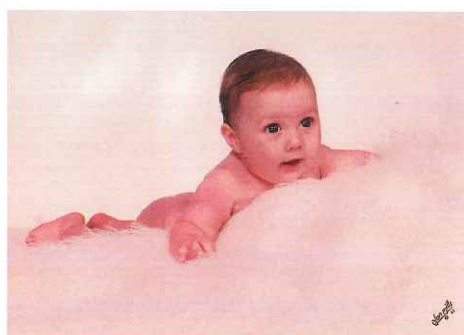


Marisa *Eick*



What an honor and incredible joy it has been to be your mom and dad and
watch you grow into the beautiful young lady that you are today! We are so
proud of you and your accomplishments and cannot wait to see what happens
next! We wish you all the success in college and throughout your life! Continue
to dream big and be true to yourself!

We love you always,
Dad, Mom, and Brad



Sean *Charette*

It has been pure joy watching you go from the sweetest little boy to the very kind-hearted man you have become. I am so proud of you. The one thing about you that has never changed is your ability and desire to make people laugh! Your heart is your greatest asset - never change that! Never, ever lose sight of your dreams and goals; the world is waiting for you and you can be and will be anything you set out to be! Keep God close and you will never lose your way. You are and have always been my greatest joy! I love you with all my heart. God Bless You, Always!

Love, Mom

Emily *McQuiston*



...k more than others think is safe,
...e more than others think is wise,
...ream more than others think is
practical,
...pect more than others think is
possible.

--Cadet Maxim

...n do all things through Christ who
...engthens me." Phillipians 4:13



It has been so much fun watching you and Nick grow up to become such great friends! It makes us (Mom and Dad) very proud!

You have grown up into such an incredible young woman with many gifts and talents! We are looking forward to seeing how God will use you.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Cor. 2:9

Elise *Burchart*



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