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Morgan Andrews -

"It amazes me to think that just four years ago we were all freshman struggling to make new friends and fit in. It seems like yesterday I started attending St. Charles North, weary about what I would find, yet also excited. Now that I look back, I have had some of the best and worst times of my life while at North. Friendships, procrastinating on papers, putting on shows, student council wars, doughnuts, challenging tests, deans, absurd study halls, the "code", losing homecoming, the LRC, etc.... all memories I will never forget. Most of all the people that have surrounded me in all my classes have in some way shaped me to be what I am now. They have each taught me a lesson or left a lasting impression I will remember for years to come. Now that it's over I can't wait for college to begin! Thanks for the memories 2004!! Good luck!!"

Cristen Baldonieri –

For some life lasts a short while, but the memories it holds last forever.
-Laura Swenson

In the past four years I have learned that our school is not just the hell hole we are locked in for seven hours, it is a place of new traditions, friends, and pride. Even though high school was only four years, there were many great memories formed during that time that could never be taken away. Thanks to all of you **north stars** that have made my high school experience unforgettable.

*"The past cannot be changed,
the future is still in your power."
-Hugh White*

Jamie Barbeau -

To my dearest class,

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways...I just want to say it's been amazing! I've loved and lost. I've won. I've lost. I've studied and...not studied. I've cried, laughed chuckled and danced. I found who I was through all of you. My friends have seen me through thick and thin and all my teachers have been my inspiration to the way I live my life now. My advice to you is listen to your heart, don't be afraid to risk that heart and do your best. That's the key to success. There is no secret to life, but these are the steps to make life more fun! Fun is important big time. I hope when I come back to our school reunion I have done something with my life. I guess I am trying to say that I expect y'all to buy my album when it comes out! He-he...I truly will remember these 4 years! I've had some crazy times but they all made some good stories...From hanging out with Andy Griggs, working at Target, thinking tractor's were sexy, getting 1st place state dance trophies and not skipping school, to being up on stage with an abusive husband, singing on a piano, and saying goodbye to all too soon to our friend Sam. I know I'll be a North Star forever! Thanks for everything!

Love always,
Jamie Barbeau

Stacey Beary -

"I'd have to say that when I was a freshman, I didn't even think about what it would be like to be a senior, because it was so far away! But the past four years have just flown by. Every year, there was something memorable for me. Freshman year, when East was here for the entire fourth quarter, I got to see all of my old friends from Thompson, and got to sleep in every morning! Sophomore year, I joined marching band and went to Disney World. We got to

march in the Spectra Magic parade. Junior year, the audition choirs were supposed to go to Europe, but because of the terrorist threats and worried mothers, the trip was cancelled. And I'm sure everyone remembers my accident in the school parking lot at the beginning of senior year. My buggy got smashed, but hey, at least it still worked! I will never forget my four years here at North, and how fast high school flew by before my eyes. I will miss everyone, but I look forward to my next four years at Northern Michigan University!!"

Ashley Berry -

Tacos are great!

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra"

Matt Bossemeyer -

- Anonymous

"Negative People Suck."

"I'm not a slave to *the man*; I like to think of myself as a resentful, money-driven employee."

Kameron Breunlin -

"I look at the pictures of the past, thinking of how the years went by so fast. The dances, the parties, the smiles, the laughs. The shoulders to cry on, the cute photographs. The people I knew since way back when. The new kids came around every now and then. The friendships you make come and go. But there's always the few you'll forever know. Now as we go our separate ways, I know I'll always remember these days."

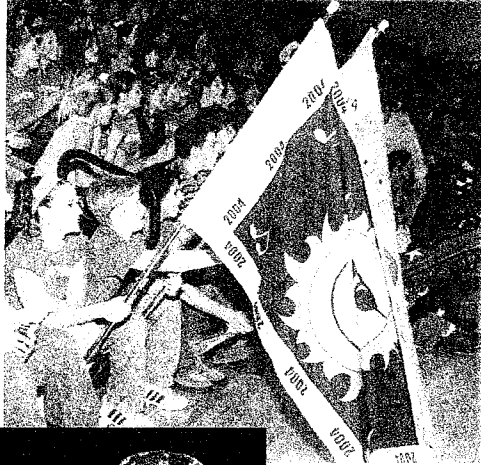
Samantha Brooks -

The first class of four! There have been so many great memories along with a few tearful sorrows. Sam Joos was someone who I shared many good times with. She is someone I always looked forward to seeing everyday ~ her laughter and smile could always brighten the day. English class with Fasbender junior year was definitely unforgettable good times. Sam, you are always in my heart! Swimming is the best with great traditions at state! Track is my favorite sport with fun times and awesome friends. Kyndra, you're my best friend and there is no one who can deal and listen to me like you, so thanks! Kimery, I love you girl and we are necklace buddies till the end. Leida, you're awesome and great to be completely wild with! Lauren M., thanks for all the crazy times~ No Outlet ☺ Genna and Kate, I enjoyed the times we spent together! Rosie, I love your pink hair haha ☺ keep being the great person you are. Dominick, it's ok that I can't hear you from way down there! Megan E, thanks for ice skating good times and meeting boys in the bowling alleys. Hope, I'm so glad I met you this year and wish I could have sooner! Laura F., we have great memories that I'll cherish forever! Jess E., I love your personality and keep being spontaneous ☺ Most importantly, I'd like to thank Phil for the best junior and senior year. You're the best thing in my life and I don't know what I'd do without you!

Johnny Buchta -

Hey Everyone,

Wow have these last four years flown by... You know, I debated for weeks as to what to say in this paragraph, and to be honest I still can't find the right things to say. I have so many



Lee Ann Womak
"I Hope You Dance"

*I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,
May you never take one single breath for granted,
GOD forbid love ever leave you empty handed,
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean,
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens,
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.*

I hope you dance....I hope you dance.

*I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance,
Never settle for the path of least resistance,
Livin' might mean takin' chances but they're worth takin',
Lovin' might be a mistake but it's worth makin',
Don't let some hell bent heart leave you bitter,
When you come close to sellin' out reconsider,
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.*

I hope you dance....I hope you dance.

I hope you dance....I hope you dance.

*(Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling us along,
Tell me who wants to look back on their years and wonder where those years have gone.)*

*I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean,
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens,
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.*

Dance....I hope you dance.

I hope you dance....I hope you dance.

I hope you dance....I hope you dance..

*(Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling us along,
Tell me who wants to look back on their years and wonder where those years have gone.)*

things to say to so many people and so many memories to reminisce about, so instead I will leave you all with a few words. Up to this point in my life, the four years that I have spent at North have been the best of my life. The people here have always made me feel welcome and I owe so much to so many of you. Thank you all for the great memories, stay in touch, and good luck in your futures.

Thank you,
Johnny Buchta

"You see things; and you say 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say 'Why not?'"

-George Bernard Shaw

Kendall Burke -

"We're not 21, but the sooner we are, the sooner the fun will begin..."

If those aren't the words to live by, I don't know what is. No, I'm kidding, really. But anyway, I have never been good at writing these sentimental little notes. I always write and think, "wow, that's a tearjerker right there" and put it away content with my emotion evoking skills. However, upon further speculation I realize that what I wrote could only be described as embarrassing and something that should not see the light of day. So rather, I am going to keep this simple and thank all of my friends for the great times we've had. I hope when I'm in college I will be lucky enough to find some friends willing to spend their time playing board games and watching trashy dating shows with me. If not, I know that I will find refuge in the knowledge that what I've experienced with all of my best friends will make up the memories I will never forget. I love you guys!

Tracy Burzynski -

Stepharella when we first met freshman year, it felt like I've known you for years. Of course, I probably don't remember the first day we met but that's beside the point. We will stay in contact next year for sure.

Jackel (Cheesehead) ha ha When I look back at how long I've known you it's crazy. We went through 3 different schools together and I'm still not sick of you. Just joking. You are such a cool girl and I hope nothing but the best for you. Hint hint maybe a boyfriend, but I have to check him out first. Be a leader, not a follower.

Candice, don't forget the sexy tape.

Genna, when did you get your ears pierced?

Amber, don't draw on people's cars it's not nice.

Jacquie, aka Jackel (cheesehead). Are you really a cheesehead?

I like leather pants

April, you've won a free breakfast with Mickey Mouse.

Anglee, don't forget the Pimp Juice.

Sasha, I had cabbage patch twice.

Emily, BS is a hard game to play.

Jacquie, How's B&B?

"The real secret to success is enthusiasm"

-Walter Chrysler

Bethany Conrad -

As I reflect on my high school career, I can do only one thing and that is laugh. Laugh at the hard-core deans assistants, up/down staircases, us seniors being completely screwed during homecoming, odd/even parking for seniors and maybe even at that crazy (and effective??) sit-in. But most of all I laugh at all the great times I've had with my friends who've made it the most fun 4 years of my life. It's memories like our Lake Geneva trip (rub-a-dub-dub...), DDR parties, Karaoke Revolution in which I clearly went Platinum (haha!), me and Cubs going to every football game, our "Santa" encounter (priceless!), and so much more that makes me realize how lucky I am to have such amazing friends. Obviously, I am excited to finally move on in life, but at the same time I will miss so much of our boring weekend, which consists of eating and more eating. I love you guys and it has been a blast! I can finally say with so much excitement—Peace out! And Kate—death to Zippy-I always win! ☺

Lauren Cordon –

After 4 long years, it's going to be really hard to say good-bye to all my friends. I have made many great friendships and learned a lot about life and myself. After having Sarah from Australia live with me and then going to visit her over Christmas break, I have expanded my horizons of the world. Also playing badminton with Theresa, from Germany and learning all about her culture. I will always remember her forcing me eat French fries dipped in mayonnaise and ketchup. How weird, right? No, it's heaps good!

Well I just want to let all my friends know I'm going to miss them greatly and every single one of them has taught me to love myself and enjoy every minute I'm alive. All my memories will stay with me and cheer me up when I'm feeling blue. I love you guys! Best of luck in all you do! Cheers heaps!

Becca Crocker -

"Great spirits have always received violent opposition from mediocre minds." Albert Einstein

Kyndra Curtin -

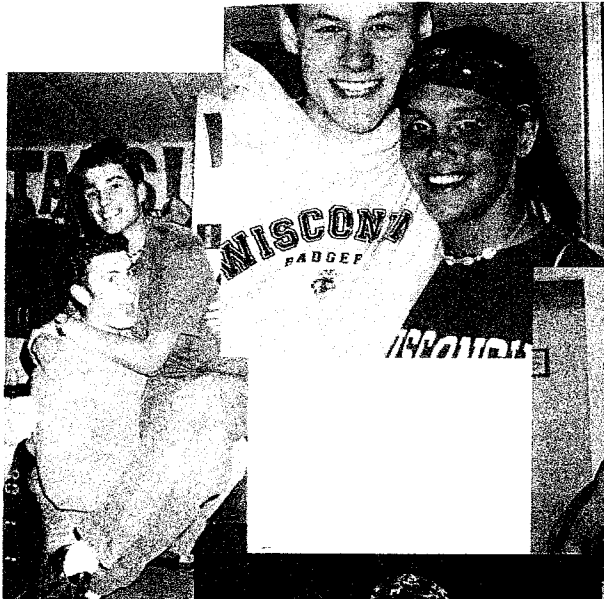
I've learned to take life one day at a time. Sometimes we feel it's the end of the world, when really it's just another day and you always have tomorrow.

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"

Heather Dague –

- *Eleanor Roosevelt*

Helen Keller once said "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble." On the brink of the next chapter in our lives, it is important to realize that the smallest details and tasks can make the most impact. In the end, the "great and noble task" is the success of the smaller ones. So, embark on your journey and pay attention to detail. High school has not only been a time for growth and maturity, but four years to dream of the future; the future that is now. It's time to make our childhood dreams, dreams of being doctors, lawyers, and even the President, a reality. I have



enjoyed my time in high school, but I am ready for what lies ahead. As we depart from St. Charles North High School I wish everyone great success and happiness for the future. May you always remember the best times and learn from the worst. Good luck and Congratulations Class of 2004!

Stephanie Droho –

I want to say goodbye to all my friends whom I have shared all the good and bad times with during the past 4 years. I wish you all the best and hope that we can remain in contact and get together throughout college. Some of them are: going to Disney twice, New York, Tennessee, going out to Pizza Hut and Chili's, complaining about classes, volleyball freshman year on the B team, performing in Fiddler On The Roof and Lil' Abner, etc. I will never forget when Jacqueline almost hit a paper bag. Or how she thought his name was Neal. Getting into a fender on the way to Lauren's Christmas part. Or how Sher and I always depend on each other for notes. When Cubby and I do our Charlie's Angles kicks after Jazz choir. Marching and hanging out in Disney with my band friends. Being in a paddleboat with Kate. Getting lost in Kim's car on the way home from Six Flags. Our volleyball sleepovers when we talked about everything about life. Doing Karaoke and playing Scooby Doo video game at Tracy's. Megan always getting blamed for everything bad that happened to Scott. Or how Leanne nicknamed me Dr. Ho. I just wanted to thank all my friends for making me smile and laugh! For serious, Cordon. Life isn't easy, but having you guys there made it a whole lot better!

Jess Elfring -

High school has been , well, an experience of new heights. I'm going to miss everyone a lot. THESPIANS ROCK! Batchelor, you're my best friend and I hope we can stay close well passed college. Thank you everyone for making my senior year the most memorable one. Oh yea, Mark I've had a crush on you since freshman year, call me. That's right, I said it! Sam Joos, I love you and miss you. My words of advice: Just remember, wherever you go, there you are. UP-EE!

Dan Elke -

"Once you go fire crotch, you never..."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in the moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in time of challenge and controversy"

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Matt Federman -

We come to high school with hopes and dreams of finding out who we are. Some have been able to do so, still others leave this school with exactly what we came here with, empty souls searching for ourselves and our purpose. Nate Roberts took this path one year ago, he never found his purpose, never found himself. May he rest in peace for all of eternity, may he give us

the strength to find ourselves and the strength to keep living. He was and still is a good friend that I will miss very much.

Mark Figura –

100 random memories from high school: Positron; Phi Hadicap; P-Plane, D-Bus, and M-Cab; Team SIP; Street Lugin; Night Riding; YAHOO FOR DECA; Laundry Basket Sledding; Peter's Quest for Glory; Ultimate Frisbee; Space Blankets; T-Bone the Superfan; Hockenium; Eight Inches of Toughness; FREE LIZ; The Sit In; Moldy East; Sufficiently Large; Toolbox; Seniors 1, Polaris 0; Trunk; Fey and the Staircase; Pond Hockey; PLAYas; PJ on June 21; Dunkin Doughnuts @ 2am; Firecrotch; I TP'd Your House; Keep on Truckin'; The Big O; AM STUDS; Wal-Mart; PL Camp; You Sallys!; Axis and Allies; Wallace! McFarlin! McCollick!; Mr. Smooth; Donuts in the Range; Poo Train; Braveheart; Kill Bill; The Burr Ball; I'm a Jackhammer Baby; Loofa; Ping Pong, Pool, and Poker; the Glenbard Chicks; Calc BC for you BC; Molasses is Sticky?; Go Team Track; Boo Yah!; Lone Star; Déjà vu; Cannonball; C. Creek; The Bluff; Colossus; The Manor; Pileggi Driving Stick; The Bug; Best Buy; Sycamore Speedway; The Great Western Trail; The CPC Train; Fireworks, Grillin; Steak and Shake; Vostal; The Lumi Racer; The Rav; Boxing; Skiing; Fishing; Potato Launchers; We Beat East (Again); Stirfry; Running Hills; The Barn; Perrywinks; Bucket Drumming; Fight Club, Snatch and Memento; Hearts and Horsecollar; Handsoccer; Striking Janitors; Secret Handshakes; Field Trips; Harrington; Quiznos; Burrito Suit; Tug of War; College; PL Partys; Belt Buckles; Antique Shopping; The Milk Machine; Blue Man Group; AP Tests; The Tornado on Prom; Golf Carts; The Oberweis Challenge; Calzones; and that's all she wrote!

*Yesterday is gone, forget it. Tomorrow
hasn't come, don't worry about it. Today is
here use it.*

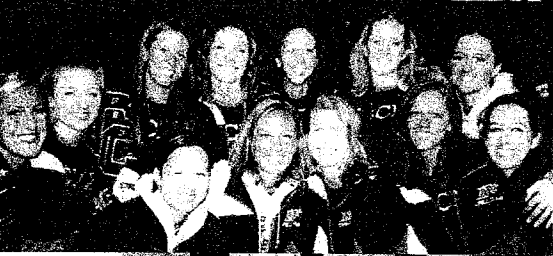
Malorie Gallardo -

-Ed Burkholder

As the school year came closer to ending, the only thing going through every senior's mind was the countdown to graduation. But as I take a step back and think about all of the lessons I have learned I have noticed that those lessons are not from the educational part of school. Because honestly, who goes to school for education anyways? My lessons are not of physics equations or calculus derivatives but about friendships, about relationships, and most importantly about myself. To my closest girls - Kurtz and Monica – what would I have done without you?! You both have stuck by me the entire four years, every time I wouldn't go somewhere by myself! There are so many of you that I have become close to and who have influenced my life that I could go on for far more than a paragraph. Thank you so much for helping me to become the person I am today.

As we complete another stage of our lives, we will take with us the memories here at St. Charles North High School. We all know we have heard from adults that high school is one of the best times in our lives and I agree that these past four years have been amazing! My advice to all of you is to make the best of any situation, laugh at yourself!!, and follow your heart. I will miss you all so much and I know you will accomplish amazing things in the future. We can proudly say we are the first class to go through St. Charles North in four years and probably the only senior class to lose homecoming! YEA SENIORS! I love you all! See you at graduation!

"I'd like to take a moment and celebrate my age
The ending of an era and the turning of a page.
Now it's time to focus in on where I go from here.
Lord, have mercy on my next thirty years" – Tim McGraw



Green Day
"Time Of Your Life"

*Another turning point a fork stuck in the road
Time grabs you by the wrist directs you where to go
So make the best of this test and don't ask why
It's not a question but a lesson learned in time*

*It's something unpredictable
But in the end is right
I hope you had the time of your life*

*So take the photographs and still frames in your mind
Hang it on a shelf in good health and good time
Tattoos of memories and dead skin on trial
For what it's worth it was worth all the while*

*It's something unpredictable
But in the end is right
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Kate Hauser -

When thinking about the end of the year, it's exciting yet scary at the same time. I have had so many good memories from volleyball freshman year, band trips to Tennessee and Disney 2 different years. I have met so many new people and have become good friends with them. Even though Becky and Lauren are in a different boat than Steph and I, we will soon join you in that boat. These four years were full of memories.

Genna thanks for always being there and we'll always be friends

Just remember to just keep swimming and that I can speak whale.

Dori a.k.a Kate Hauser

I hope everyone enjoyed these last four years and hope that the years to come will be fun.

Kristine Hoke -

My senior year has been very scary yet thrilling. I remember my junior year during 5th hour lunch period when the seniors released a dozen chickens in the cafeteria. It was a very funny event.

"Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall"
-Oliver Goldsmith

Chrissy Howell -

I remember when the seniors last year released a dozen chickens in the cafeteria 5th period. Quack!!

Meg Jenkins -

"This is SORTA FUN." First hour government. "Full House Trivia." Freshman Girls Basketball Team

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

Krista Jones -

-Mark Twain

Senior year has by far been the best year ever! Throughout these past four years, I have made so many memories with some of my best friends. I will never forget any of you, (you know who you are)! Graduation day will mark the end and the beginning for all of us. I wish all of my fellow seniors luck with all your future endeavors. 'So long, Farwell, Auz Wiedersenen, Good Night!'

Shannon Jones -

"Memories"

The joyous, the somber,
The smiles, the hugs.
The stories will flow,
Of times that were great
And tears may fall
For weeks too hard.

We will never forget
All those so close
Even ones we've just met.
Our mentors, young, old,
Their message will hold,
Whatever they may be.

Our lessons have reached
Far beyond the rooms
Where we've sat.
We've learned that,
In whatever form it comes,
Love is there to embrace.

Our lives are before us,
Open to be filled.
We will go from here,
to be prosperous,
In love, memories,
And knowledge.

On our journey
To a place unknown,
We hold our joy in the fact,
That we have come so far,
And our thanks in those
Who have helped us through.

Amber Kari -

Hey Everyone! We've done it, we're graduating...finally! I've only been here since my junior year, but I've met some amazing people. Genna Spa, Rach, Eeno- Keep your monkeys from econ☺ Lyndsay Hochesang and Lauren Cordon- When we're gone, who's going to be doing the schooling around here? Kate- Me Amber, you Kate, psych class will never be the forgotten. Steph Ricklefs- my badminton partner roommate what about the birdies?☺ We will no longer be able to pound our boyfriends. April, we need to through water bras outside. Nate Nebbia, you rock my socks off! Warped tour awaits us...again~ I am always going to be happy to listen, P.S. Contracts? Shareen- we're almost done with Spanish 5, then on to Minnesota hopefully. Katia- I hate chu, j/k you're my pirate! Lauren M- we miss Mrs. Williams☺ Megan Evans- the genie is looking for you. He has your engagement ring. Don't forget about crawling on hotel room floors pushing ice buckets in Florida in pj's, you're my partner in crime. Genna- I'm going to miss the homecomings and proms. Steph- we will have to come up with excuses to have our makeup and



hair done. If Sean gets out of line, tell him I have rusty keys! Lyndsay- the Norris Center...yeah that girls, she's going down and then we'll go to Chipotle. Lauren C- spud, you got schooled! hehe

Now for the sad stuff...next year, everyone is going to different schools and different state. Some of us may never see each other again. So good luck with whatever may happen, but Genna, when you marry Michael-ickle- motorcycle, I want to be a bridesmaid. You can be mine. Same goes for you Megan when you marry the genie. As sad as it is that we are all separating, you all made High School fun and it's sad we all have to leave each other, but graduation equals freedom. You should all be excited for what is to come. Lots and lots of fun. Be excited for our long breaks from college. I'll make sure to call each and every one of you with great stories cuz I'll want to hear yours also. To all my Badminton Seniors, I'm going to miss the sport and the team, but thank you for making room for me on Varsity. Don't forget about the tumors and my book!?!?! There's so much to say and so little room, but in short, I LOVE YOU ALL! And I'LL MISS YOU AL! Now lets get the heck out of High School we are way overdue! Good Luck to you all, I'll miss you! Hasta Pasta! Love Amber

*"No bird soars too high if he soars
with his own wings."*

-William Blake

Nirupa Kartha -

As president of my senior class, I have been preparing for graduation for the last year. But somehow, I became numb to the whole event and it just found a way to creep up upon me. I was sitting at home last night going through my yearbooks from the last three years of high school, and it suddenly hit me that I have 10 days left of school. Ten days. Just ten more days until high school will just be a memory for me, something from the past. I don't know how to express in words how much I'm going to miss this class, all 471 of you. Some of you I knew from elementary school and middle school and we've grown up together. Others of you have been in so many of my classes during the last few years. Some of you I have played golf with during the last 4 years or worked along side with in many activities and events at our school. Others of you I only knew as people who I saw every single day at a certain time, but I still depended on you. I depended on all of you. And all of you have made me the person I am. A little more confident than I was four years ago, a little more vocal about my opinions, a little more ready for the world, and above all, a much better person. Thank you all so much for everything you're done. Enjoy this last summer we all have together and I hope to see you all in 5 years at our reunion!

Grant Kaergard -

I remember standing at the bus stop on the first day of first grade and thinking that eleven more years of school would be an eternity. The truth is that eleven years is a very long time, but such a long time was made easier by the company. From the playground enemies to sports buddies, to first crushes, all the way to best friends- school has had them all. As much as no one wants to admit it, school has given us a lot of good times to remember.

The sad thing is that all too soon another eleven years will pass and we will have new friends, new enemies, new boyfriends/girlfriends, and new memories. We might forget the old times of the past- of our youth. We just need to remember to remember because all too soon, it's over.

E.J. Kowalski –

Hey guys – we made it! Monica – I love you the most. Jennie – you look like a supermodel. Remember freshman bio? "Have you ever seen a swim fish backward?" Katia- how are things? Malz and Katie – you're my volleyball stars. Matt and Chris – you guys rock ☐ (you know why). I love all you guys so much and I'm going to miss you all so much. We're all going to have an awesome time in college – and our summers and breaks together will be just as great. Just don't forget about me...because as much as our lives are going to change in the coming years – we'll always have each other.

"And as we go on, we remember
All the times we had together.
And as our lives change, come whatever
We will still be friends forever" – "Graduation"

Catherine Krog -

How many times will you know what it feels like to be a high school Senior? How many memories can you pull from those high school days and say, "that was the time of my life." Looking back to my Freshman year, I had so many expectations and so many new and exciting things to look forward to. At the beginning, high school was built up to be this "amazing and exciting time of my life." Although there was more than a few times that I didn't find this phrase to truly reflect the high school experience, after four years I can look back and say that it is somewhat true. Yes, there were hard times that, needless to say, everyone experienced at one time or another. Sometimes I think we allowed all the "drama" to overshadow the good. However, through human nature, we will eventually forget the drama and only remember the good. I will always remember those funny and embarrassing moments, and the amazing musicians and actors I worked with; the dedicated and selfless people I met through various service activities in the school, and the unforgettable teachers that have truly touched my heart. I could not express enough gratitude to those who helped me on my path to self-discovery. My best friends, my closest teachers, and even those who were mere acquaintances have left their imprints on my path. Whether I like it or not, you all have taught me the invaluable lesson to just be myself. High school is definitely that time when you worry about what you wear, how you act, who you associate with; and in the end, you find out that none of that really matters. In the end, it is the people who accept you for *you*. I will always remember the friends who told me that I could do better, who wiped my tears, who encouraged me to be strong, who cheered for me in the stands. I will carry these memories with me forever.

So here we all are- at the top of the school and looking on to our future. High school is one of those times in life that I will never forget. I can only hope that we will hold onto the good memories and the fun that we all had in high school. Thank you to everyone who has been apart of this unforgettable ride. Good luck in the future.

Rachel Kruzan –

Wow...can you believe we are graduating already? It doesn't seem like too long ago when we were little freshmen who did not know where to go and had lots of room to walk down the halls. So much and so little have changed since then and I am proud to have grown with such an amazing class. You are truly incredible and I thank you all, especially those I call my friends, for the great high school experience. To my best friends, I know I will never remember everything that we said or did, but I will always remember how you made me feel so special and



Ataris
"In This Diary"

*Here in this diary,
I write you visions of my summer.
It was the best I ever had.
There were choruses and sing-alongs,
and not a spoken feeling.
I'm knowing that right now is all that matters.
All the nights we stayed up talking
and listening to 80's songs;
quoting lines from all those movies that we love.
It still brings a smile to my face.
I guess when it comes down to it...*

*Being grown up isn't half as fun as growing up:
These are the best days of our lives.
The only thing that matters
is just following your heart
and eventually you'll finally get it right.*

*Breaking into hotel swimming pools,
and wreaking havoc on our world.
Hanging out at truck stops just to pass the time.
The black top's singing me to sleep.
Lighting fireworks in parking lots,
illuminate the blackest nights.
Cherry cokes under this moonlight summer sky.
2015 Riverside, it's time to say, "goodbye."
Get on the bus, it's time to go.*

*Being grown up isn't half as fun as growing up:
These are the best days of our lives.
The only thing that matters
is just following your heart,
and eventually you'll finally get it right.*

loved. May the years ahead be rewarding for all of us in the Class of 2004...don't forget to have fun and smile! ☺

Love, Rachel Kruzan

*"Everyone who got where he is
has had to begin where he was."
-Robert Louis Stevenson*

Melissa Kucera -

I can't believe graduation has finally come! It has always seemed like something so far in the future and now it's here. I have met so many great people who have made such an impact on my life. I love you guys! I wish everyone the best of luck in college. Have fun and learn a lot. I hope to see everyone soon – definitely lots of college visits! Just remember...you'll always have your friends! (haha)
Love you all!

Adam Kunos -

Looking back on my four years at North, I can look back on so many things since Freshman year:

- Gas leaks
- Kiss FM
- Only Freshman and Sophomore in the building
- Empty hallways

Sophomore year:

- 9/11
- Marching Band at Walt Disney World (Senior year too)
- Junior parking
- First day as Seniors
- Senior Band member at Disney

Katie Kurtz -

Sometimes I sit back and wonder how it is we got this far. How when life seemed to be pushing us two steps backward, we kept smiling and pushed through it. How when we didn't quite think we were ever going to pass calculus or any of the physics tests, we always seemed to find success in our efforts anyway. How even through we could be the only senior class to lose Homecoming, we still smiled as we watched the juniors faces that April morning in the gravel lot. It is through these moments that seemed impossible at the time, where friends have played the most important role in each of our lives.

As we walked into North as freshman, we created friendships with one another that have helped guide us on each of the path's that we are continuing to walk down today. They have been there through thick and thin, to support and become the backbones of our lives. They have been the wind beneath our wings and have challenged us to soar to a new level. And they have been there for the laughs, the stupid mistakes, the "I can't believe this is happening" moments, and simply they have just been there for us.

As we take this next step forward in our lives, I want you all to take a moment and remember the people who have made the most impact on your life. Without each of these people, we wouldn't be who we are today. In the fall, we will all be heading down different paths, in different directions, but each of us will hold memories of each other that will continue to

inspire us, help us grow, and be a constant reminder that there are people out there for us to fall back on even as we grow apart.

To all of those who have touched my life in one way or another I want to thank you for all that you have done. I can't even begin to tell you the importance you have played, and still will play, in my life. I couldn't have done it without you.

To all of you; remember that no matter where life takes you, as long as you continue to stay true to your character and your heart you will always find yourself exactly where you always dreamed of being.

"We gave everything and then graduation came and our dreams called our names. With broken hearts we moved on with our lives...For the first time" Kenny Chesney

Stenie Lê -

Well fellas and chicas, it's been an interesting four years. It seems like we've just started high school and I can't believe we're finally seniors. I don't feel like I'm grown up yet, but I guess we all have. Next fall we'll all be spread across the country- but it's nice to know I spent the most influential years of my life so far in "North Star Country." Thanks to all those people who I have shared these fun times with. Good luck and I'll miss you Lemer, Moho, Mikey (from Brat), Brooks (from Mouse), Lindsey, Erin, Cait, Kiki, Carlos, Amanda (Hco sucks!), and most of all Ry, (your little asian girl) --- luv you all! Have fun, be crazy and thanks for making my years so BRIGHT!

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Chris Levin –

All I have to say is that even though our school feels like a prison, even though the attendance ladies seem to be the meanest sisters on the planet, even though seniors only get to park every OTHER day, even though our lunches got cut in half, even though some teachers appear as the devil, our hallways are packed, school was supposed to start later and a certain coach is the creepiest human being alive...St. Charles North High School has been an amazing home for the past four years (in fact the building for the past 7) and I will be just as happy if my college will feel half as good. So thanks to everyone for the halo, the friends, the diamonds, the education, the sports, the drill team, the support, and all the good times...did I mention drill team? Diamonds? Or Halo? Enjoy life, there's plenty of time to be dead. GO NORTH.

Diamonds is a guy's best friend.

Rosie Manion -

Throughout my four years here at SCN I have learned a lot and not just academically~ I've met a lot of different people, some who I will know forever ~ The football games, the dance, the concerts, and of course the school sit in, were my favorite thing to be involved with~ Freshman year was not the greatest ~ I remember hardly seeing any of my friends and the school day was so different from middle school ~ The one thing I loved about Freshman year was when East discovered mold and we had shortened school days the rest of the year ~ Sophomore y ears wasn't too exciting until Graham Robson and I started dating~ I thought it was so cool because



he was one of the first to drive~ Junior year was when high school began to be fun ~ I remember hanging out with friends almost everyday and being able to finally drive! ~ I also remember telling friends "I can't believe we're going to be Seniors next year" ~ Now I'm saying, "I can't believe we're going to graduate in a few days!" ~ Senior year has been the most memorable and fulfilling year of high school ~ I will never forget the friendships, relationships, or losses I've experienced ~ Good luck to all my friends going away to college. Stay in touch! I love you Graham, high school wouldn't have been the same without you! ~ Samantha Joos, I will keep you in my heart forever ~ You're my angel, I love you! ~ Congratulations class of 2004!

Mike Magnetta -

"I came to this school straight..."

"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence."

-Eddie Robinson

Ellen McNamara -

How can I say goodbye to 4 years that mean so much? Moving on and growing up has been much anticipated, but leaving these years and memories will be difficult. From Freshman year to Senior year, from "Bye Bye Birdie" to "Into the Woods", from Gatlinburg to NYC, my high school experiences will remain some of my best memories. Nothing is more important to me at this point in time than my faith in God, my family, my friends and music. High school has helped me to discover myself, strengthen my faith, and form relationships. I will always and forever be best friends with Christina Paul. She is the most gentle and free spirit I've ever known. I owe her insurmountable gratitude for supporting, loving and guiding me. I hold more love than anyone can hold in their hearts for my parents and Grandma. Their love for me is unconditional and has made me who I am. They mean more to me than any words on a page could convey. I would give my life for any of my family and friends because I love them so much. My high school journey has solidified me as a person. There is much for me to look forward to in the future (God willing) and I'm sure I will change. However, I am thoroughly content with who I am here and now. If there was one thing I could leave at this school I would want everyone to know they are loved. The lord and the people you love will get you where you need to be. I've learned so much and I've had great times at St. Charles North High School. Thank you to all those who made this journey with me! Thank you, most of all, to God for his infinite mercy and blessings. I'll always remember.

Kasey Mennie --

I had an amazing time in high school, and as I look back at my time spent at St. Charles North, I realize that the only reason that I had such a memorable time was because of the people who influenced me. I met so many unique and wonderful people, and have created such strong relationships that I will treasure for the rest of my life. I would like to thank those people, from the class of 2004 who particularly influenced my high school experience.

Rachel Eliasek, I admire your respect for yourself and those around you. Stephanie Murphy, you are such a joy to be around, you can make the best of any situation. Meghan Black, I still can't understand how someone can get more beautiful everyday, you can always light up a room. Mike Rosso, you influenced me more than you know. Chris Gekas, your light heart and contagious optimism keeps me smiling. Jess Elfring, you are the most unique person I have ever met, and you bring out the best in everyone that surrounds you. Ian Custer, you give great advice, and have helped me through so many tough times. Allison Cleary, I feel so close to you

still, we have such a great past and I truly hope that you are in my future. Dominic Pileggi, it is such a shame we spent most of high school avoiding each other, but now that we are friends, you should know how much I genuinely enjoy your company. Anne Santos, you are such a hard worker and such a great friend. Karl Mandik, I admire your heart, and the fact you can make me laugh at any time you chose. Kristin Corrigan, my oldest friend, I love you so much and I know that we will know each other forever, your intelligence and personal strength inspire me. Dan Modica, I am only one of many whose life you will greatly change, you taught me so much, I treasure our relationship. Finally, Julia Zema, You are the best thing that has ever happened to me, I am so lucky to have a friend like you, I can't wait to watch you change the world.

Thank you so much, all of you have given me a reason to get up every morning of my four years here. I am so appreciative of the people that I have met, I am so proud to have been part of your journey to the amazing things you will all do. I can't wait to see where your paths take you.

"You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world."

-Tom Brokaw

Beth Moore -

Hi everyone! High school has truly been a memorable experience. It's so strange how much life changes in just 4 years!

I would just to thank all of my friends. I love you guys so much and the thought of not having you around all the time is really quite scary! We've had so much fun and I have so many great memories. Thank you for al of your love and support.

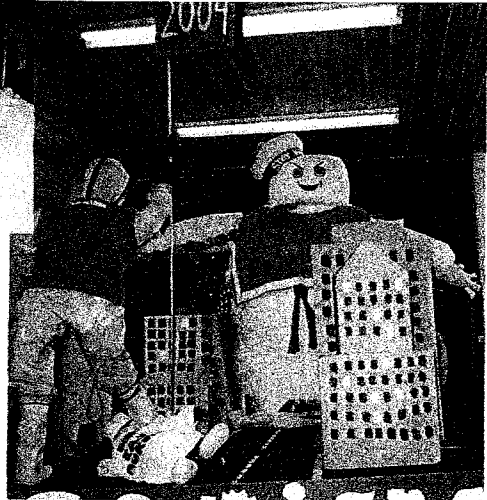
Next year is going to start a whole new part of our lives, and it's going to be so surreal!

Lots of love,
Beth

Jenny Morken -

I have enjoyed these past four years here at St. Charles North, for many different reasons. My friends have made it enjoyable, relaxing, and made the days go by much faster than they actually did. I loved how for the first 2 years at North, the halls were not crowded and you were able to walk through them without getting slammed into by a freshman's backpack. I'm a big sports fan, so of course I enjoyed all of the games and especially those games vs. East in which we won most of them. I loved the Small Games assemblies except when the seniors were constantly jipped and had to be content with the 4th place when we obviously had the best window downtown. Go Tug-of-War. ☺ Although St. Charles lacks the extravagant hang out spots, I was fortunate to keep myself occupied and entertained most of the time whether it is at a friend's house, or seeing a movie at en over priced theatre. I will miss Homecoming, Sadies, and Prom especially. Being able to share it with my boyfriend as well as my friends is something I'll definitely miss going away next year.

A few last words of advice that I can offer is...Enjoy High School. This includes the sports games, the homecoming week activities, the dances, the fundraisers, and any new ideas they may come up with in the future to make St. Charles North a better school. Meet as many



Eve 6
"Here's to the Night"

So denied
So I lied
Are you the now or never kind?
In a day
And a day love
I'm gonna be gone for good again
Are you willing
To be had
Are you cool with just tonight?
Here's a toast
To all those who hear me all too well

Here's to the nights we felt alive
Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry
Here's to goodbye
Tomorrow's gonna come too soon

Put your name
On the line
Along with place and time
Wanna stay
Not to go
I wanna ditch the logical
Here's a toast
To all those
Who hear me all too well

Here's to the nights we felt alive
Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry
Here's to goodbye
Tomorrow's gonna come too soon

All my time is froze in motion
Can't I stay an hour or two or more
Don't let me let you go

Here's a toast
To all those who know me all too well

Here's to the nights we felt alive
Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry
Here's to goodbye
Tomorrow's gonna come too soon

Here's to the nights we felt alive
Here's to the tears you knew you'd cry
Here's to goodbye
Tomorrow's gonna come too soon

people as you can and don't regret anything! Goodbye to all of my underclassman who I will miss! Represent us well ☺

See you at IU!

Dominic Pileggi -

Phi handicap

There is a good reason they call these ceremonies "commencement exercises." Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning.
-Orrin Hatch

April Pigott -

Hey, hey guys we finally made it! Omigod it's already senior year and these past four years have flown by. I've had so many good times and amazing memories that will remain with me forever. I have made my best friends in these years and for that I am truly grateful. We've had some laughs and tears but in the end we did alright. Hey Amber, frozen water bras hurt like a monkey. Caitlin there's way too many...panto! Kim how do get to Portage! Remember Story Book Farm. Gorio, all I got to say is the blanket baby, the blanket. Megan, oh no I broke the computer...shift. Ian, what happens when you shave your head? Anyways I could go on, but it would take much more than 250 words. I love you all so much and thank you for making high school so much fun. Here's to the first full graduating class of 2004.

Caitlin Prentiss -

To All My Senior Dancers

We have been through so much the past four years. Going from our rough freshmen year all the way to winning state! I couldn't have picked a greater group of girls to spend every waking moment with and I am so glad that I have been able to count on you as terrific friends! We have had so many great memories together and I will never forget any of you! Thank you for a wonderful four years! Good luck next year and keep on smiling!!

Love you all,
Caitlin

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

-William James

Brea Rathman -

Hey Guys!

This has been a long ride. Between the walls of our school we have left a legacy, and when you wonder how you will be remembered, it will be for the great things each and every one of you have contributed. It is my hope that you will all remember your life here for the past four years and understand that each and every day was meaningful. It feels like just yesterday we entered those main doors as freshman, and as we leave as seniors, I hope that we all make each and everyday count. Writing this I realized how fast time really does go, and understand that it is not the time that counts, but how we spend it is what really matters. With out each person in our class...our school would not be what it is today. So I invite you all to look back and smile, knowing that you made a difference. My challenge to you is to seize each day, and to live with no regrets...and in ten years...come back and share with us all how successful you are! I hope that

each and everyone of us finds happiness, and uses these four years to make a difference in the future.

Sincerely!
Brea Rathman

Nick Rayl -

To all those who hated high school, remember it is just a stepping stone to your better life. For all of you who loved high school, remember you still have four years of college to grow up.

Stefanie Ricklefs -

I don't know about the rest of you seniors, but to me high school has seemed to take forever. Elementary school and middle school seem almost like another lifetime. Not that that's a bad thing. High school certainly has been some of the best years of my life. Even though at times it seemed to drag on, especially with all the homework. I know that on more than one occasion I wished there was such a thing as a mental health day. But now, with only a few short months till graduation, all that work seems worth it. Way to go Class of 2004! We've made it through together. Good luck to all!

Here's a Haiku I wrote a while back.

Don't let life speed by
There are many things to learn
Use your time wisely.

Tessa Roberts -

The past four years here at SCN have been nothing but memorable, and I have to admit, so much fun. There are so many awesome memories that I will never forget. Having gone here for middle school, I didn't feel too much intimidation walking into the building my first day as a freshman. I will remember the halls being incredibly empty, having only two classes (freshman and sophomores) to worry about. It seemed like no one was around! Now, having four, oh man...it definitely makes a "special difference".

Having played three sports, I know there are so many memories that come out of them. Some inside jokes, some just plain weird...

I will never forget any of the soccer days...doubles over spring break, the gauntlet and obstacle course, beating East in a shootout to win Sectionals...I will never forget good old Camp Duncan-Jen Lee attempting to rock climb (haha), and tons of other memories that came from Camp D. Thanks to my soccer girls for the best high school experience of my life!

Basketball was another story - all I remember from that was funny things that happened...when I tripped over the mop while running at practice, and of course the game Annie tripped into the ball rack...can't forget that made the morning after papers! ☺ Basketball was another experience that will always stick with me...

Ahhh-good old cross country...that was the craziest thing I have ever done, but I guess I was alright considering I survived...I'll always remember Me, Cristen, Danika, and Liz laying in the



grass as the last XC meet, just talking and watching all the boys run by...and who could ever forget good old POOF!!! ☺ (hehe)

Just some words that make me think of high school...friendships, love, breakups, drama, fun, dances, soccer, basketball, cross country, crazy deans, uptight attendance ladies, memories that will last a lifetime! Thanks for all the memories everyone...and thanks to all my amazing friends for all they have done for me...you guys are the best. I would definitely be a different person without each and every one of you! Best of luck in the future, everyone! ☺

Your families are extremely proud of you. You can't imagine the sense of relief they are experiencing. This would be a most opportune time to ask for money.

Courtney Robertson -

-Gary Bolding

"I'll live like there's no tomorrow, I'll love like I've never lost, and I'll dance like no one's watching."

Carpe Diem- Seize the day...we came, we saw, we left...that's life.

Rest in Peace Samantha and Nate.

Allison Roe -

To all of the varsity cheerleaders:

What a great year we had!! I am so proud of everyone on our team. We really came a long way this year. Thanks for a great season!!

Kori Roys -

Good Luck Have Fun

Finals came out and went, oh how the time flew by. Unbeknownst to us, the best years of our lives. Creating school tradition, we built ourselves tall. Kicking East's butts at football. Seniors we are, four years we slaved. Chosen our colleges, high school we have braved. How far we all have yet to go. Onward to college, the future we cannot know. Our friends to whom we now bid adieu. Loud now we should it: North, we love you!

Beth Rudy -

Inside jokes:

Mooo..Mooo..Mooo..

Chicken hearts have fun

-“Party Time”-to Betsy from Toby,

-“I love Jose”-In memory of Samantha Joos

-“Chicken heads”-to Betsy from Toby

Shalom to you

Make healthy choices!

Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.

-Anthony J. D'Angelo

When I first came to North after being here for Wredling (oh joy) it was interesting to be in high school. At first, I thought people were just stuck up and cared only about themselves. Then I learned they are more than stuck up. They're also selfish. We have all kinds of people that are great to know—stoners, overachievers, preps, jocks, and hoochies! But in the end, we all get out of here. Peace!

"Life at high school is like drinking root beer-it goes by so quickly and when you're done, you're very sad!!

Angela Salemi -

"Life's a Dance, you learn as you go."

"A friend's embrace brings warmth to your life."

Ron Signore -

I didn't know what to expect coming into a school with nothing; not knowing what could or would happen, or what it would be like. Now I know, being apart of starting the traditions. Making friendships that in my opinion were among and are among the best there is. Everything went from nothing to everything; From year 1 where everybody knew everybody's name to year four where you can't tell what age someone is. Teachers who have come and gone, developing a strand or a grip with their students. To the coaches who bred us to the athletic men/women we have grown to be. To Mac who took special care and was there for (myself especially) all of his athletes that walk through that trainer's room door. To everyone who made this stage of our roads of life the best it was, and for letting me be apart of it –

Thank You

"Lights down you up & die" – DMB

Stephanie Sommer -

As I sit and take a look back into the last four years of my life as a high school student, I sigh. A sigh of relaxation knowing that the endless nagging from the overabundant deans' assistants and attendance ladies has finally come to an end; a sigh of nervousness not knowing exactly what I have coming to me in my near and far future; a sigh of sadness because I will not see any of my friends everyday and hang out with them every weekend like I have for the last twelve year; a sigh of relief for making it through the dramatic breakups, lost friendships and heartbreaking trials I have endured with all these people throughout the years; a sigh of accomplishment for passing all my classes (some with ease, some with many all-nighters) and for the photos and box scores in the Daily Herald; a sigh of excitement for the new friendships and challenges that college will bring; and finally, a sigh of happiness for the endless memories that were made at St. Charles North High School. I want to thank all of my fellow students, teachers, and parents for being there with me to guide me through the unsure situations, to cry with me and embrace me through the sad times, and to laugh with me (sometimes at me) in the fun times! You all helped prepare me for the challenges I will face in my future and have shaped me into the individual I am today.

I will never forget the driving through the tornado on prom night, the blinding blizzards, which should have been snow days, and the sunny weather that suddenly hit us in early March, only to tease us with more snow. The memories made at homecoming dances, football games, and Trunk Full of Funk shows will last long after I have left Northstar Country and I will often look back smiling at all the great times I had and remembering the light acquaintances to the



Vitamin C
"Graduation"

*And so we talked all night about the rest of our lives
Where we're gonna be when we turn 25
I keep thinking times will never change
Keep on thinking things will always be the same
But when we leave this year we won't be coming back
No more hanging out cause we're on a different track
And if you got something that you need to say
You better say it right now cause you don't have another day
Cause we're moving on and we can't slow down
These memories are playing like a film without sound
And I keep thinking of that night in June
I didn't know much of love
But it came too soon
And there was me and you
And then we got real cool
Stay at home talking on the telephone with me
We'd get so excited, we'd get so scared
Laughing at our selves thinking life's not fair
And this is how it feels*

*1 - As we go on
We remember
All the times we
Had together
And as our lives change
Come whatever
We will still be
Friends Forever*

*So if we get the big jobs
And we make the big money
When we look back now
Will our jokes still be funny?
Will we still remember everything we learned in school?
Still be trying to break every single rule
Will little brainy Bobby be the stockbroker man?
Can we ever find a job that won't interfere with a tan?
I keep, I keep thinking that it's not goodbye
Keep on thinking it's a time to fly
And this is how it feels*

*La, la, la, la...
Yeah, yeah, yeah
La, la, la, la...
We will still be friends forever*

*Will we think about tomorrow like we think about now?
Can we survive it out there?
Can we make it somehow?
I guess I thought that this would never end
And suddenly it's like we're women and men
Will the past be a shadow that will follow us 'round?
Will these memories fade when I leave this town
I keep, I keep thinking that it's not goodbye
Keep on thinking it's a time to fly*

deeply in love relationships I had. I will always cherish the memories I made in high school, especially this last year, for it may only be once in my lifetime that I get to block a guy's shot in open gym, convince my homecoming date that he is a great dancer, start as center for the best basketball team in SCN history (be the only one to stand up and cheer for this team in the all-school spirit assembly☺), proudly cheer on the boys' ballers at almost every game, hug a polar bear, 'hug' an inflatable Santa Claus ☺, have my first kiss, win a medal at the state track meet, and walk on stage to receive my high school diploma. Although these are only a few high school memories, there are many more people, memories, and inside jokes that will stay in my heart and mind forever! Again, thank you for helping make my high school experience this memorable!

Sam, I knew we grew apart after middle school, and I am not going to pretend that we were the best of friends. But I miss you and I hope you are having fun singing so beautifully in that heavenly chorus. Sometimes I can hear you if I listen really carefully! Keep singing because it brings me comfort...it brings a lot of people comfort. We all miss you down here, but we know you are enjoying heaven so much! I know the days you are smiling the biggest because the sun shines so much brighter! We love you Sam...I'll see you again someday and we can sing together again, for eternity!
Love Always...

Genna Sparacino -

Over the years we've all changed so much. We've made a lot of new friends and possibly lost some old ones. It's hard to say goodbye, but no matter what happens we'll have these memories with us forever. All my friends have impacted my life in some way and they will forever be in my heart. This past year has been hard on a lot of us. We have something a lot of people our age don't have. We have an angel looking down on us, I love you Samantha.

Victoria Samaniego -

Freshman year was fun... we were all still really young. Nothing really exciting just *a new thing*. Sophomore year was just getting used to high school... had that sit-in, that was fun. Junior year I think was the best. All my friends and I got our drivers license. My friends and I ditch a lot school, got a lot of P.M.A's ... was a lot of fun, just getting in trouble and it was fun. Senior year, a lot of fun but a little scary. It's the last year that we can just not care, and then we'll have to grow up. Overall, high school was fun. It had it's ups and downs, but as they say, it's gonna be the best time of our life.

Aubree Storm -

Congratulations everyone! We did it! Whatever your plans are for the future I wish you the best of luck and a happy and successful life. Thank you so much for the incredible memories, it has been a very exciting four years and I will never forget any of you! Follow your dreams and keep reaching for those stars! Oh and don't forget...watch for me because I am going to be famous!

*Organized education gives us information,
but there are things we have to learn
ourselves.*

- Anonymous

Jillian Teegarden -

Wow...I can't believe it's my senior year and I'm just a couple months away from graduating! It's crazy how your closest friends are going all over this country to go to colleges of their choice. I remember back in middle school when college seemed so far away! I have created a ton of memories with various people over my last four years here at St. Charles North! It's odd how you used to be so close with some people freshman year and now you see them in the hallways and you don't even talk anymore. It's crazy how people come in and out of your life like that, but I truly believe each person has a lesson to teach you that will impact you, even if it's in the smallest way! I have had my two best friends in my life since middle school! They are the greatest girls you can ever meet! I have shared so many laughs and great times with them it would take pages to fill up! Being friends with Tara Coulson and Andrea Fish over the years has made me believe what a great philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "The only way to have a friend is to be one." I went through a couple of hard times this year and I wanted to thank one of my other great friends, Stacey Shanahan and Tara of course, for being by my side and helping me through this! As Euripedes once said, "Real friendship is shown in times of trouble." I thank all the teachers who helped me get through this year by understanding and being compassionate people that they are. Now, I move onto the next step of my life. I say goodbye to the crowded hallways of North and head down a bigger pathway to college. I will miss the cherished memories and the friends you always knew. I will begin my new journey of life as I transfer over the North Star in me to what now will be a Saluki!

William Thomas -

I really liked my high school experience and I know I'm going to miss it, but I know I'm going to love college. I'm going to miss the guidance of certain teachers and I'll enjoy being treated like an adult in the future. Part of my will always be a child, but the adult part still doesn't see why gym is required for four years. My promise to my class and students to come: If I am ever in a position of power, that's the first thing I'm scraping. Anywho, high school I learned to be myself and found the theater. I met great people and met not so great people. The things that this school has taught me I will always value. Be passionate, be cynical about being cynical, never enjoy pain in others (or at least try not to...), be generous, and just Let it be, because all you need is love and in my life the long and winding road leads to Strawberry fields. Oh yeah, be a Beatles fan too.

Love, Bill

Tim Timberlake -

"I got an F."

"Hold on to what you love, stay true to what you know, take everything you dream of, and never let it go"

-Anonymous

Dan Vandenberg -

"If you don't know what it is, then it's definitely worth eating."

Kasie Vesely -

I can't believe that this year is already coming to an end. I knew it would come really fast, but not this fast! I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has made an



Sarah McLachlan
"I Will Remember You"

*I will remember you
Will you remember me?
Don't let your life pass you by
Weep not for the memories*

*Remember the good times that we had?
I let them slip away from us when things got bad
How clearly I first saw you smilin' in the sun
Wanna feel your warmth upon me, I wanna be the one*

*I will remember you
Will you remember me?
Don't let your life pass you by
Weep not for the memories*

*I'm so tired but I can't sleep
Standin' on the edge of something much too deep
It's funny how we feel so much but we cannot say a word
We are screaming inside, but we can't be heard*

*But I will remember you
Will you remember me?
Don't let your life pass you by
Weep not for the memories*

*I'm so afraid to love you, but more afraid to loose
Clinging to a past that doesn't let me choose
Once there was a darkness, deep and endless night
You gave me everything you had, oh you gave me light*

*And I will remember you
Will you remember me?
Don't let your life pass you by
Weep not for the memories*

*And I will remember you
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impact on my life here at St. Charles North. That goes from my closet friends, to the people that I sat with, had classes with, or just hung out with on one random weekend. You all have made these high school days the best days of my life and I want to thank you SO much for that!

Unfortunately, in high school, times do change and many of our friends have lost touch. But it happens, and let me say that freshman year was amazing and I will never forget the memories. You know who you are (I hope). Thank you for some of the greatest times I've ever had.

To all my true friends out there, thank you SO much for making me who I am today. I would be lost without you in my life. We have had some of the greatest times that I will never ever forget. Of course, I will always remember the big events that shaped our high school days and I will remember the little things even more. All those times we just hung out, drove around, laughed till we cried...and just talked, can *never ever* be replaced. I love you all so much. You are all truly amazing people that I will never forget. ;)

Love Always

Jake Vogel -

...a man of few words...

Kristin Zenisek -

Well guys, we made it; whether we thought we would or not. Class of 2004, the 1st one's here from the very beginning and we definitely made a mark. Though, we may not have thought it was possible, we did it. We survived it all...the 1st day of school, the college application process and through our last finals in high school...we fought the senioritis. We're all finished, all is said and done. I have to admit it's true, senior year flies by, but only because there was so much to look forward to and now that we're at another end, yet a brand-new beginning, looking back we have a lot to be proud of and a lot to take with us. Congratulations class of 2004. We made it! "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." Good Luck '04 we're out!

*Good times become good memories, bad times
become good lessons. There's always something
good that comes out of every life experience...you
can never lose...only gain in life*

- Anonymous

Anonymous -

"Middle school grad...mold...east...Drug dogs...can I finally leave this location yet?"

"Come on now-what could be better than NORTH STAR COUNTRY! Stupid drive is in the gravel-what a pain! Are the freshmen getting shorter or is it just me?"

Friends that we've lost



*Let us always remember these
people that have touched our lives*

Marci Thompson, Sam Joos, and Nate Roberts