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Never Ending Story

1997 Petosegan
Although high school sometimes seems like *The Never Ending Story*, before you realize it these four years are just memories. The American Heritage Dictionary defines memories as:

1. The mental faculty of retaining and recalling past experience. 2. An act or instance of remembrance; recollection. 3. All that a person can remember.

As the production of your life carries you past high school, you will want to remember:

- your **MISSION IMPOSSIBLE** in a certain class
- your **Primal Fear** of being late
- your **Last Dance** at the prom
- your second hour **Nutty Professor**

and, of course, seniors will never forget

- their **Independence Day**.

So, grab your popcorn, sit back, and enjoy the show.....
Student Life
Classes have come and classes have gone but the memories of high school remain with them all. The place most fondly remembered by decades of graduates has to be none other than the good old' PIT.

The pit was a place to hang out and relax before school and at lunch time. It was also a place to drop by whenever the opportunity availed itself. A hall pass was certainly an open invitation to stop by the pit.

"Highschool is an emotional battlefield. Sometimes you have ammunition, and sometimes you don't. But when it's almost over, you realize it's been the best war you've ever fought in."

- Kasey McDonald

The unwritten pit rules designated specific seating assignments depending on your grade status. The seniors, of course, grabbed the "best" spot with the freshmen being relegated to whatever area was left over. An underclassman invited to sit out of his/her section was most definitely privileged. There is not a student that has graduated from this building that doesn't have some pit story to relate. Truly an unique feature of an unique school.
Above: April Johnson, Meggane Kallio, Kendra Kipp, Shawn Worden, Tylor Swenor, Rachial Crim, Westley Goodrich, Diane Stout, Grant Berakovich, & Paul Hayes; the 1997 Homecoming court.

Above: Brianne Graham, Nicole Vance, and Mindy Weston show off their beautiful corsages.

Above: Tyler Swenor and Kendra Kipp: the Homecoming King and Queen of '96.

PHS students show their support at the Homecoming bonfire.
The year of 1996 was one of the best Homecomings ever. The entire school participated in the festivities by taking active parts in spirit week and the float building activities. The senior class took the honors for the best float. Voted in by the senior class, the new king and queen for 1996 were Kendra Kipp and Tyler Swanor. The couple was crowned by last year’s King and Queen, Adam Wells and Sarah Liebler. There was disappointment when we lost our well fought Homecoming game to Cheboygan but everyone’s mood changed at the fun filled and exciting Homecoming dance. Many people showed up to dance and socialize at one of the best attended dances of the year. A good time was had by all at the Homecoming events of 1996.
Top Left: Michelle Bielinski visiting with Carl Brien, Jim Kan, and Barry Bennett, the marching band directors.

Top Right: Shannon salutes the fans after an outstanding performance.

Bottom Left: Percussion practices hard for their next performance.

Bottom Right: Doing the “Marching Band thing” at the Memorial Day parade.

Congratulations to the Class of 1997!
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Marching in Cadence

The Petoskey Marching Northmen had an outstanding marching season this year. Using the West Side Story theme, the Marching Northmen received first in all of their competitive performances, receiving numerous trophies throughout the season. Some of these trophies included Best Marching, Best Percussion, Best Color guard and Best Music performance. Lead to excellence by Barry Bennett, Carl Brien and Jim Kan the Marching Northmen showed the state time and time again their outstanding musical performance abilities. By a lot of hard work and many long hours, the Marching Northmen proved they have what it takes to stay on top.
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Petoskey is known for the excellence of their extra curricular activities which would include Petoskey’s talented and well-known band. The band’s auditorium filled concerts are exciting and breath taking. Hundreds of people show up to watch the non-stop performance. Citizens without children in the school system still come to watch the spectacular and heart pumping concert.

The hard working concert band and the wind symphony has had another spectacular year, because of the long hours put into preparing and memorizing their memorable and well known music. The music this year consisted of Star Wars, Dances with Wolves, and American Symphony from Mr. Holland’s Opus as well as other fine music choices. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Above: Laurie Rice, Amber Moore and Megan relaxing before the concert.

Right: The percussionists beating away at their instruments.
12 Snowcoming

Above: The whole gang is dressed to kill!!

Above: Dan Glaser, Jeremy Stradling, Connie Clako, and Vanessa Dickson say cheese.

Above: King Dan Glaser with Queen Jamie Schwartzfisher the night of the big event.

Above: Prince Brandon Munson and Princess Kristy Jessick.

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Saturday Night Fever

It’s Saturday night and you’re ready to dance. This year at the Snowcoming dance lots of people came out to do just that. Among other events at the dance there was the crowning of the King and Queen, Dan Glaser and Jamie Schwartzfishe. The Prince was Brandon Munson and the Princess was Kristy Jessick. Snowcoming ’97 was a blizzard of fun!!

Above: Erika Wright and Trica Bacon show their Petosky pride.

Above: Pete McColeman shows his talents as a clown for crazy day.

Above: Katie Maloney and Alexis Clark show their PHS spirit.

Above: Amanda McNess and Lisa Parent jazz it up for ‘Crazy Day’.
Above: Standing-Grant Berakovich, Jon Schwall, Meggane Kallio, Mark McGeath, Pat Naganashe, Lars Enciso, Wes Goodrich, Patrick Schaller, Mike Shelton, Nick White, Steve Cross, Rachael Batchelor, Tim Fischer, Greg Gerhardt, and Katie Kleymeer. Sitting, left to right- Anne Kelbel, Carolyn Farrugia, Katie Greyerbiel, Jocelyn Pierpont, Rachael Crim, Kari Gustman, Shannon Kalbfleisch, and Amy McGarey. (Photo courtesy of Lawrence Wojcik)

Above: A few of the Mad's showing their excitement in front of the Tower Bridge in London. 
Below: Going singing at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland.

Above: The Madrigal girls pose in front of the beautiful Ireland countryside.
The Madrigals and concert choirs had outstanding years. The Madrigals had twenty-four members and they had a blast. There were many fund-raisers to raise money for their exciting trip to Europe. Their trip consisted of Ireland, Wales, and England. One of the biggest fund-raisers done was a ten-thousands dollar raffle. After all of the tickets were sold, the Madrigals had plenty of money to fly their beautiful voices to Europe. The group was also selected as one of the top three choirs of the state. The Lady Madrigals were selected as one of the top two ensembles of the state. In all the 1996-97 Madrigals had a wonderful year and every member gained twenty-three new friends. Great job, Madrigals!

Under the very capable direction of Ms. Julie Waterson everyone of the vocal arts excelled this year. Some beautiful music was enjoyed!!
This year’s chamber choir, directed by Ms. Julie Waterson for the second year, was very successful. Starting off with stellar home performances in the fall and winter, the choir just continued to improve. They went on to the district festival in Traverse City and received perfect scores. This was a feat that had never been accomplished before in PHS history without the help of the other choirs. In addition, chamber choir also did quite well at the state festival. All in all, the students felt that chamber choir was a very worthwhile experience and they hope to be a part of it next year. Another fine job by the PHS music department.
This year Belles was composed of twenty very talented female members. This all woman group performs a variety of music ranging anywhere from classical pieces to the rocking tunes of the 60's. The Belles big performance of the year was the Valentine's dinner show which was held at The Terrace Inn this year. They performed to a sold out crowd. In competition at the district festival, they made themselves, their director Ms. Waterson, and their school proud by, once again, receiving the highest scores possible. Just another example of the outstanding vocal abilities at PHS.

Left: Ms. Julie Waterson, director of vocal music at PHS.

Below: Chamber choir rehearses for the Christmas performance.
The Von Trapp children sing a bedtime song.

Some of the cast pose outside the stage.

Baroness Schrader and a few of the nuns.
Once again Petoskey High School filled the stage with "The Sound of Music”. Grant Berakovich played Captain Von Trapp, a widower who needs a governess for his seven children. The governess, Maria, was played by the bubbly Rachael Crim. Captain Von Trapp is engaged to the lovely Baroness Schrader, portrayed by Megganne Kallio. But the love is upset by Maria; she and the Captain fall in love. The comedian, max Detweiler, expertly played by Nick White, is always looking for a choir to enter in the Salzburg Festival. The Nazi high command is demanding that captain Von Trapp join their ranks as a naval officer. In the end the Von Trapps leave the country over the mountain with the help of the Mother Abbess, played by Rachael Batchelor. Once again, an outstanding job by the staff and director, Julie Waterson, of the PHS musical.
Senior class officers: Tyler Swenor, Joe Parker, Grant Berakovich, Molly Lewandowski, Amanda Nicholson, Megan Kallio, Dan Kuebler, Ben Suekrider.

1996-97 student council members.

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Freshman class officers: Ellie Oom, Jenica Bock, and Katie Duggan.
Student Council

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

Student council had a busy year this year. They all worked diligently to get the work done that needed to be completed. They met on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. That in itself was a big job. At each meeting they would discuss and plan upcoming events. This year the student council planned a very successful Homecoming. The dance was beautifully decorated by all members of the student council. They also held the annual Snowcoming dance in the gym this year. Prom was very well planned and thought out. The student council also bought a stereo system for the pit. It is to be installed in the fall of 1997. Students will then be allowed to listen to music during their lunch break. Student council also took an exciting trip to Michigan Adventure. Jenny Smith said they had a blast. This year was certainly a productive one for the governing body of Petoskey High School.
Higher Learning

National Honor Society is a group of students who must exhibit four distinguishing qualities: scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The students must have at least a 3.3 grade point average and are selected by an anonymous group of teachers from the school. This year the society inducted 42 new members, 16 being seniors and 26 juniors. Throughout the year these students will have accomplished running two successful blood drives and tutoring many students. This year was the first year for a new tutoring program that involved NHS members volunteering their lunch period to help students with their studies. It was a great success! Congratulations to the new members!


Opposite middle left: Senior inductees.
Opposite middle right: Junior inductees.
Opposite bottom: Matt Bride and Zach Bruin - Slot wait for more donors to come to the blood drive.

Opposite bottom right: Michelle Bielinski, Amanda Nicholson, and Melissa Babola smile after donating blood.

Below: Junior inductees take their oath on induction night.
Above: Petoskey students jamming to the music.

Above: A group of teens hanging out during the prom.

Above: Mary Engle, Jamie Swartsfisher, Kay O'Neill And Becky VanSlembrouck posing at the prom.

Above: Jeff Friske and Tina Malec enjoy the evening.
A ‘Knight’ To Remember

Elegant and outstanding was this year's prom of 1997. Like a royal ball, the couples entered a shower of decorations, streamers, and tables of red roses. Everyone who went looked wonderful while dancing to the music played by The Jelly Roll Blues Band. The night was magical and mystic, as the couples danced the night away. It was definitely a ‘Knight to Remember’, let’s hope next year's prom will be just as special.
When the Madrigals contemplated on how they could raise money for their trip to Europe the idea of a musical popped into their heads. They would perform the well known *Wizard of Oz*. From props and costumes, to lights and publicity, the twenty-four student choir put everything together themselves. Of course there was an abundance of help from Miss Waterson and parents, but for the most part it was all up to the Madrigals.

The show was performed for all of the elementary schools during the day so that the Mads could have a chance to practice before the big night. The play turned out to be very successful and contributed greatly to the Madrigal coffers.

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped to make this play such a success. We look forward to great things from the next group of talented vocalists.
There are many interesting extracurricular activities to satisfy everybody at PHS. If you are into foreign languages, such as Spanish, you would have had a great opportunity to go to Costa Rica this Spring Break. Other clubs such as the business club tried out their skills by selling candy and carnations to help raise money for their organizations. Many people don’t realize all of the interesting and fun activities there are to do after school. Why go home and sit in front of the T.V. when you could be doing something active for your school by joining a club? Many people can try their hand at something that they may have a slight interest in but have never taken a class for it.

There are clubs for all types. For people interested in the environment, interested in medicine, or in just helping the community. Join a PHS club today and enhance your life.

"Clubs are a good way to get to know people without having to compete against anybody."
- Sara Johnston- ’98"
Twenty-one students in Claudia Bost’s Health Occupations class participated in a club called HOSA. HOSA, Health Occupations students of America, gives the students a chance to enhance their minds in the medical profession. Each student picks a competitive event that they would like to compete in and begins a vigorous learning schedule in order to learn the material in time for Regionals. This year all 21 students who competed at the Regional level placed high enough to compete in the State competition. At the state level, five of the twenty-one students qualified to go to Nationals. The five students were Peter Foltz, Ed Lemieur, Allie Lewis, Nicole Vance, and Mindy Weston. These students are headed for California in June. Congratulations to all HOSA members, they had an exciting year.
Once again this year the visual arts classes kept busy creating and producing unique, original works of art. Students of any and all abilities can find an art class to fit their ability and interests. There is general art for the beginner, advanced art for the experienced artist and studio art for those students who excel or want to pursue some form of artistic endeavor. In May the students’ work is exhibited in the foyer and the library of PHS in the all district art show. Many students have their pieces exhibited at the McCune Art Center periodically throughout the year.

Under the very capable direction of Mrs. Margaret VanWagoner, art students at PHS have an advantage over students from other schools and go on to create great things.
Yearbook was a great success. Students worked hard at the beginning of the year to raise enough money for a good book. As the year progressed and deadlines came about despite the pressure Mrs. Lucky and the students were under the deadlines were completed and handed in. The students who participated in yearbook hope that you enjoy all of their hard work.
Thinking at **HIGHER** levels

There are many times in high school that students are required to think at higher levels. The latest educational buzz words are ‘higher level thinking skills’. At Petoskey High School students have been thinking this way for a long time. Not only do the classes require kids to “think higher”, many of the clubs and activities do also. DECA requires quick thinking and marketing savvy, debate and forensics forces students to think on their feet and develop logical reasoning, yearbook and journalism fine tune students’ computer and writing skills. The list is endless when thinking at higher levels and PHS are put together.
Nick Bodette and Sven Pearsall dig it up in FFA.

One of the several ecology related activities that FFA participates in.

Below: Planting trees for FFA.
Involvement puts students on the Cutting edge.

Throughout the year students involved in PRIDE and FFA worked hard to either get their message across whether it was self-esteem or protecting the environment.

PRIDE students go to different schools talking about and showing students why they should not fall to peer pressure and should have a high self-esteem.

FFA students visited farms and nature to get hands on experience. They worked hard, learned practical information, and built skills for their future careers in agriculture.

To the left: Part of a PRIDE presentation.
Spanish club had a fabulous year. Students raised enough money by collecting grocery receipts, selling candy, and having a bowl-a-thon to take a trip to Costa Rica. The students spent seven exciting days in the sun blazing country of Costa Rica. While in Costa Rica the students saw an active volcano, took a trip through the rainforest, went on a cruise to Tortuga island, and spent a day in the hot springs. The students stayed with host families while in Costa Rica. The host families taught the students how they live and about their different life styles. Spanish club members say it was a fabulous trip and that they had a blast.
Language students

**EXPERIENCE**

The French club had a productive year. They spent this year raising money in order to take a trip next year. Some of the activities included a jack-o-lantern sale in October, an M&M guessing contest, and a candy sale to raise some of the needed money. Next year will be an exciting one for the French students that will be benefitting from all the hard work by taking a trip to a French speaking country.

Jeremy Stradling and Ashley Harris prepare the carnations for a French fundraiser.

The International Club had a very busy year. They learned a lot about the exchange students which PHS hosted during this school year. They also held fundraisers to earn money for a trip to Chicago. Such fundraisers included: sucker sales, gummy worm sales, and the collection of grocery receipts. This club not only helps its members learn about other countries but it also gives the exchange students the opportunity to teach kids that are interested in different cultures. A Russian speaker came and talked to the kids about how Russians live and speak. Many members said that they were excited to learn about other cultures and to teach others about ours.
Above: Tricia and Jackie make sure all the billing is in order for the yearbook.
Above right: Doug Krussel presents a skit for PRIDE.
Right: A group of happy international club members.
Below right: French club members at their pumpkin sale.
Publication students

HANDLE

deadline pressures

...foreign language clubs handle travel sickness, HOSA members handle medical situations, and all the other clubs at PHS handle their own kind of problems and predicaments. The great thing about the clubs at PHS is that each student can find whatever they’re good at handling and there’s a club to go with it. No one can say that there is nothing to do because the numerous, different clubs available at PHS are enough to keep anyone busy.

Left: Jenny rewrites an article for the Blue and White Review.

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This year's debate season was a great one. The new coach Mrs. Lisa Self took and molded the debate students into state competition material. Mrs. Self had a strong dedication towards the team and for the memory of Mrs. Howard to live on. Students who participated in debate in the 1996-97 season are all looking forward to another great and exciting season in the 1997-98 school year.

Following the debate season, Mrs. Self led the forensics team to repetitive success. At every tournament individuals from the team placed and, at the end of the season, there were state qualifiers in three categories, and alternates for our region in two others. Congratulations to the qualifiers at state level, along with the rest of the forensics team, and thanks to Mrs. Self for leading the way. Good luck to next year's team, and may they experience the same amount of success as this year's team. Written By Melissa Rash.
Liz Alofs, Amy Peterson, Samantha Hunter, Becky VanSlembrouck, Melissa O'Neill, and Joanna Lakatos all take a minute to give a smile.

Greg Justis shows his true feelings while practicing for forensics.

Gunner Deery, Melissa Rash, Ben Compton, Liz Alofs, Alexis Henslee, Micah Barder, Kaite Maloney, and Greg Justis pose for a picture before loading on the bus.

Joanna Lakatos stands gracefully while she holds her debate trophy.
Teachers can often leave a lasting impression on many young people’s lives. The ones here at PHS are no exception. You can often hear kids talking about something interesting that they did in class, or how a certain teacher made a really boring subject interesting. Most teachers in other schools don’t seem to have quite the personality that the teachers here do. How many schools can say that their assistant principal dresses up as a Leprechaun, or that one of the new teachers this year broke out her 80’s clothes for spirit week? The teachers are more than just lecturers; many of them are considered friends by the student. The teacher-student relationship is often carried further than the classroom. Many of the teachers and coaches are in charge of some kind of extra curricular activity. Teachers at PHS play very important roles in the lives of the students that attend this school.
At PHS there are numerous students with inquiring minds. However, these students aren’t necessarily thinking about reading, writing, and arithmetic. Our school offers a variety of classes for the inquiring; courses such as building trades, commercial foods, electronics, small engines, medical occupations, and many more to satisfy even the most curious minds. There is one certainty, things never get dull for the minds of PHS students with all of the great classes available to expand any inquiring mind.

Above Caring teacher Mrs. Flynn gives student Amanda Guess help with her homework.
Right: Mr. Donlan discusses current school policy with a PHS student.

Right: Senior Steve Allor working hard in class.

Freshman drafting students toil over their projects.

James Daunter
Katie Derrohn
Don Dickmann
Dirk Esterline
Dave Farris

Don Festerling
Mary -Beth Fischer
Julie Flynn
Louis Fochtman
Larry Gunderson
CALCULATING MINDS

If you’re the type of person that likes to use numbers then you are definitely one of the great calculating minds of PHS. To further expand your talent of figuring, PHS offers some spectacular classes to help you along. Besides the regular math classes that include everything from consumer math to calculus, the school offers classes in drafting, marketing, and business. These are some of the great classes for the calculating minds of PHS to get involved in.

Below: Mr. Cole sharing a laugh with his students.
Mr. Buchanan shows off one his wonderful ties.

Mr. Bufe hard at work.

Mark Lancaster
Onalee Lark
Larry Liebler
Gretchen Lucky
James McBride

Connie Marshall
Betty Neff
Randy Newsted
Maria Nicholson
Thomas Olsen

The pit attracts students from all grade levels.
SUSPICIOUS MINDS

Do you have a suspicious mind about classes at PHS? Well, if you do you can put it at ease by becoming involved in many of the great academic classes offered at the school. At PHS there is a wide variety of math, English, science, and social studies classes to choose from. If you’re suspicious of the challenges offered, try AP classes in English, math, or science. If you’re suspicious of these classes try becoming bilingual by taking French or Spanish. For the satisfaction of fine arts suspicion try any of the exciting offerings in music, band, art, or woodworking. Suspicious minds are often put to rest after taking some of these terrific classes.

Below: Students in business class ignore the camera while concentrating on their work.
ACTIVE MINDS

It's always important to keep our minds active in order to keep it healthy. If you can't find something at PHS to keep your mind active then you're not trying very hard. There are the challenging classes, the intense athletics, the sensory fine arts, the stimulating social activities, as well as the everyday events that keep things active and exciting at PHS. Stay active by getting involved in the many events available at PHS.
There are certainly times that it's fun to just relax your mind and become 'mindless' for a while. Although these times are few and far between if you look hard enough you can find a moment or two at PHS to be mindless. The Pit is a perfect place to relax and let your mind wander. Or try lunch period when you can just chill. Don't expect to spend much of your time in this mode though. The bell will ring and your mind needs to be cranked into high gear again.
52 Seniors

Brandi Coulson
Rachel Crim
Erin Croft
Ryan Cunningham

Brian Bainovice
Andrea Cunningham
Dreanah Daniel
Jill Daniels

Jennifer Decapua
Jessica Dennis
Rosaleeh Duggan
Lecanne Duncan
JESS GOODWIN

DAVID GRAHAM

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THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING A SENIOR IS:

"Looking forward to college next year."
Tyler Swenor

"The unbelievable power over all other classes."
Dan Glaser

"The fact that we know we can finally move on with our lives."
April Johnson

"GRADUATION!"
Jessica Dennis

"Knowing that I won't be here in September."
Garet Wright

"The respect you get from your peers and teachers."
Colleen Evans

"The teachers all treat you like you are an adult."
Shannon Kalbfleish
Finally, the time has come again for the graduating class of Petoskey High School to head down to Cedar Point for a day full of nonstop thrills, chills, and spills. The excitement begins at midnight, when a hoard of anxious seniors boards the buses for their grueling eight-hour trip to Cedar Point. The seniors will be alive and kickin’ for over 24 hours, while they enjoy some of the fastest and steepest roller coasters in the world. On the bus ride home, the seniors may be lost in sleep, but the memory of Cedar Point will be in their minds for the rest of their lives.

Left to right: Rosaleen Duggan, Carolina Estrada, Rebecca VanSlenbroeck, LeeAnne Duncan, Mary Engle, Melissa Kaye O’Neill, Leah Ferguson, Amy McGarey, Krista Hickman, and Brandy Kerns.
Aaron Otto, Tim Fischer, LeeAnne Duncan, Krista Hickman, Melissa Kaye O’Neill, and Brandy Kerns get soaking wet riding on Thunder River.
Above: The Mantis, the newest rollercoaster at Cedar Point, gave the students many hoots, hollers, and goosebumps.
The Senior Class of Petoskey High School announces its Commencement Exercises Sunday evening, June eighth Nineteen hundred ninety-seven seven o'clock Bay View Auditorium

An evening of celebration for the graduating class of 1997 began with graduation at the Bay View Auditorium. The keynote speaker was Mr. William Graham from the Petoskey Board of Education. The class turned their tassels as the direction of the class president, Aaron Otto. Following graduation, a reception was held at the PHS cafeteria for the graduates, their families, and their friends. From there the newly emancipated seniors made their way to the stadium where a bonfire signaled the beginning of the all night senior party; a night of fun, friendship, and memories.
Senioritis
by Kasey MacDonald

You"ll get your diploma,
in cap and gown,
and after that, you"ll head into town.
Screaming and honking,
you let your soul go free.
Then you"ll change your clothes and head to Victories.
You"ll party all night,
and into the day,
but after that night, you"ll go your separate ways.
You park in the lower, with a tear in your eye.
"My last year with my friends, I think I might cry!"
You rush inside,
you sit in the pit.
You look at the seniors, all throwing fits.
"Why are you doing that?
Savor these days.
Don"t let this year pass, as you stare in a daze."
Your symptoms subside, as you rub your sinus,
from the strange disease known as Senioritis.

Your alarm clock goes off.
You roll over and groan.
You try to escape from its monotonous tone.
You fall out of bed,
and head for the john.
You ponder about what you"ll put on.
But then you think to yourself.
"Why get out of bed, why even get dressed.
How do I get out of this horrible mess?"
The mess of high school weighs on your brain.
"I"ve been in school forever. This is insane!"
"I"m a senior now!
I shouldn"t show up!"
All the classes and homework--you"re about fed up.
You get in your car,
you"ll be to school soon.
But on your way there, you dream about June.
Class of '97:
BUSTIN' OUT!!
Sr. Party
Everyday we come to school, thinking of the time that it will be our turn to be at the top. Each day at school means one day closer. The thrilling games of each season help to pass the time more quickly. Screaming for the blue and white almost makes one not want the years to fly by so fast. Then there are the dances: Homecoming, Snowcoming and the always long awaited Prom of each year. With each of these passings the coming of our senior year will fast approach. But we should not be in such a hurry to end these wonderful years at PHS. Our time will come and we will soon have our time to reign as the kings of PHS.

"Sometimes it's hard to be an underclassmen, but you know it will be worth the trouble once you become a senior."

-Brianne Graham-
We are Juniors; we are GREAT; we’re the class of ’98

Senior Kasey McDonald along with Juniors Breanne Graham and Sara Johnston swim through another year.

Amanda Anderson
Aaron Aulger
Abbie Batog
Tomasz Bebenek

Jason Beer
Sara Bennett
Christopher Bester
Jeremy Bester

Mary Nelle Biggs
Elizabeth Bleyaert
Amanda Blomberg
Kevin Borowski

Jennifer Borths
John Boyer
Katie Bradley
Nicole Bricker

Lucas Brill
Joseph Broman
Anthony Brooks
Kandie Brooks
76 Juniors

Christina Brown
Haley Brown
Rachel Brown
Nathan Bryan
Nicholas Burek

Christian Buss
Patrick Carolan
Matthew Cassidy
Christopher Chandler
Constance Clacko

Bryan Clever
Elaine Cole
Lee Cole
Alexander Collis
Stephanie Connell

Lindsay Connolly
Erin Cormican
Sara Cornelie
Angela Craig
Dustin Cross

Rebecca Deckinga
Woodrow Deloria
Andrew Denoyer
Randy Dowker
Mark Drinkall

Scott Drinkall
Jacelyn Dunkel
William Dustan
Joy Eaton
Patrick Ecker

Damon Engler
Matthew Farnsworth
Paul Farrugia
Nancy Faust
Donna Fettig

Heather Fettig
Matthew Fettig
Steven Fettig
Vanessa Fettig
Ryan Fisher
Upper Left: Juniors Damon Engler, Jeff Friske, Lee Cole, Chris Hahn and Senior Cheyne Corey relax in the Pit.

Middle Left: Juniors Kristy Russell, Melissa Reedy, Gabe Hausler, Mickey Stoddard, Rhonda Simon, Sara Johnston, Dusty Cross, Scott Hutchinson and Carmen Artaza pose for a pic.

Bottom Left: Alex Collias smiles for the camera.

Bottom Right: Liz Holowasko studies while waiting for the bell to ring.
78 Juniors

Samuel Floate
John Flynn
Ryan Flynn
Nickolas Foltz
Adam Foltz

Nicholas Foltz
Jack Forbes
Joseph Foster
Christina Fox
Jeffrey Friske

Heidi Gibbard
Gretchen Gilbert
Abbey Graham
Briana Graham
Brent Gray

Katherine Greverbiehl
Michael Griffith
Nicole Groh
Matthew Grubaugh
Kari Gustman

Right: Bess Bleyaert sits in the Pit.
Above: Crystal Moriarty gives us her best smile.
Juniors: Carrie Strong, Mindy Weston, Breanne Graham, Kim Lueck, Nicole Vance, Gabe Hauser and Lucas Brill enjoy a free moment.

Mike Jersey strikes a pose.
Juniors

Holli Jepsen
Michael Jersey
Christianne Jessick
Sara Johnston
Andrew Jones

Mark Keiser
April Kelley
Anne Killips
Amy Kimbler
Tiahia Krogina

Jennifer Knapp
Kasha Kuznicki
Stacey Lamont
Jennifer Laurie
Derek LaVictor

Eric Leech
Edward Lemieur
Brian Leonard
Sara Leonard
Allison Lewis

Joe Broman sits in the pit before school.

Lisa Parent shows school spirit in the hall during lunch with Sara Leonard.
Dan Hoffman and Rob Pitman showing off their muscle.

Donna Fettig and Trica O’Neill take a break.
Top right: Butch Gray and Vanessa McGahay working in auto shop.
Middle right: Nick Burek and Shadd Smolinski visit during lunch.
Below left: Rhonda Simon and Angie Craig meet for a quick chat.
Below right: Mike Hance collects some homework.
Jeremy Stradling
Carrie Strong
Crystie Swantek
Jessica Swiss
Sarah Tatroe

Joshua Thorn
Katherine Thurman
Nicole Vance
Megan VamderNaald
Sara Villemure

Anthony Walter
Todd Webb
Sandi Wemigwase
Mindy Weston
Nicholas White

Jeffrey Wilkerson
Justin Wilson
Patrick Wilson
William Young
Richard Zink

Right: Corey Rice working diligently in English.

Below: Nick Foltz saying, "That's all folks!"
Below: Boys will be boys.

Mission: Impossible

Below: Fun times in the pit.

Stephanie Abts
Evan Adams
Elizabeth Alofs
Robert Antoine

Carmen Artaza
Michelle Artibee
Tricia Bacon
Susan Banyai

Micah Barber
Stephen Bartha
Joanna Bebenek
Casey Behling

Tyler Bereziuk
Sara Beyer
Benjamin Biallas
Amanda Blank

Nicholas Bodette
Dana Bolton
Matthew Bondy
Ani Bouchard
Above: Ani Bouchard studies hard for science in government.
Timothy Courliss
Benjamin Crocket
Steven Cross
Gunner Deery
Melissa Demerly

Robert DeRiemacker
Sam Deschermeier
Daniel Dickmann
Adam Diedrich
Melissa Dierson

Colin Doherty
Brad Dulun
Jeremiah Ecker
Andrew Ernst
Lars Enciso

Christopher Engler
Coreen Epler
Alan Fettig
Jason Fettig
Sarah Fettig

Left: Andrea Merrill, Lianna Miller, and Elizabeth Alofs wait for rides after school.

Below: Rick Trudell takes time out for a picture.
88 Sophomores

Ryan Flynn
Carl Fochtman
Joseph Foitz
Natalie Fosmore
Todd Foster

Julie Fraley
Gavin Fralick
David Gardner
Rocky Giddings
Angela Giovannangeli

Kristin Glaser
Kristofer Glasscock
Jason Gleason
Gregory Goldsmith
Joseph Goldsmith

Jason Grubaugh
Christopher Guðmundsen
Trevor Gunderson
Janet Hall
Tammy Hall

Above: Chris Parker, Allen Wormell, Alan Fettig, and Dan Dickman use the library to help them prepare their English assignments.

Andrea Merril works on her government report in the library.
Eric Hansen
Carrie Hansen
Autumn Harold
Aaron Hautamaki
Heather Hency

Lisa High
Sara Hofbauer
Emily Hoffman
Jennifer Hofmann
Ronald Horning

Patty Hsu
Wen Chun Hsu
Cory Hull
Audrey Ireland
Stacey Irwin

Amelia Jackson
Michael Jaquith
Collin Jenks
Travis Jonker
Marty Joslin

Megan Larson, Adam Diedrich, and Lee May work well together in the library.
90 Sophomores

Steven Kaatz
Amy Kahgee
Kristy Kanine
Daniel Kapalin
Tiffani Kilmer

Pieter Klemmier
Leif Kolt
Darren Konkus
Amie Kopenkoskey
Chad Kresnak

Daniel Kuyat
Megan Larson
Franklin Lashmit
Melissa Leonard
Heather LeQuia

Jonathan Lonchar
Ryan MacKay
Stephine Maginnis
Jennifer Malec
Katie Maloney

Above: Trica Bacon looks on with innocent eyes as Kristy Kanine shows her evil eye.
Daniel Marek
Nicholas Markiewicz
Adam Martinchek
Jayne Matuusak
Marvinlee May
Ross McDonald
Mickale McGarey
Nicole McGarey
Faith Medley
Andrea Merrill
Andrew Meyer
Sheri Meyer
Lianna Miller
Caroline Moellering
Amanda Moore
Lindsey Morris
Jessica Munday
Jason Murry
Brandon Musonn
Angela Nelle

Above: Brad Dulin and Ryan Newstead study in the library.

Melissa Demerly and Missy Leonard smile between classes in the sophomore hallway.
Ryan Newsted
Danielle Niswander
Nicole Oberlin
Sara O'Brien
Patrick Ondrusek
Elizabeth Pankey
Christopher Parker
Mark Pawloski
Lindsay Pemberton
Michael Peters
Judd Petro
Nodin Pitawanakwat
Chad Pitman
Steve Pollos
Brandon Powers
Melissa Rash
Rachel Reno
David Richards
Ben Robinson
Brent Rutterbush

Above: Carol Burdick and Ashely Wormell giggle their way through another class.
Randy Saxton
Erika Schwartzfisher
Tom Scott
Zach Scott
Elizabeth Seefeldt

Rachel Serra
Michael Shirilla
Daniel Sieradski
Linsey Simon
Jennifer Smith

Heidi Sonnenberg
Sydney Spitzli
Jessica Stakoe
Amanda Sterly
Peter Stover

Daniel Sturt
Hans Suedhoff
Kyle Swenor
Heidi Swick
Chris Taber

Above: Smiling sophomores at a pep assembly.

Amanda Cashen and Amanda Walker work hard in Mrs. VanWagner's art class.
Hiroko Takahashi
David Teske
Patricia Townsend
Rickey Trudell
Rebecca Tuerffs

Edward VanDeventer
Joseph Vankalker
Christopher
Vorenkamp
Jenna Vratanina
Kelly Wade

Charles Wagar
Paul Wagenmaker
Ross Wagenmaker
Amanda Walker
Kathryn Washburne

Elizabeth Watts
Lee Anne Whipp
Benjamin Wiklanski
Heather Wilhelm
Ryan Willis

Jennifer Wilson
Misty Wilson
Laura Wojcik
Jason Wardon
Allen Wormell

Ashley Wormell
Erika Wright

Missing pictures: Brooke Chamblee, Jacob Clay, Joshua Drake, Jason Grinnell, Brian Hall, Sheila Hartson, Elissa Hiatt, George Horniman, Emerson Meyer, Sven Pearsall, Amy Piper, Kelly Sheppard, Andrew Smoot, Justin Souza, and Dominique Tanton.

Brian Connolly takes time out from Mrs. Lucky’s class to smile at the camera.
Gremlins: The New Batch

Far left: Katie Touran shows her disgust for the camera.
Left: Terri Hibbler takes a break to look up from her homework.

Kolby Andrews
Dale Armbruster
Luke Bailey
Jamie Baird
Anna Balchik

Chris Batchelder
Julie Batog
Daniel Baumgartner
Amy Beigle
Stacey Bester

Christopher Blair
Jack Bleyaert
Benjamin Blount
Aaron Bock
Jenica Bock

Catherine Borowski
Susie Borths
Noah Bourassa
Lindsey Brecheisen
Paul Bricker

Andrew Brower
Alison Brown
Bobby Brown
Meagan Burek
Lacee Burleson
96 Freshmen

Nicole Burr
Cassandra Bushong
Joseph Carlson
Kristopher Cassidy
Daniel Castaneda

Jonathan Casteel
Shannon Chamblee
Timothy Chapman
Branden Churchman
Hayley Clark

Shawn Clay
Craig Cole
Katie Colfer
Mark Cook
Melissa Cook

Michael Cook
Sarah Cook
Nora Corcoran
Anne Cosens
Jennifer Cosler

Angela Courliss
Crystal Crampton
Mary Czarnecki
Jarod Dainovice
Nicole De Lyon

Nathaniel Denay
Matt Denoyer
Rachel Deschermeier
Steve Deschermeier
Jennifer DeWitt

Brian Dickson
Vanessa Dickson
Nicholas Diedrich
Matthew Dowker
Ronald Downing

Travis Drost
Katie Duggan
Shavonne Dunkel
Joshua Eby
Michael Eggers
Freshmen

Walter Eldridge
Lukas Enrique
Tara Etheridge
Michelle Evans
Kristina Everson

Chad Fate
Ryan Fettig
James Foltice
Jeremy Forbes
Melinda Fosmore

Sandra Foster
Rae Ann Fretz
Krystal Fyke
Kristin Gale
Lynsey Golding

Alissa Gracy
Lauren Graves
Lucas Gray
Chad Green
Joshua Greenman

Troy Greverbiehl
Benjamien Groh
Brooks Gunderson
Brian Gustman
Joshua Haas

Allen Habel
Crystal Habitz
Luke Hagelberg
Jamie Hall
Jeffrey Hance

Dustin Hardy
Jim Harmon
Jason Harris
Carrie Harrison
Andrew Hausler

Ryan Hayes
Jenilee Haynes
Matthew Hebert
Chad Helton
Holly Hibbler
Terri Hibbler
William Hibbler
Heidi Hofstetter
Martin Holzschu
Samantha Hunter

Carrie Ingalls
Kerry Irwin
Matthew Iverson
Louie Ives
Martin Jackimowicz

Melissa Jakeway
Adam Johnson
Clyde Johnson
Gregory Justis
James Kahgee

Jennifer Kelley
Kevin Kelley
Abby Kiffer
Cindy Kilmer
Brooke Kleinert

Above: Steve Ignatovich, Ben Smolinski, and Dan Munson are dazed and confused.
Freshmen 99

Natalie Knibbs
Daemian Koehler
Leigh Kolinski
Nicole Kolly
Lyndsay Konkus

Doug Krusell
Jerry Krussell
Keith Kuzcynski
Dustin Kurtz
Zachary Kuznicki

Joanna Lakatos
Bryan Lamblin
Jason Leech
Paul Lefevre
Nikola Leibold

Jamie Lentz
Nick Liebler
John Liegl
Nick Lightfoot
Jessica Lowery

Above: Freshmen girls Nora, Cathy, Ellie, Alissa, and Katie pause in the hall before class.
Andrew MacGregor
Molly Maier
Tina Malak
Joseph Malec
Colleen Maloney

Scott Marble
Katie Markiewicz
Brendan
Marshall Rashid
Raymond Martell
Molly Martincek

Edwardo Martinez
April Matz
Jordan Maxwell
Ryan Maxwell
Carolyn May

Patrick McGuinness
Brooks McIntosh
Justin McPhee
David Miller
Amber Moore

Bob Morales
Dustin Morey
Pamela Morey
Cole Morison
Michelle Morris

Renee Morrison
Sean Moyer
Kyler Muhhauser
Daniel Munson
Elizabeth Munner

Brianne Murray
Bethany Neill
Meagan Nelson
Peggy Newman
Nathaniel Newsted

Terry Niswander
Sarah Norton
Kyle Nowak
Elisabeth O'Dell
Brooke Olsen
Ellen Oom
Helen Parks
Justin Paxton
Denise Pemberton
Courtney Peters

Amy Peterson
Michael Phillips
Liz Prantera
Kevin Putaik
Brett Racignol

Libby Ramer
Amanda Rhea
Evan Rice
Ric Rice
Lori Rice

Alison Richardson
Wesley Riley
Sarah Roache
Ryan Roberts
William Robinson

Ryan Rubens
Joseph Russell
Matthew Russell
Matthew Schultz
Amanda Schwartzfisher

Peter Schwartzfisher
Melissa Scibior
Amber Seeley
Herbie Shaw
Cortney Sherk

Katie Simon
Angela Smith
Timothy Smith
Ben Smolinski
Desire Spaniak

Mahrie Splan
Jenny Spychalski
Margaux Still
Travis Sullivan
Tracy Swantek
Joshua Swisz
Kelly Tate
Nathan Tatroe
Kristen Tebo
Kenneth Terpening

Andrew Tierney
Kathryn Touran
Riley Turcott
Tracy Turcott
Chrissy VanNocker

Adam Vohs
Heidi Wade
Jessica Wagar
Shawna Wagar
Eric Wagenschutz

Above: Ms. Holman offers a helping hand to freshman Pat Wonnacott.

Above: Freshman Libby Ramer flashes her prize-winning smile. Courtney Peters ducks out of the way as Michelle Morris looks on. Below: Natalie Knibbs loves school!
Above: Amanda W., Kristen T., Greg J., and Nathan D. have fun surfing the internet in the library.
Below: Students have a good time in Ms. Holman’s class.

Above: Freshman girls take a break from their hectic school day to re-energize with a nutritious lunch.
The Differences Between Freshmen and Gremlins

Most of us may find it rather difficult sometimes to differentiate between Freshmen and Gremlins. At times, trying to tell the difference can be like pulling teeth. Don’t worry; many people get them confused. To make sure that you don’t, here’s a list of crucial differences to keep you from confusing the two:

1. Freshmen do not turn into evil demons if they pig out after midnight.
2. Freshmen do not melt into puddles of goo if they are exposed to the sunlight.
3. Freshmen are not as adorable as Gizmo.
4. Gremlins are shorter than Freshmen and have bigger ears (some exceptions can be made).
5. Gremlins have a wider attention span.
6. Gremlins are rich Hollywood stars, while Freshmen have to survive on an allowance.
7. Freshmen have crushes, while Gremlins just crush stuff.
8. Gremlins have more fun.

Freshmen football heroes hike it to class. 
Freshmen pause in front of the mural.
Like any other community, the citizens of PHS have their own opinions, ideas, and interests. Each contributes an unique flavor to the school society and keeps it vibrant, alive, and intriguing. Students’ interests exhibit themselves in the classes they chose, the extra curricular events they participate in, and the peer group they ‘hang’ with. What a dull place this would be if we were all alike!!
The greatest game in the North! What are we talking about? Why, PHS sports of course!! Here at Petoskey High School there is a large variety of sports to choose from, no matter what your gender or grade might be. These sports programs provide an excellent opportunity to mix, mingle, and make a lot of new friends along the way.

Along with having outstanding athletes, PHS can also boast about having a great coaching staff. In the past two years three of these coaches have led their athletes to state championship titles. It's records like these that make other schools sit up and take notice of the Northmen. PHS athletics have always had strong programs. For any athlete that plays sports at Petoskey High School, it is a great honor and a great feeling to say you are a Northman.
This year the PHS varsity soccer team had a successful season, making it all the way to districts. With the fact of losing twelve seniors this year it became all the more important for the team to regroup and play “together.” Last year the field was filled with seniors, making this year filled with unexperienced players. To top all this at one time three of the starters were injured.

Although there were many obstacles to overcome the team played well and learned to move the ball around the field exceptionally well. Next year the team will be veterans, losing only two players. And the high level of experience shall play a big part in the success of next year’s season. Overall, the team looks ready for a strong season next year.

By Darby Harris

"The season was great! We had a lot of success, but it just didn’t come at the right time."
These two learn a new step at Pete Stover’s Dance School.

Below: No one personifies pure ecstasy like Grant Berakovitch.

Below: Mike and Mickey show true talent!

**Scoreboard**

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**Districts**

| Gaylord           | 0    |
| Cheboygan         | 0    |
| Roscommon         | 1    |

**Regionals**

37                   17

Coach Batchelor gives the final orders before D-Day.
110 JV/Fresh Soccer

J.V.

This year the J.V soccer team was unstoppable, and had the best record ever at 18-4-4. The team also defeated Elk Rapids and Traverse City, both soccer powerhouses, and Petoskey's 'arch rivals.

The team was coached by Larry Gunderson and was made up of all sophomores, with two freshman being brought up almost every game.

"The team played very well and could be future state champions," said Coach Gunderson.

Matt Bondy scored the most goals for the team, finishing the year with the impressive total of 12. Colin Jenks and Andy Ehrnst led in the team with assists.

Overall, it was a fantastic season and all of the players contributed immensely to the success of the J.V. team. Next year will be an exciting one with expectations of better things to come.

Freshmen

The freshman boys soccer team did not know what to expect coming into the season since they were scheduled to play only JV and Varsity teams. To top that off, one of the teams best strikers was injured for the season, leaving them with only two subs.

Although they were matched against older teams, they tried to make the best of it. They all worked together as a team the entire season and ended up with five wins and five losses.

Overall, the first freshman boys' soccer season was a positive one. All of the guys were able to play a lot more than they would have on the JV team. Thanks to everyone who supported the freshman team this year.

The Big Green

Petoskey J.V Soccer Team: First Row left to right: Ben Compton, Emerson Meyer, Colin Jenks, Andy Ehrnst, Peter Stover, Lars Enciso, Ben Crocket, Top Row: Trevor Gunderson, Darren Konkus, Matt Bondy, Travis Jonker, Charlton Pitman, Pieter Klymmer, Coach Larry Gunderson


Boone Sturt

"We were unstoppable. It was a great year!"

Daemian Koehler

"Once we learned teamwork, the season ran smooth!"
112 Golf

The Northmen golfers returned all five letter winners to this year’s squad. Seniors Brian Watts, Troy Eaton, Kevin Krusell, and Mark McGeath each brought four years of experience to the team. Junior letter winners Chris Chandler and Jon Schwall rounded out the proven players. Gabe Hausler was the surprise player of the season this year, having the most consistent scoring average of the team. “We had a lot of guys coming back, and we proved that we could play,” said junior Jon Schwall. The Northmen golfers finished with an 8-1 record in the conference, just getting nipped by the Sault in the conference match. The team headed into the regional match with confidence. Playing conditions were tough at Michaway Pines golf course for the regional match where high winds and cold temperatures didn’t help the players scores. The Northmen shot 367, missing state finals by seven strokes. Chris Chandler carded and 81 earning him the third spot on the all region team and a trip to state finals. This year the first day of Class B State Finals was held at The Emerald in St. John’s. Here Chris fired an 83 in freezing conditions, which unfortunately ended his impressive season. The Northmen had an excellent season considering they went through two coaching changes. Lee Milner, Northmen coach for 31 years, retired this year. Assistant coach Braden Graham took over as the interim head coach for the first two thirds of the season, coaching the Northmen to a perfect 7-0 record in the conference. Bill Jacconenette, a local PGA Pro, took over the team in time for regional play in Gaylord. The team is looking forward to a very productive season next year, with some good talent coming up from J.V.

Chris Chandler

“I was happy without success.”

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Northmen Golfers


Middle (left): Jon Schwall and Gabe Hausler pose for a shot. (right): Chris Chandler puts one on to the green.

Bottom: Gabe Hausler and Brian Watts flash a quick smile during a match.
Northmen use


Below: A quarterback keeper ends in another first down.

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Record of 4-4

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The 1996 Petoskey Northmen football team had a great year not to mention a 5-4 record. Scout team member Chris Hahn put it best when he said, “I think this team came together well at the end of the season to insure a winning year.” Team captains Joe Parker and Tyler Swenor gave the team leadership on offense and defense. The Northmen had a slow start but then ignited with impressive wins over Gaylord, Sault St. Marie, Rudyard, Grayling, and Charlevoix. The strong defense of the Northmen was led by Wes Goodrich, a free safety, and Matt Bride, linebacker. The Northmen defense held this team together while the offense struggled a bit. Petoskey was plagued with injuries that made it difficult, especially in the close games that carried on into the fourth quarter. Coach Farris will be looking forward to the talent that is returning for the 1997 football season.

(Adam Foltz & Josh Hayes)

Chris Hahn

“This team came together well at the end of the season.”

Mitch Shuman finds a hole due to the excellent offensive line.
The junior varsity completed another outstanding season compiling an 8-1 record. This should give coaches a challenging season in the years to come.

The leaders for an explosive offense were quarterback Kyle Swenor with a cannon for an arm, wide receiver Gavin Fralick, running backs Brandon Munson and Steve Bartha, with crazy skills that rivaled Barry Sandors, and the offensive line that was as solid as a brick wall. Towards the end of the season Jason Warden and Adam Diedrich took their skills up to Varsity.

Andrew Meyer led the special teams with numerous bone-crunching hits. While dual sports star Collin Jenks became the reason for the excellent kicking game.

The relentless defense dominated opposing teams by using team work and hard core determination. They were led by the two tackles Joe Goldsmith and Chris Engle and defensive ends A.J. Fettig and Joe Vankalker, who also made the first two touchdowns of their football careers as Northmen running backs.

Coaches Buchanan, Swenor, and Andrews were the driving forces behind the outstanding 8-1 record of the J.V. team.

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The freshman finished their first season of high school football with a record of 5-3. Considering the number of injuries the players faced, five wins was remarkable.

With determination, guts, and impeccable team work this team could break all kinds of records. Coaches Greene and Shaw were pleased with the progress the class of 2000 has made and hope to have another great season next year.

Andrew Hausler Fresh
“Freshman football was a great learning experience”

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Jenny Smith, Jamie Swartzfishe, and Angie Smith stick together during a home race.

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Chavela Briones runs strong with the look of determination.

Megan VanderNaald gives it her all.

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Girls' CC team left to right: April Kelly, Jamie Swartzfischer, Rachel Crim, Molly Lewandowski, Jenny Smith, Heather Lequia, Chavela Briones, Renee Raicahe, Katie Lebler, Cathy Borowski, Kristy Jessick, and Angie Smith. Center: Megan VanderNaald.

(L-r) Angie Smith, Rachel Crim, Jenny Smith, April Kelly, Kristy Jessick, and Megan VanderNaald feel nice and clean after the European race.
Pride, effort, and success - these three words perfectly sum up the boys' and girls' cross county team this year.

With 27 boys and 14 girls, the team displayed tremendous heart and character all season long, allowing them to stand tall as true Northmen should.

Through exceptional efforts in training and unbelievable perseverance during races, many victories were accomplished throughout the season.

The first meet, known as the European race, was held in Charlevoix. After bounding hay bails, running through streams, and leaping fences, the boys brought home a first place victory. The girls' team might have said that this was the best race ever.

The teams raced from meet to meet and did exceptionally well. The conference meet was held in St. Ignace and both the boys and girls brought home a 2nd place victory following 1st place Gaylord.

Regional races were next. Both teams went in with loads of energy and excitement. A trip to the state meet was the reward for the strong effort of the boys. The girls, on the other hand, had a great race but fell short of placing. The boys were off to Brooklyn, Mich. for the finals. They placed 15th and ended an exceptional season on a high note.

So finished another fine year in PHS cross country!

The PHS girls’ tennis team had a spectacular season this year. They opened their season by hosting the Boyne Mountain Invitational and bringing home the trophy for yet another year. They went on to place second at regionals which qualified them for the state competition. The doubles team of Meggane Kallio and Katie Thurman made it all the way to the quarterfinals at state.

Instructed by the very capable Coach Langs, the girls had a fun and successful season with hopes of an even better showing next year.

Erika Hofstetter

“We had a very successful season and proved to many people that we could play at the state level”
The varsity girls' tennis team: Jennifer DeWitt, Katie Maloney, Heidi Hofstetter, Beth Pankey. Middle: Kelly Vorenkamp, Nelle Biggs, Katie Thurman, Anne Selden, Erica Hofstetter, Andrea Reedy. Top: Erka Conrad, Meggane Kallio.

Katie shows her style. Andrea gets ready to volley.

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Winning the Boyne invitational.
The JV girls' tennis team, led by the fearless Ms. Lark, had a terrific season. Their theme for the year was Superwomen and they proved that they had what it takes to be superheroes. They took on their foes with determination and fearlessness. The girls gave their all and ended up with a very successful season. Watch next year for the sequel to the tennis program.
The freshmen girls worked hard this year to play like their mentors on the JV and varsity teams. They did quite well, finishing the season with a spooky record of 11-3. The same record as both other teams.

Some highlights of the season included winning the Petoskey Kiwanis Invitational, and playing well against both T.C. schools.

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Bottom row, left to right: Cortney Sherk, Katie Markiewicz, Mahrie Splan, Megan Webb, Carrie Harrison, Krystal Fyke, Shavonne Dunkel, and Nicole Kolly. Top row: Coach Charlie Wilson, Katie Duggan, Jodi Washburn, Anne Cosens, Amanda Swartzfishier, Anna Balchik, Nora Corcoran, Vanessa Dickson, and Helen Parks.

Carrie plays tough full court “D” against a Ruyder that just can’t get past her.

Vanessa sets up a semi-legal pick for Megan as she tries to get by an aggressive defender.

Megan Webb takes it to her defender in the classic style.

### Scoreboard

**Northmen**  | **Opponent**  | Score
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35 | Charlevoix | 29
32 | Boyne City | 24
32 | Boyne City | 43
40 | Charlevoix | 35
51 | Grayling | 34
43 | Cheboygan | 45
38 | East Jordan | 26
26 | Gaylord | 54
34 | Sault | 53
31 | Cheboygan | 36
43 | Rudyard | 25
30 | T.C. East | 56
29 | Gaylord | 52
35 | Sault | 44
32 | Rudyard | 18
40 | East Jordan | 24
47 | Boyne City | 23
39 | Grayling | 28
21 | T.C. West | 33
49 | Charlevoix | 31
This year’s varsity girls’ basketball season, according to coach Matt Tamm, was “a season of swings.” It wasn’t the greatest year ever, according to the win-loss record, but, the girls had a lot of fun. With only five returning players, and a slew of younger girls coming from four different teams, the varsity squad pulled together, and never went down without a fight. Senior April Johnson noted that “Considering the fact that we had a very young team, we still had a darn good season.”

Some of the highlights of this season were beating the Sault at home, and playing two tremendous and victorious games against Charlevoix. (continued on page 125)
The girls worked hard and followed all of Coach Tamm’s instructions. They furiously hit the boards, boxed-out, had some great shots, and played tough defense. But for the girls, the most memorable thing they did on the court was to “attack, dig-big, and sustain”.

Andrea beats her defender and takes it to the hole as Sarah boxes out.

Jane puts on the offensive moves, and scores two for the Northmen.

These girls always know how to have a little fun.
The '96 J.V. basketball season was a good one. With plenty of nail-biting comebacks, and a few overtimes, the team didn’t find it hard to keep the crowd on its toes.

Coach Terry Wright led her team to an admirable, yet eerie 11-6 record. Admirable because of the teams tenacious battles on the court, and eerie because their record mirrored both the varsity and junior varsity’s. Probably a first in school history.

From top, left to right: Coach Terry Wright, Sarah Fettig, Jenna Vratinina, Faith Medley, Lee Anne Whipp, Liz Alofs, and Trisha Bacon. Bottom row, left to right: Nicole DeLyon, Erika Swartzfischer, Erika Wright, Andrea Merrill, and Liz Prantera.

The team huddles around coach Wright and listens intently to her game-winning strategy.

Erica, Jenna and Liz look to the boards while all three of them hustle to box someone out.

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Northmen J.V. Ladybugs

To the left: The J.V. Ladybug Northmen from left to right, top row: Brenda Cain, Sarah O'Brien, Carolin Moellerling, Sara Villemure, Emily Hoffman, Jenny Smith, Cathy Borowski. Bottom row: Carrie Harrison Jackie Dunkel, Amelia Jackson, Carmen Aranza, Liz Prantera, Elle Oom, and Ani Bouchard.

What do you get when you cross determined players, a story telling coach, and a soccer ball? The 1997 J.V. Girls' soccer team! Composed of Freshman, Sophmore, and Juniors, this years team showed teamwork dedication and high spirits. Coached by Mr. Larry Gunderson, the girls learned everything from Deca to soccer players to his kids. There was rarely an away game that didn't include singing and cheering for at least part of the time. While all the girls strived to do their best, they also made sure not to forget the reason they played in the first place- to have fun! By Amelia Jackson

Sarah O'Brien

"We improved a lot throughout the season and had a lot of fun!"

Above: A lady Northmen goes for the goal.

Above: Lady Norhtmen Jenny Smith (99) throws in the ball.
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Above: The starting line up for the Varsity team.

Above: Coach Batchelor takes time out to give a pep talk.
Below: Katie McCullough plays the field.

Above: Anna Brede takes a breather.

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This year the Lady Northmen came on strong and had a very successful season - one of their best.

They beat their record of 14 wins and went on to win 17 games. One of these wins was against the Lady Northmen’s long time rival, Traverse City, whom they have never beaten before. Scoring the two goals in this game was Sophomore Anna Brede.

Led by top scorers, Jane Rossi (98) and Kelly Vorenkamp (97), the team pulled together to win their home town tournament for the forth consecutive, beating out another rival Flint Powers.

In tournament play, the Lady Northmen beat Roscommon, Harbor Springs, and played an intense game against Elk Rapids to win the District title and advance to regionals.

Senior captain Kelly Vorenkamp summed up the season by saying, “We had a really good team this year and I’m proud of the way everyone played.”

By Anna Brede

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"We had a great season despite the bad weather!"
Standing left to right: Ass. Coach Trever Huffman, Shawn Worden, Tyler Swenor, Grant Berakovich, Mitch Shuman, John Flynn, Coach Starky, Kneeling: D.II Huffman, Scott Hutchinson, Garet Wright, Lucas Brill, Jon Schwall, Dan Hoffman

Above: Tyler Swenor, and John Flynn taking a breather.

Above: The spririt of P- Town for the Petoskey Northmen.
The Varsity Basketball players had a great season this year. With the average of 22 wins Vs 4 loses, the Petoskey Basketball team went all the way to the Final Four where they played exceptionally well. The Petoskey community and students supported and cheered the team on all through the season. With the many talented returning players we will have next year, we want everyone to know, “We’ll be back”!!

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Garet Wright

“It was the most unbelievable experience in my life”

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Scoreboard

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The ’97 year was the start of a great future for the J.V. and freshmen basketball teams. The J.V. had a record of 16 wins and only 4 losses and the freshmen had a record of eight wins and eight losses. They played extremely well even though they didn’t have the biggest crowds to cheer them on. The determination, commitment, and hard work will certainly take these two teams onto bigger victories in the coming seasons. We can’t wait to see ya “On the Rim” next year boys!!!!

Standing left to right: Kyle Swenor, Jason Worden, Travis Jonker, Dan Dickman, Andrew Meyer, Brandon Munson  Kneeling: Gavin Fralick, Chad Kresnak, Joe Foltz, Mike Shirilla, Justin Souza, and Ryan Newsted  Coach: Mr. Matt Tamm

**Brandon Munson**

“It was a great learning experience.”
Above: The Northmen go to the line to shoot for two.

Above: The Northmen get ready for the rebound after the opponent tries and scores.

Above: Top row, from right to left: Andrew Hausler, Bryce Weston, Troy Greyebiehl, Scott Marble, Andrew Tierny, Matt Herbert Bottom: Travis Drost, Chris Batchelder, Martin Holzschu, Nick Diedrich, Jack Bleyaert, Joe Carlson Coach: Mr. VanWagoner

Nick Tierny

“Jt was a great season; I had a lot of fun.”

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This was a record breaking year for Petoskey volleyball. Not only were a few individual records set, but as a team these girls really did 'Die Hard'.

The final win-loss numbers were a record 30-16-7, breaking the old record of 29-8, set in 1989. The team also won Districts for the second time in school history, and for the first time were named as Academic All-State team.

Senior Kasey McDonald broke Kristin Meyer's old record of 297 kills, finishing with 328, and also her blocking record of 53, with 99. Junior school record holder in serving, Katie Thurman also bested the high passing percentage record of 82%, finishing up with 86%. Sophomore setter Andrea Merrill also set a school record in setting by breaking the old school record of 427 assists, rounding out the season with 525 assists.

Other season highlights were coming in second in the MHSIL, missing first by just one loss to Cheboygan. Also, the team came in second in the St. Ignace, and Petoskey Invitationals, and came out in the top 5 in the 15 team Traverse City Invitational, which was made up of mostly class A schools.

With a dash of dedication, a little bit of soul, and a whole lot of hard work, the 1997 Petoskey Varsity Volleyball team showed the rest of northern Michigan that they were going to die hard... with a vengeance!

Congrats on a record-breaking, heart-stopping, and exciting season girls!

Kasey McDonald -

"This team played with the most heart and soul of any team I've had the privilege of being on, and I'm positive that's what led to our incredible success."

Always loyal and supportive, the team really stuck together, and it showed throughout the season.

Katie Thurman gets set to slam the halo off of some unsuspecting Saints.

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The Northmen are poised and ready to play tough defense.

Andrea Merrill sets up the offense, as the team moves into position.

Kasey slams down one of her patented missile strikes.

Front row, left to right: Kristy Kanine, Michelle Welch, Andrea Merrill, Liz Holowosko, Brandi Coulson, Sarah Hudson. Top: Coach Pearsall, Katie Thurman, Michelle Bielinski, Kasey McDonald, Amanda Farris, Amanda Blomberg, and Gretchen Gilbert.

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This year's JV team had an exceptional season under new junior varsity coach Melissa Holman. They finished the season as Conference champs, with a record of 17-8-6, and placed second in the Kalkaska tournament, and won the Harbor Springs tourney.

The girls intensely watch their teammates through every volley and play.

Tavi Brandenburg is ready and waiting for the impending attack.

Back row, left to right: Coach Melissa Holman, Audrey Ireland, Tavi Brandenburg, Sarah O'Brien, Leeanne Whipp, Emily Hoffman, Lacy Burns, Vannessa Dickson, Ashley Wornell, Nora Corcoran. Front row: Heidi Swick, Mahre Splan, Stephanie Maginnis, Misty Wilson, Melissa Jakeway, Megan Webb, Nicole DeLyon.

Emily Hoffman and Sarah O'Brien, are on the defensive move.

Faith Medley

"We did awesome this year, and we're going to do awesome next year!"
The freshman girls this year had a fun season with more games than ever. They played all of the teams in the MHSL, and proved they were a tough team to beat. Finishing the season with strength and determination, the frosh team got oodles of experience in their quest to make the Petoskey volleyball program the best in the north.

Back row, left to right: Coach Cheryl LaVictor, Alison Richardson, Brooke Kleinert, Katie Duggan, Shavonn Dunkel, Nicole Kolly, Colleen Maloney, Anne Cousins, Jody Washburn, Lyndsay Konkus. Front row: Alissa Gracy, Alison Brown, Amanda Schwartzfisher, Courtney Sheck, Courtney Peters, Tina Malak.

**Colleen Maloney**

“We played well, had fun, and had a good season even though we didn’t win every time.”

Nicole Kolley dreams of putting her varsity years up on the banner while she pounds down the oncoming ball.
There are few words that can sum up the Petoskey girls’ ski team season. A couple of words that might fit the situation could be spectacular, amazing, and marvelous.

The girls brought home many victories as they cascaded through the red and blue gates, glided across the white snow, and whizzed by the finish line. They were not only conference and regional champs, but also state champions. The girls had many returning varsity members such as: April Johnson, Nelle Biggs, Bess Bleyaert, Jane Rossi, and Katie Liebler. Other girls that also skied on the varsity team were Katie Colfer, Heidi Hofstetter, Molly Lewandowski, and Erica Hofstetter. We had three Lady Northmen medal in the state meet; April Johnson 3rd in slalom and 6th in GS, Erica Hofstetter 4th in both, and Jane Rossi 10th in GS. These girls skied through some of the coldest days and still won. They are the lady Northmen and they are number one.

April Johnson has another wonderful run.

This green lift provides the racers with a quick ride to the top.

The girls celebrate after winning the state meet.

Tamis Favorite races down the hill at Boyne Mountain.

Ellie Oom carves another great turn.

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The Boys team skied to an excellent end. They worked hard all season long. Beginning in mid November, both the girls' and boys' ski teams began vigorous training schedules. They ran, jumped, skipped, and hopped in the halls for dry land training. Even throughout Christmas vacation the boys trained. They would be at Nubs Nob ready to ski at seven a.m. As the boys look back on the season all of their hard work paid off. They placed second in the state; not many people could complain about that. The boys varsity consisted of: Ryan Shorter, Ben Crockett, Brad Neuman, Boone Sturt, Chris Vorenkamp, Trevor Gunderson, Mark Bush, Nick Liebler, Brooks McIntosh, and Mike Phillips. The othermen had two boys place in the state meet: Brad Neuman and Ryan Shorter. Brad placed third in slalom and Ryan placed second in giant slalom. The boys skied to the best end in a long time.
Brad Neuman poses for the camera after a great run in the state meet.

Heidi Hofstetter looks determined.

Boyne Mountain's finish line.

Michael Phillips crouches low and zips to the finish line.

Erika Hofstetter skis quickly with looks of determination.

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Wrestling

20-4


Back Row (left to right): Ken Turpening, Pat McGuiness, Herbie Shaw, Jason Fettig, Eric Wagenschutz, Jeff Cook, Matt Denoyer, Aaron Spaniak. Front Row (left to right): Shawn Clay, Craig Cole, Jason Bock, John Casteel, Paul Bricker, Nick White, Chad Fate, Josh Swiss.
After the graduation of many outstanding seniors the young 1996-97 Northern Wrestling Team returned with just four of there fourteen starters for the previous years State Championship performance. However once again the “Program” would shine and another winning season goes into the record books for the Blue and White. The varsity squad compiled a fine 20 won 4 loss dual meet record. Along the way the Northmen would win several tournament trophies including championships at Wyoming Park, Michigan Huron Shores, and the District Tournament. Other fine showings were Big Rapids 2nd place, Caro 2nd place, Northern Michigan Championships 4th place, and Regionals 2nd place.

Several Individuals shined as well as the team. The Northmen finished with nine individual League Champs to help them secure their eighth consecutive team title and their last ever in the MHSL as we move to the Big North Conference for, 1997-98 school year.

League Champs were Jamie Kahgee, Josh Thorn, Chris Engle, Corey Kimball, Nick McGuiness, Joe Parker, Laurence VanLiew, Jeff Wilkerson and Matt Farnsworth.

District medal winners were: Corey Kimball, Joe Parker, Laurence VanLiew and Matt Farnsworth.

Regional medalist were: Corey Kimball, Laurence VanLiew and Matt Farnsworth.

State medalist at 215lbs. was Matt Farnsworth placing 4th in his division.

The Northmen started up to five freshmen and will return several individuals for the 1997-98 season. Graduating Seniors include: Corey Kimball, Joe Parker, Laurence VanLiew, Nick McGuiness, Jeff Cook, Jared Kibler.

Above: Senior L.A. VanLiew uses his chin to turn the opponent on his back for a pin!

Above: Matt Farnsworth questions the refs intelligence.

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Above: Senior Joe Parker goes for another pin.

Above: Andy Denoyer hooks the other guys leg on hopes to regain control.

Above: Lee Cole shows who's boss!

Above: Josh Thorn over powers the opponent.

Above: Senior Nick McGuiness in total control.

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Northmen Varsity Wrestling

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Michigan Huron Shores Champs

District Champs

Regional Runner Ups

L. A. VanLiew

It was a fantastic season; it can only get better in the future.
Below Left: John Boyer prepares for the serve.
Below Right: Mike Shelton smiles in his own glory.

John Boyer

"I think that I could have done better, but hey, 16-5 isn't bad!"
This seasons varsity tennis team, coached by Mr. Ralph Tramontini, started out a little slow, placing third in the Garber Invitational. But, as the season progressed, they began winning the majority of their matches. The team had gotten tremendously better with many improvements by the year’s end. With one quarter of the team being freshman, the team was quite inexperienced, although this will make for a stronger returning team next season. All and all, they had a good season and everyone on the team is looking forward for a successful year to come.
Coach Champion watches the match intensely.

**Alex Collias**

"We had a great time and are looking forward to next year."
Despite the cold and rainy spring the girls’ JV softball team did a great job. The students who participated in softball had to work hard everyday after school starting with practices. The girls worked as much as possible to get back into shape which is why they had such a good team. All the students who participated in JV softball are looking forward to another great year in 1998.
Front row: Mindy Weston, Andrea Cunningham, April Johnson, Kasey MacDonald, Emily Meyer, Carolyn Farrugia, Stephanie Connell, Misty Wilson
Back row: Nicole DeLyon, Trisha Dacon, Michelle Welch, Kristy Kanine, Katie Greyerbiehl, Brianne Graham, Amanda Blomberg, and Kasha Kuznicki

Above: Emily gets ready for a big play.

Above: April flashes a grin after another PHS victory!
This year’s varsity softball team consisted of five seniors, six juniors, two sophomores, and three freshmen. Coach Greyerbiehl practiced with each of the girls to find out what positions they were good at and which ones they needed to work on. Once those decisions were made, the Lady Northmen had a great season. They ended up winning districts and regionals with a 14-19 record. In regional play they all knew what to expect and were well prepared for it. Coach Greyerbiehl had a great varsity team this year and hopes that next year’s team will be just as good.

We improved a lot this year, beating Gaylord to win districts was a thrill for all of us.
150 Boys' Track

Fire on the Track


Coach Farris urges his team on by shouting words of encouragement.

Mitch Schuman sprints in a home race.
This year the boys' track team had a successful season. Although the temperature did not cooperate for most of the season the boys did. They ran hard whether it was snowing, raining, or shining. They had one of the fastest teams to come through Petoskey High School. There were multiple boys who placed in the majority of races and who qualified for the state meet. One of the best teams was the 3200 meter relay team; Consisting of Garet Wright, Ed Lemieur, Steve Cole, and Dan O'Donnell. They were conference champs, Regional champs, and they placed first in the meet of the champs. Although this relay team did not place in the state meet they ran an excellent race and had a great experience. Garet Wright said the state meet was a "great personal experience and a great way to end his high school athletic career." Other members to place high in conference were Tyler Swenor 1st in the 110 hurdles, Darren Konkus 1st in pole vault, Kyle Swenor 2nd in 300 low hurdles, and Garet Wright 2nd in long jump. To top it all off Kyle Swenor broke the school record for the 300 low hurdle time of 41.9 seconds, he ran a superb race in 41.49 seconds. Congratulations to a great track season!
152 Girls' Track

Front Row (left to right) Heidi Wade, Megan Webb, Hayley Clark, Melissa Jakeway, Amanda Farris, Lacey Burns, Liannia Miller, Brandy Kurns, Angela Nelle, Krista Hickman, Erika Schwartzfishe, (Middle Row) Katie Zenor (Washburn), Carol Burdick, Erika Wright, Anne Seldon, Heather LeQuia, Anna Ballechik, Katie Duggan, Kelly Wade, Coreen Eppier, Katie Toaran, Alissa Gracey, Meagan Lawerson, (Backrow), Julie Fraley, Angie Smith, Rebecca Brown, Carrie Hanson, Coach Murray, Coach Dickmann, Heidi Swick, Lisa High, Lee Anne Wipp, Audrey Ireland, Kristen Tebo

Missing: Amanda Sterly, Nora Corcoran

Above: Amanda Sterly preparing for the shot put.
Below: Heather LeQuia and Melissa Jakeway practice their sprint.

Above: Amanda Farris preparing to pass the baton.
Against The Wind

The girls track team did well this year, only because of hard work and dedication during practice. They competed against several schools and many girls excelled to regionals, while Megan Webb Breaking the school record in the long jump and running in the 200 meter and Amanda Farris in the 400 meter got as far as States. It was a rough year but they worked hard and did well. Lets hope next year is just as good or better. Keep up the good work girls!

Above: Megan Webb hurdling throughout the air.

Above: Kristin Tebo competing in the high jump.

Above: Brandy Kerns preparing to pass the baton.

Coach Don Dickman

The 1996 girls' track team showed tremendous growth and improvement over last year.
Winterguard had a wonderful year. All the girls wanted the best and worked for it all season. if someone were to ask Jim Kan, our guard coach, what his best year for guard was, he would proudly respond, “1997!”

The music chosen for this year’s routine was a mix of fast and slow beats that kept the crowd on edge every moment of the show. The girls practiced very hard this year and they practiced with energy and pride.

Practice was from 12-5 on Sundays and Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00. The mixture of rifles, flags, and sabers used in the show gave this year a more inviting effect on the spectators. Guard performed at one wrestling meet, four home basketball games, and one away game in St. Ignace.

The uniforms were chosen by the girls and handmade by parents. Thanks to everyone that supported the guard and helped out with a wonderful show and season.

Above: A few of the seniors performing “Look Away”.

Above: A group picture right after the first performance.

Above: Leanne Duncan, a senior, poses during “Look Away”. Right: The last pose in “Send Me on My Way”.

Above: Jenny Hoffman, Shannon Kalbfleisch and Gretchen Roth with rifles.

1997 Winterguard: Captain Kendra Kipp, Shannon Kalbfleisch, Jamie Schwartzfischer, Michelle Bielinski, Kay O’Neill, Becky VanSlembrouck, Leanne Duncan, rosie Dugan, Gretchen Roth, Anne Killips, Alexis Clark, Jessica Stakoe, Heather Lequia, Jenny Hoffman, Alison Brown, Samantha Hunter, Peggy Newman, & Coach Jim Kan
This year’s JV team had a pretty good season, ending up with a record of 17-5. Team leaders include pitchers Andrew Hausler, AJ Fettig, Jack Bleyaert, Luke Bailey, Bryce Weston, Marty Jackimowicz, and Chris Blair. Pitchers Andrew Hausler, AJ Fettig, and Jack Bleyaert also supplied offense; along with Gavin Fralick and Kolby Andrews.

JV coach Steve Ross and assistant coach Gregg Fettig are looking forward to building another great team with great talents for the coming year.

Above: Mike Jersey, work it, swing it, and hit it hard.

Above: Adam Foltz, carefully watches the Gaylord player try to steal second.

Above: Coach Loper gives his team a pep talk to win the game.

Above: The Varsity boys eat dust.
When the season came to a close the Northmen were 23-13 overall and 14-6 in the conference, which gave them the right to half of the conference championship with Sault Saint Marie. The Northmen had excellent pitching done by Seniors Ryan Rosevear and Eric Fettig, and Juniors Adam Foltz, and Mike Jersey. In relief for the starting pitchers they had Chris Chandler, and Dylan Meyer to deliver a strong ending performance. This year’s Varsity squad was made up of eight returning lettermen, which included Ryan Rosevear, Eric Fettig, Matt Bride, Wes Goodrich, Matt Glaser and Dan Glaser. Adam Foltz and Corey Rice were the returning Juniors. Along with those returning, there were four juniors who also joined the team.

The Northmen were coached by Mike Loper and assisted by Chris Schmoke. Coach Loper and Chris Schmoke are looking forward to having another great team next year with more talents and surprises with the Petoskey Northmen baseball team.

**Scoreboard**

23 wins; 13 losses; 0 ties

**Districts**

Cheboygan 8 Northmen 12
Sault St. Marie 5 Northmen 4

**Corey Rice**

“I think we have a good ball club this year. We have a great batting team, backed up by a great fielding team.”
This year's Cheer Teams did another excellent job getting the PHS fans all riled up. Their voices could be heard cheering loud for the boys in blue and white, both on the field and on the court. The halls were always decorated with enthusiastic signs encouraging all to come and help them root on our teams to a victory. This year they even got the elementary schools involved by going to the schools and teaching the kids cheers before the long awaited Homecoming game. The cheer teams always provided many spectacular shows throughout each sports season. There was rarely a dull moment where the girls could not be heard “rocking” their team to a victory. Their enthusiasm is appreciated by all.

Sara Johnston, Anne Kopenkoskey, Melissa Barnhart, and Amie Kopenkoskey, look Rough and Tough.

Michelle Ross, Donna Fettig, Rhonda Simon, and Sara Johnston pose for a quick picture.


Left to Right: Amanda Andersen, Rhonda Simon, Sara Johnston, Amie Kopenkoskey, Donna Fettig.

Alison Brown, Lacee Burleson, Tracy Turcott, Jamie Hall, Amy Beige, Meagan Wolf.

Melissa Bobola, Jody Radcliffe, Amanda Andersen, Sarah Tatroe, Jennifer Blank, Alexis Clark, Lindsay Connolly, Jennifer Laurie.

Above: Jamie Hall, Amy Beigle, Tracy Turcott, Meagan Wolf.

The Varsity cheer team gathers for a quick picture.

Lisa Parent and her teammates get the students fired up at a pep assembly.

The cheerleaders await the arrival of the basketball team.
"One is happy as a result of one's own efforts, tastes, a certain degree of courage, self-denial to a point, love of work, and, above all, a clear conscience. Happiness is no vague dream, of that I now feel certain."

-George Sand
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The cover was inspired by the movie theme of the yearbook and was designed with the help of our representative, Michelle Somes-Booher. It uses a tan base color with a litho ink color of scarlet.
Over the years many changes have occurred in our lovely little town by the water. We’ve seen the expansion of many subdivisions that at one time, not so long ago, were family farms or orchards. We’ve seen many new eating establishments crop up where once there was nothing but empty land. We’ve also seen our waterfront change from a down home, unsophisticated piece of beachfront to a cosmopolitan park enjoyed by many summer visitors. The biggest change Petoskey experienced this year was the controversial completion of Wal-Mart. Much ado was made about the impact such a large piece of urban development would have on our town but it came right on time as scheduled. Many of the stores our parents and we grew up with are still of major importance to our community. All things considered, would we want to grow up anywhere else?

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She was born on July 9, 1981, in Petoskey, the daughter of Fred and Patricia Hoffman. She lived in Petoskey all of her life.

She was a sophomore at Petoskey High School and was a member of the high school girls’ soccer and volleyball teams. Emily was involved in many activities including 4-H and Girl Scouts. She was respected and loved by students, staff, fellow athletes, and members of the community.

She will be deeply missed.

Emily’s favorite poem

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