



# The Cometary



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## A fond farewell

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by Cassidy Crotteau

Like the hundreds of Cameron Comets before us, our high school years are coming to an end. We'll have our last few lessons, clear out our lockers one last time, say our final goodbyes to classmates and teachers, and eventually graduate with all our friends and peers. We are all here going through the same thing and, hey, welcome aboard this scary ride: destination unknown.

Perhaps some people think that graduating from high school is just a tiny chapter in our big book called Life, and there are more important events to come, but to me, it's a pretty huge milestone. The most difficult part for me is by far saying farewell to my

classmates. Our thirteen school years were spent building close and memorable connections with friends. Seeing everyone moving off to make their dreams and ambitions come true, makes me wonder if we'll ever cross paths again. It's funny how we all start from the same beginnings, but will end up in completely different places in life. I am fortunate enough to have experienced this wild ride called high school with a group of amazing people I wouldn't trade knowing for the world. Everything our class has experienced together I wouldn't have wanted to do with anyone else. The bonfires, the homecomings, the proms, athletic events, volleyball and

basketball state trips, cheering as loud as you can at football games, so loud that you didn't have a voice the next day, and all the late night trips to Applebee's.

Through all the laughs, smiles, tears, and heartbreak, I couldn't have imagined going through it with anyone else. So this is it--the very last days of the life we have grown so comfortable with. Bidding farewell to the place that has allowed us to find ourselves and create all the great memories while still moving forward in our lives--to change the world as adults rather than holding onto the past like children. We are free to go where we want and do what we want.



**Then . . .** *The Class of 2017, when life was pretty easy and just making it through 8th grade was their biggest challenge. Now, these same young people look to their future with wide eyes and for most of them, excitement.*

# Notes from Mr. Meznarich - principal

## Graduation

The 2017 Graduation celebration will be on Friday, May 26 beginning at 7 p.m. in the High School gymnasium. We invite you to come celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors that evening.

## End of Year Info

The last student day will be Tuesday, June 6. Students will have a full day of school. Students will be turning in their computers on that day so it is extremely important that students are there with all of their computer equipment. All fines and fees should be taken care of prior to the end of school.

## Badger State



**Badger proud.** Badger State occurs in the month of June. Boys attend Badger Boys State in Ripon while girls attend Badger Girls State in Oshkosh. During the week, each representative is assigned to a city and together they set up their city, county, and state governments. This year, Cameron's representatives are Paighton Gardner and Kayla Gerber.

## Summer school

There will be two sessions of summer school offered for students to earn back credit for classes they were unsuccessful in during the year. The first session will be in June for Math and Science classes. The second session will be in August for English and Social Studies classes. Students eligible for summer school will be contacted directly.

## Athletic Code

### Meeting

The mandatory athletic code meeting for all athletes and parents planning on participating

during the 2017-18 school year will be held on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 in the Middle School Auditorium.

## 2017-18 school year

Returning students will have their 2017-18 schedules in hand prior to leaving for the summer. Our school schedule is based on student requests and as such, changes to student schedules are not permitted. An informational letter will be sent out in July with more specifics for the 2017-18 school year. Mark your calendars now for the start of next school year which will be Tuesday, August 29.



**Attention Juniors:** In order to meet yearbook deadlines for senior pictures, consider having them taken during the summer. They will be due to Mrs. Hopkins by November 17, 2017.

**YEARBOOK!!**

Congratulations,  
Cameron  
Class of 2017



# Soldier Sanborn

Mrs. Sanborn, Cameron High School counselor, had a unique opportunity May 1-5. She participated in a Marine Corp Educator Workshop at the Marine Corp Recruit Depot (MCRD) in San Diego, CA. This all-expense-paid event was offered through the Marine Corp Recruiting Station - Twin Cities. During this workshop 58 educators from 6 states were immersed in "life as a Marine recruit" activities and educational briefings. Each day was action packed. A brief overview of the week included:

## Day #1 MCRD San Diego:

*Yellow Footprints* - "receiving week" mock simulation, a welcome by the Chief of Staff, Recruit Training Regiment Commanding Officer's brief, lunch with recruits, swim demonstration, martial arts/ bayonet assault course, obstacle course demonstration, physical fitness test and a tour of *Walker Hall* (Sports Medicine Clinic).

Day #2 Miramar: A tour of the base, information session on military educational benefits,



**Rubbing elbows with the brass.** Mrs. Sanborn smiles with Sergeant Major Alex M. Dobson during her educational workshop.



**New type of training.** Guidance counselor, Mrs. Kim Sanborn, learns the basics of being a Marine while she was in San Diego for an educational workshop hosted by the U. S. Marine Corp.

Flight line static display, lunch at *Bay View*, a brief from the Chaplin, a performance by the *Marine Corp Double Time Brass Band*, and a Career Marine panel. The afternoon was spent learning about the history of the Marine Corp concluding with a tour of the museum and gift shop.

## Day #3 Camp Pendleton:

Weapons field training battalion brief, Q & A with Range Gunner, overview of the "*Crucible*" and hands-on mission experience at *12-Stall*, lunch with fresh Marines (having just completed the 54 hour *Crucible*), live fire at Edson Field, completion of confidence course, and education brief.

Day #4 MCRD: Observation of *Morning Colors Ceremony* (Marine Corp band performance), address by Brigadier General William M. Journey and Sergeant Major Alex

M. Dobson, farewell brunch followed by observation of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Charlie Company Marine graduation on the parade deck.

The purpose of this educational workshop was to provide selected educators and other community influencers with the opportunity to gain firsthand experience on how the Marine Corps transforms young men and women into U.S. Marines. Mrs. Sanborn said that her experience was "incredible!" "I appreciate having a better understanding of the military branches, in this case the Marines, and what educational and career opportunities they provide to young men and woman," she continued. "Today's military and its recruiting efforts are definitely different than what they were back in my high school days."

# From Cameron to D.C.

by Kaylee Thomson

The Foundation for Rural Service Washington D.C. Youth Tour sponsored an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. summer 2017. The only charge? Turning in an application! Our own junior, Alexis Potvin, and Christina Gordon from New Auburn, along with their families, have been accepted to take part in this trip.

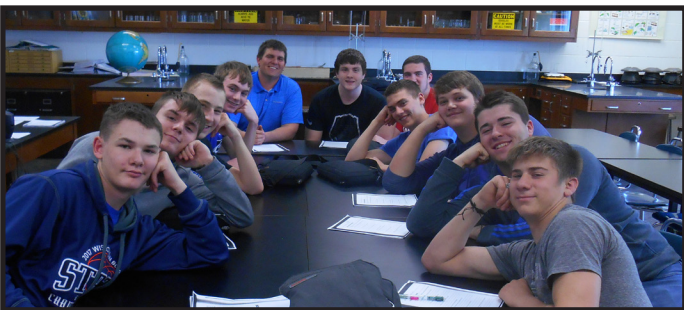
The trip involves touring monuments (such as the Smithsonian Institute, the U.S. Capitol, Mount Vernon, and Arlington National Cemetery) and attending informational sessions to learn more about our government, current economy, and the future in technology. The objective of the tour is to provide students from rural areas with a firsthand look at the telecommunications industry. Alexis will have the opportunity to meet other high school

## In the lead

by Haley Bossany

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." - John Quincy Adams.

"Leadership can be a learned skill and I am trying to provide the resources to be able to



**The future of the Comets.** The leadership class is shaping the athletes we know into great leaders in Cameron High School's future.

juniors from rural areas across the country. The families selected will be enjoying D.C. from June 3-7.

"It's an absolute wonderful opportunity to explore our nation's capitol, and it's paid for through the generous sponsorship of Citizens Telecom," said CHS guidance counselor Mrs. Kim Sanborn. Citizens Telecom is a communications company in New Auburn. "This [program] is offered to us on a yearly basis. It's just about finding the right student with the interest to go. They have to be a Citizens Telecom subscriber and a student with an interest," Sanborn adds.

The overall goal of this trip is to entice students from across the nation to learn about the day-to-day functions of our government. "[This trip] will give me a different point of

become a leader in sports and beyond," said Mr. Jon Haughian. This inspired him to create a leadership class. On Wednesdays, ten students chose to develop their leadership skills by attending Mr. Haughian's

Leadership class.

In this class, using the book "The Team Captain's Leadership Manual" by Jeff Jansen, the group has discussions that will hopefully strengthen their



**America's future.** CHS Junior Alexis Potvin is looking forward to spending time in Washington D.C. learning about the nation's government.

view of everything and how things work," states Alexis. "I want to go to round out my experiences since I want to be a teacher," she adds.

We wish you and the rest of the students on this trip good luck, Alexis! Enjoy your trip and remember to encourage people to apply next year!

leadership skills. "It teaches us that we need to better ourselves and lift each other up," said junior Chris Schwarz.

Being the head football coach, Mr. Haughian feels strongly about teaching students how to be leaders for their team. "A coach cannot ask someone to be a leader on a team and expect them to know how to without giving them the tools to be one," stated Mr. Haughian.

He plans on doing this class again because we always can use some more leaders in future years!



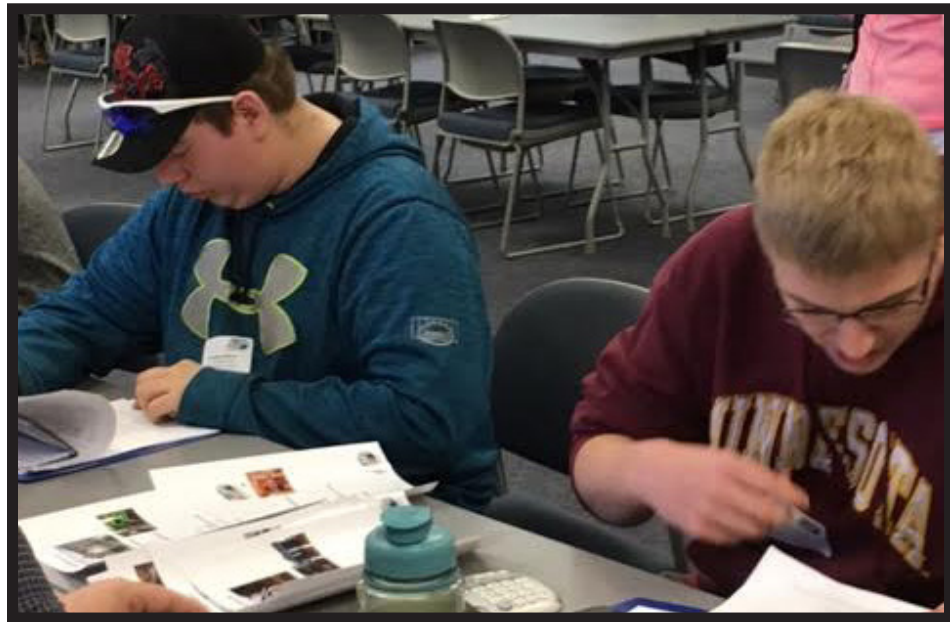
# Welcome to reality!

by Melissa Odenbreit

Welcome to the jungle! On March 30, CHS juniors got the chance to explore how the real world might be. They had a job that was randomly picked for them, and the salary they made monthly, if they were married or not, single with a child, married with a child, or single. They had to maneuver through different real-life stations like buying houses, cars, insurances, daycare, and banks. If they ran out of money throughout the process, they had to get a second job - - or as many as needed.

"I enjoyed going to the reality store; it did help me a lot and I now have a better outlook on what life would be like outside of high school. I believe it was a great experience and I would 200 percent do it again," said junior Julia Camen.

This is a great experience for everyone and a very good learning opportunity. This helps with different views on life and how to manage your money. It shows how things just come up, even if they are good or bad,



**Daycare.** Juniors Dominick Demarre and Zach Johnson consider their daycare options for their kids.

without notice, but that is how life is. For example, the Barron County Sheriff's Department was represented and officers gave random tickets for speeding, loitering, and even for being a good citizen and picking up litter. One booth also had miscellaneous things like "get a flat tire, pay \$100," or "win the lottery, earn \$50."

All Barron County schools were invited to the event and most were there experiencing

the same joys and frustrations.

"I enjoyed this very much and this did help me a lot. I not only had to get a second job, but a third one and only then did I make \$41,000 a year! I am very glad I could experience this. I learned a lot about how much money actually matters in this world. It was a reality check! And I would love to do this again," said junior Taylor Schuman.

Some students, however, felt it wasn't the best simulation. "I didn't necessarily like this activity. I don't believe it was very realistic or accurate for being a reality store and they didn't let me choose my own career," said junior Haley Bossany.

The activity is sponsored by the Barron County Financial Coalition and many companies volunteered their time to help at the simulation held at WITC. RCU was instrumental in helping with the program. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Hopkins assisted the juniors on their journey.



**A house!** Volunteer Mr. Jim Adams helps Micaela Murphy, Alexis Scalzo, and Kaylee Thomson buy a house for their families.



# Inspiring

On a beautiful May Monday, ten Creative Writing students went on a field trip to the northwoods. To start the day, they took a Creative Journaling class with Art Therapist, Karen Turner, at Northwind Book & Fiber. Afterwards, book store owner, Carol Dunn surprised the group with a free Advanced Reader copy of a young adult book. The students then walked across the street to The Dock Coffee shop where they took pictures and notes as they ate lunch. When they returned to Cameron they wrote restaurant reviews of the place that freshman Alyssa Fotiadis emphatically called "precious" and describing the Green Tea

with Mango and the Salmon and Bacon sandwich as "delectable." Finally, the students headed to a county park on the Minong Flowage for some nature writing activities. There, students were given a choice of writing a cinquain (5 lined poem), completing a fiction assignment, free writing/journaling, or simply described the sounds and sights of the beautiful northern Wisconsin setting. All in all, it was a relaxing and



**The artist within.** Mrs. Hagen-Salm's Creative Writing class gets their artistic groove on during their inspirational field trip on May 8.

inspiring day for ten eager students who opted to take Creative Writing for an enrichment opportunity in lieu of a study hall.

# Cinco de mayo in style

On May 5, Senora Pacholke took 22 students from her Spanish III/IV classes along with the members of the Spanish Club to the St. Paul River Center to celebrate Festival of Nations and Cinco de mayo! The students had an awesome time. They were able to enjoy foods from other countries and

experience other cultures. Shops and vendors representing wares from various countries were there. Traditional dancers entertained the crowd and brave souls could attempt to learn these dances. It was a great day to learn and appreciate more about different nations and traditions.



**Hola.** The group gets ready to board the bus home after a fun-filled day at The Festival of Nations in St. Paul on May 5.



**To top it off.** Maddy Otto, McKenzie Kohel, and Hannah Adamson model some crowns used during dances around the fire to celebrate the end of the harvest season. They found these crowns during their visit to the Festival of Nations on May 5.



# Some enchanted evening

Cameron High School's commons area was transformed into an enchanted forest on April 29 as the Class of 2018 hosted a prom to remember in their beautiful, shimmery forest. A horse-drawn carriage, courtesy of Lost Creek Ranch and Carriage Company, provided evening tours of the grounds for guests to enjoy. Students danced to the music and en-

joyed the magical night.

Members of the court were Tyler Griffith and Maddy Otto, Paighton Gardner and Sidney Trotter, Cole Gilles and Morgan Warner, Clay Murray and Meranda Richter, Chris Schwarz and Ali Kringle, and Gunner Wilder and Maddy Moen. Colin Davis and Kayla Gerber were crowned King and Queen.



**Pretty in pink.** Austin Eurich, Brent Carlson join Desi Larson, Chloe Brion, and Taylor Fiedler as they show off their beautiful pink, poofy, dresses. Students turned into glamour girls for the evening.



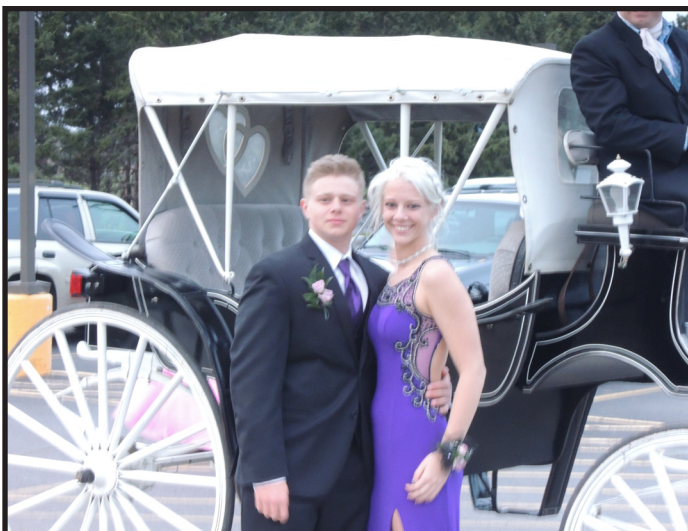
**Royalty.** The members of the court reigned over the evening. They are Tyler Griffith and Maddy Otto, Paighton Gardner and Sidney Trotter, Cole Gilles and Morgan Warner, Queen Kayla Gerber and King Colin Davis, Clay Murray and Meranda Richter, Chris Schwarz and Ali Kringle, and Gunner Wilder and Maddy Moen.



**Getting down.** The senior boys show the crowd how it's done on the dance floor.



**Working hard.** Kiera Hestad and Maddy Sayles make flowers to turn the commons into an Enchanted Forest.



**Classy ride.** Jacob Gouine and Taylar Jencks arrive to the prom in style. Horse and carriage rides were available all night at the Junior Prom at Cameron High School on April 29.



**Having fun?** Jeremy Reed, Zach Huffman, Melissa Odenbreit, Taylor Schuman, Zach Strickland, and Micayla Kirkland enjoy the enchanted evening amid the soft lights.



# Statebound

CHS athletes aren't the only ones who qualify for state tournaments. Members of the forensics team and the FBLA chapter, also made their claim to fame this year.

One-hundred percent . . . that's a pretty good showing for Cameron forensics. Forty-four Comet speakers conquered the UW-Madison campus at the State Forensics Tournament on April 21 and 22. They brought home forty-four medals. Gold Medal winners included Cody Schulz, Sydney Lucas, Micaela Murphy, Ashley Salmonson, Tori Gerber, Kayla Gerber, Julia Murphy, Josh Koenecke, Colin Davis, Daynen Paddock, Rachel Sauve, and Cassidy Crotteau. Silver Medalists were Haley Bossany, Meranda Richter, David Meznarich, Ty Bernard, Zawadi Hester, Derek Gifford, McCormick Davison, Logan Severt, Luke Saffert, Jake Salm, Sidney Trotter, Amara Rodriguez, Taylor Weis, Dora



**Forensics takes Madison by storm.** *The forensic team had a great time touring Madison during their state tournament in April. They all medaled, as well.*

Linton, Eve Linton, Grace Vincent, Cheyanne Wade, Ashlee Drew, Shayla Schwingle, Anthony Putnam, Hope Koepp, Katie Daniels, and Kaylin Kargus. Those taking home a Bronze Medal were Payton Sevals, Riley Bartsch, Evan

Richards, Emily Bourget, Ashley Hestad, Mikki Gillett, Kylie Crotteau, Hannah Gillett, and Caitlin Gillett. Congrats to all.

Five FBLA members made their way to Appleton for their State conference on April 3 and 4. There they competed in one of over 65 different competitions and attended workshops, tours, and general sessions. They also voted for the next leadership team for the state.

Alexis Scalzo competed in Word Processing; Micaela Murphy, Logan Severt, and Ashley Salmonson competed in Digital Video Production; and Haley Bossany in eBusiness. Alexis and Haley both placed 9th and Micaela, Logan, and Ashley took 7th place in the state.

Additionally, Cameron was one of only a few chapters in the state to earn FBLA's Diamond Award - an award they worked on all year in honor of FBLA's 75th anniversary! Congrats!



**Leave your legacy.** *The state FBLA leaders from CHS participated in the State Leadership Conference in Appleton in April.*



# Building bridges

Force, density, mass, oh my! Mr. Whitt's physics class was charged with the task of building a bridge. Not just any bridge, however. This bridge could only be made up of 250 toothpicks and a bottle of glue. It also had to be tall enough for the Physics book to fit under it.

The contest began to see whose bridge could tolerate the most weight without breaking.

Remington Davison's bridge was the winner! His held the most weight at 95 pounds and Cheyanne Wade was in second place. Her colorful bridge held 58.5 pounds.

What's the point of this task? Students needed to take all the information they learned in the class and apply it to excel at this task. Remington did just that . . . he broke his toothpicks



**Show 'em off.** Kylie Hauck and Cheyanne Wade show off their bridges. Cheyanne's colorful bridge held the second highest weight in the class.



**Winner!** Remington Davison's impressive bridge held 95 pounds and was the winner of the bridge contest.

in half and used them for an important part of his bridge. This gave it more strength. Did colored toothpicks hold more? Mr. Whitt told the students (after the event) that the colored toothpicks may offer an advantage as they contain a bit more glue. Did the shape of the base help at all? Yes, the students found that using triangles in the lower half of their bridge did help give more support.

Congrats, physicists!

# Poetry Slam

Forty Cameron High School students participated in the 2017 UW-BC Poetry Slam in Rice Lake. The students used their listening, creative writing, and public speaking skills as they read their poems in front of judges and their peers. Placing third overall, out of six schools performing, was Cameron's very own Kristen Oliver... congratulations, Kristen and to all the Cameron-Comets performers!



**Slammers.** CHS students enjoyed listening to poetry at UW-BC on May 12.



# Bats swinging

Baseball season is swinging and the pitches are coming in hot! The CHS team had a rough start, but new coach Mr. Brett Parker is convinced his guys are getting into gear as playoffs near. Seniors Remington Davison, Jeremy Reed, and Mitchell Sanborn lead the pack. Many underclassmen will help bring this team to victory in the years to come.



**It's a hit.** Senior Mitchell Sanborn drills the ball to the infield in a recent game.

# Heavy hitters



**Winding up.** Pitcher Cassidy Crotteau gets ready to strike out the opposing batter.

Softball is going great. The team is hitting its high at the right time -- ready for tournament play. To date, they have hit three home runs so far which surpasses their one homer last year! Rachel Gillett, Brianna Crotteau, and Lexi Kringle all have recorded the slams. Currently, they are third in the conference with Cassidy Crotteau manning the mound. Good luck, Lady Comets. Continue the great season and keep the homeruns coming!

# Fore!

Clubs are swinging, balls are sailing, and tees are breaking! Sounds like the golf season is well on its way. Coach Sauve leads his crew of fairly new golfers into the course each week and each week, his golfers improve. Incoming freshmen Brice Klabunde has brought some good scores in for the group. Rachel Sauve, Dora Linton, Isaac Timblin, Evan Richards, Conner Felonk, Jaydan Uetz, Briana Romos, Kailey Flatland, Jonathan Getchell, Ashley Salmonson, Chase Secraw, and Eve Reed round out the rest of the team.



**Good form.** Senior Rachel Sauve swings and sends the ball down the fairway setting herself up for a short putt.



# Run, jump, race

The 2017 season has seen a record turnout for Cameron Track and Field at the high school level, with 55 kids signing up. In addition to Mr. Gerber and Tanner Drew, we added coaches Jacob Harriman and Brandon Pittman to the staff. Also new this year, not only will the Comets host the East Lakeland Conference Meet, they will also host the D-2 Regional this year as well.

The girls' team has been performing well all year as they won the Bruce Invite and placed second at numerous meets. The individual girls that are having a great season and are the leading point getters are Tori Gerber, Carli Wanink, Meranda Richter, Payton and Kennedy Sevals, Mikki Gillett, Kiara Hestad, Autumn Thome, Julia Murphy, Anna Jaeger, Hannah Gillett, Aurora Felonk, and Brittny Saffert.

For the boys, they have been competing well and have placed high in the team standings at many of the meets. Hunter Gillet, Josh Koenecke, Anthony Putnam, Dawson Losey, Logan Severt, Enrique Balderas, Jake Salm, Brett Johnson, Ty



**Great form.** Kiera Hestad flies through the air with her long jump at a recent track meet.

Bernard, Cole Johnson, Colin Davis, David Meznarich, Sid Rheingans, Sean McGregor, Brandon Groskopf, Paighton Gardner, Zach Huffman, and Cody Schulz have been the team top point getters.

The team has set numerous indoor and outdoor school records this season, including Josh Koenecke in the 55-meter sprint.

The team looks to push many athletes to the sectional meet in Medford and to the podium in LaCrosse.



**Big crew.** Cameron's track team should do awesome things with this big group of kids! Good luck.

## Sports in brief Golf

Coaches: Brett Sauve and Charlie Roherty

Seniors: Dora Linton, Evan Richards, and Rachel Sauve



## Track

Coaches: David Martin and Dave Gerber

Seniors: Dawson Losey, Hunter Gillett, Ty Bernard, Sean McGregor, Gabby Thompson, Anthony Putnam, Josh Koenecke, and Victor Martinez. Missing: Cole Johnson



## Baseball

Coaches: Brett Parker and Justin Duerkop

Seniors: Jeremy Reed, Remington Davison, and Mitchell Sanborn



## Softball

Coaches: Tim Ebner, Roger Olson, and Missy Weber

Seniors: Cassidy Crotteau, Rachel Gillett, and Brooke Zimmerman





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... and now. *The Class of 2017, is now a little more confident in where they are headed.*