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Café d'Artist

Winner

Anisa Rullan

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Anisa Rullan)



Step-Up

Step Up is a 12th grade initiative for transition to college aimed to help high school students enter college without the need for remediation. Step Up is offered in collaboration between Westchester Community College and eleven Westchester high schools. (Above) Alexandra Vega Ortiz is presenting her Research Talk in Mr. Sweeney's Grade 12 English class. (See page 5)



Book Recognition Ceremony

Dr. Edwin Quezada, Superintendent, Dr. Andrea Coddett, Deputy Superintendent, surrounded by Lincoln High School students and representatives from the American Reading Book Company. (Photo supplied by Ms. DeAngelis)



Latin Club Luncheon

(back row, from left) Ms. DeBonis-Matica (English Dept. Chair (wearing sombrero)), and Mr. Zambrano (Grade 12 Administrator), (middle row, from left) Julian Soto, Kendry Milani, Mr. Sherman (Principal), Crystal Padron, (front row, from left) Ms. Santana (Grade 12 Guidance Counselor), Andrew Gomez (See page 3) (Photo supplied by Ms. Loia)

The Scroll School Newspaper Club

(Photo supplied by the Yearbook Club)



From the Moderator

By Mr. William Sweeney

Find a color copy of this issue of *The Scroll* on the Lincoln High School website.

The *Scroll* School Newspaper Club has recently begun to use the Remind strategy to message between writers, photographers, editors and Mr. Sweeney.

Note that the photos in this issue were supplied by The Scroll Club unless otherwise noted.



The Scroll Club above: (back row, from left) Melvin, Bryan, Ana, Jorge, Mr. Sweeney, Joel, Jose, Alysse, Nicole, and Tyshaun (front row, from left) Johan, Mohammed, Heler, Kelyah, Abel, Sarah, and Luis



Jennifer Laaz
(above)

Book Club

By Jennifer Laaz

Ms. Osinloye has been running the Bookworms Book Club every Wednesday after school. They meet in room 240 from 2:45 until whenever they want to leave. Many students don't know there is a book club at Lincoln High School, so it is our job to inform the entire school. We think that the Book Club is an amazing idea because it's the place where you can learn new things from reading and discussing with the group, or even by answering questions after reading each chapter. Then everyone is on the same page. Members of the group decide on which books the group will read. They are currently reading *Witch and Wizard* by James Patterson. The following book chosen is *Becoming* written by Michelle Obama.

Approximately ten students attend the club. Ms. Osinloye said, "We would like to see more students join in, have fun and learn about new things." They will also be giving out snacks to everyone in the club. All are invited to join regularly, on days when announcements are made in the morning.

Latin Club Luncheon

The Latin Club celebrates National Hispanic Month once a year in October.



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Winter Concert



The Choir (above)



(Above, from left: Mr. Zion, Daniella)



The Band (above)



(Above) The Choir (front) with The Band

Teachers (right) who attended the Winter Concert include: (from left) Mrs. Dolgetta with her two sons Joseph (left) and Johnny (right), Dr. Arias, the SLC Coordinator, Ms. Dolan (front), Mr. Zambrano, the 12th Grade Assistant Principal (rear), Mr. Franciosa (rear), Mr. Sweeney (front), and Ms. Martocci, the Math Department Chairperson





Step Up



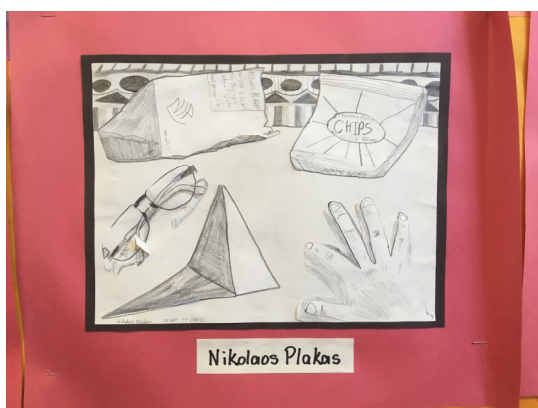
By Mr. William G. Sweeney

The Step Up initiative is thriving and moving toward its goals. On several occasions, Professors from Westchester Community College have visited our Step Up classes. Lincoln students visited Westchester Community College (WCC) in November. Lincoln High School teachers have been meeting Professors at Westchester Community College for discussions about how best to help students transition to college during a week last summer and twice during this school year.

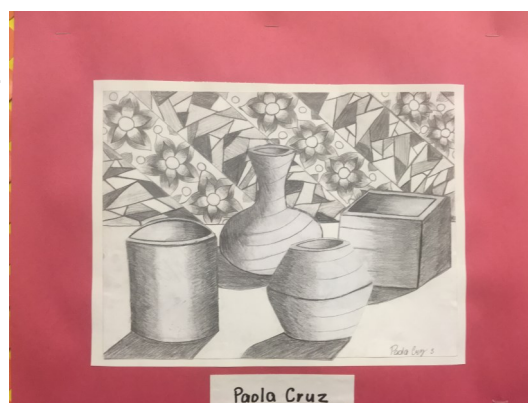
The WCC professors have designed a high school senior course that Lincoln teachers have been implementing for the past two years. The course focuses on elevating seniors' writing and research skills to a college level. For instance, at the beginning of the second quarter, students each picked a topic for research that will culminate into a Research Essay by the end of the third quarter. In addition, the Step Up seniors choose a favorite TED Talk related to their chosen research topic from Youtube and then analyzed it to write a TED Talk Essay. Their next step was to find a credible News Article related to their research topic, analyze it and write an essay. Also, each student searched for a credible Non-Profit Website, analyzed it and wrote a third essay. The second quarter concluded with their own Research Talk (a.k.a. TED Talk) about the three essays. The analysis of students' chosen TED Talks, News Articles, and Non-Profit Websites required students to absorb the material, make connections between the three sources of information, and most importantly to respond to the sources' main points. So, students wrote their essays and presented their Research Talks all the while by interacting with the main points of the sources. Interacting or responding includes agreeing or disagreeing with main points. The WCC Professors had provided to teachers an interesting book on interacting with the main points of source material entitled, They Say I Say with Readings (2018) by Gerald Graff. This book is well equipped with providing sentence stems for interacting with sources. This book shows how writing well means engaging with the views of others.

Lincoln teachers involved with the Step Up program are: Ms. DeBonis-Matica (English Department Chairwoman and Yonkers Public Schools Secondary Teacher of the Year (2017), Ms. Martocci (Math Department Chairwoman), Ms. Santiago, and Mr. Sweeney.

Gallery Walk



Art work exhibit samples at the Lincoln High School Winter Concert.



Pre-Holiday Cheer



Staff musicians (above) with Mr. Ian Sherman, Principal (in the yellow sweater above), participating in the festivities.



(Center) Dr. Saghafi (red sweater) leads with the saxophone, while (from left) Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Ziron and Mr. Cavazzi play along.



Ms. Nilaj (above) is dressed as an elf.



(from left) Ms. Kass, is dressed as Santa in her Arts classroom with Jennifer Laaz, and Valbone Deva

Picture of the year contestant (right). Best picture so far. The pictures on this page were taken on the day before the Christmas vacation.



ENL Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving dinner was shared with English-as-a-New-Language (ENL) students and staff.



(Top, left) Ms. Llanos addresses the celebration with Ms. Vasquez in attendance.

(Top, right) Mrs. Dolgetta, Ms. Joseph, and Ms. Naber sit surrounded by students.)

(Center, from left) Nataly, Nataly's mom, Alex, Edgar, Jorge, Estivar, Ana, Mariana, Biankery, Maria

(Bottom/left, from left) Johan Hernandez, Joel Gil, Melvin Garcia, Ana Cabrera, and Ms. Swanson, Grade 12 Assistant Principal

Winter Extravaganza



(left) (from left) Melissa, Rosio, Jason (in deer suit), Pablo (in deer suit), and Cobaiza

(right) (from left) Cindy, Bryanna, Emily



(left) (from left) Brandon Corllands, Joshua Diaz, Adrian Addo, Christopher Rivas

(right) (from left) Andrea Byrne, Allenia Robinson



(left) (from left) Emmanul (red hat), Brian, James

(right) from left) Ms. Dolan, Shaniya, Esme, Shamadi, Elvanna, (Jingle Ballers)



(left) (from left) Irvin, Raymond H.

(right) (from left) Helen, Mariela, Nicholas, Lupe, Faith (Santa's Elves)

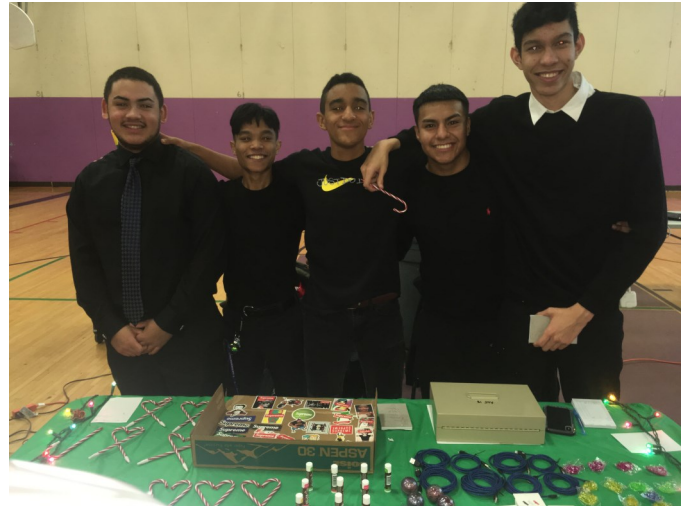


Winter Extravaganza

The groups of students on this page are selling holiday gifts in late December as part of an Academy of Finance initiative.



(left) (from left)
Ms. Loia, the
school librarian,
Nicholaos I.
Plakas, and
Mr. Sweeney
(right) (from left)
Dylan, Brandon,
Louis, Ivan,



(left) (from left)
Atakan and
Omar

(right) (from left)
Cindy, Bryanna,
Emily



(left) (from left)
Mr. Mulqueen
and
Ms. Martselos
are the business
teachers who
ran the Winter
Extravaganza.



(right) (from
left) Sandy, and
Courtney

Winter Extravaganza



(right) (from left) Crystal, Valbone, Rosa, Aseel, Lamar



(left) (from left) Ms. Osinloye, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Dolan, Ms. Joseph, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Debonis, Ms. Dolgetta

(right) (from left) Ms. Martselos directed the Winter Extravaganza, and , Ms. Naber



Sophomores

English Century Honors



(from left) Lissa Kola, Shayleen Russo, Augusto Layme, Ms. DeBonis-Matica (wearing pointed hat), Carlos Benitez, Sera Sandoval, Yvette Santana, Amy Garcia, Summer Prassor (holding pumpkin), D'Zhanee Frank, Kelsie Saldana, Jessica Abu, Rebecca Peter (Photo supplied by Ms. Debonis-Matica)

English Department Holiday Party



(from left) Ms. Santiago, Mr. Minyard, Ms. Osinloye, Ms. Ellis, Ms. Llanos, Ms. Debonis-Matica, the English Department Chairperson, Mr. Sherman, Principal, Eric Mero (kneeling), Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Zambrano, Grade 12 Assistant Principal (kneeling), Ms. Dolan, Ms. Naber, Ms. Joseph

Italian Language Awards from Westchester County Celebrating Italian Heritage Month



Cristal Lacayo (left, blue dress) with her brother, Uriel and her mom, Virginia Lacayo.

Both photos (left and right) were supplied by Ms. DeAngelis.

Crystal Padron (right) with her teacher, Ms. DeAngelis



Celebrating Italian Heritage Month

By Crystal Padron

It was such an honor to be recognized at this prestigious ceremony along with my Italian teacher, Ms. DeAngelis. The Westchester County Board of Legislators and Proclamation Ceremony were held on October 1st, 2018. I was honored for my excellence in the Italian language and showcased my language skills. I was greeted by all in a very professional manner. All were impressed with my linguistic skills. I felt proud of myself and my accomplishments. My mother was also proud of me. She smiled as I received the award, and said, "Motto bene bella," as others said, "Congratulations."

By Cristal Lacayo

In celebration of Italian Heritage Month, I was honored along with Giovanna DiAngelis, my Italian teacher, at the Westchester County Executive Proclamation Ceremony. I won for my excellence in the Italian language. As my family, friends and I stood among the crowd, I heard, "The recipient for the John De Cicco, Sr. Scholarship is awarded to Cristal Locayo, a student at Lincoln High School in Yonkers." All clapped as George Latimer, the Westchester County Executive, handed me the scholarship. My family and I were honored to be part of this official proclamation. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I will cherish forever.

Bronx Community College Field Trip

By Ronny Almonte

I went on a trip to Bronx Community College with Ms. Llanos' class. It was a great opportunity to go there, especially for me. I was not sure if I was going to college. This beautiful trip opened my mind to a higher level because now I know how to manage myself. I did not know that colleges were like this. It was huge and had a lot of teachers. They offered what I am looking for in a small class. I think that giving students trips to different colleges each year will help push them to be less anxious and to go to college.

American Reading Book Ceremony

By Alexandra Zavallós

I am so happy to have been honored at the American Reading Ceremony on January 9th.

Last summer, my mom enrolled me in a summer program offered by the Yonkers Public Schools. It is here that I met Ms. DeAngelis, my teacher. In class, she had each student write their own book. My book was about Pandas, and its title is 'Pandas'. I am so glad I wrote this book because I have included in it a lot of things about the life cycle of pandas. Ms. DeAngelis told my mom and I all about Lincoln High School. We were very impressed and it's because of her that my mom and I decided that Lincoln High School would be the best high school for me to attend. Now I study Italian with Ms. DeAngelis. My next project will be to translate my book about pandas into Italian and Spanish.



Alexandra Zavallós (center), Ms. DeAngelis (Italian teacher), and Dr. Andrea Coddett, Deputy Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools are surrounded by bank representatives.

La Befana

By Kyla Du

In the picture (to the right), I dressed up in my Italian class as La Befana. I turned into a La Befana. La Befana was a good witch who helped the three kings of the Bible. La Befana showed the way to where Jesus had his birth. When the three kings asked her if she could come with them, she refused. When the three kings left, she regretted not going. Then, she went to every house to leave a piece of jewelry, some chocolates and some coins where all children live.

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Kyla Du (above) is a sophomore.

Christmas Caroling in Italian and Spanish

By Samuel Mendez

In Italy, the eight days before Christmas, also known as the "Novena," are filled with carolers singing traditional songs around the neighborhood. In Rome, southern Italy or Sicily, the "zampognari" or bagpipe players travel from the nearby mountains to play their merry folklore carols.

All students in the Italian classes became part of this historic Italian holiday tradition by caroling and visiting classrooms to carol around the school and around the school's neighborhood. We all sang the traditional songs in Italian such as "Tu Scendi dolle Stelle", "Sulla Neve Vo", "Jingle Bells," "Oh Albero," "Babbo Natale Arriva Piu tardi," and "Vi Auguriarmo un Buon Natale." We also translated the Spanish "Feliz Navidad" into Italian and sang it in Italian. The students also sang in Spanish "Feliz Navidad," "Nocha de Paz," and "Cascabel." We had a great time singing and sharing our learning with our peers and community.

Seniors

The Top Dog's Bark

By Nikolaos I. Plakas

Being in the Top Twenty deserves a lot a respect, for ending up in such a position shows how intelligent, outgoing, studious you are compared to your two-hundred-seventy-plus peers. It opens doors to new opportunities, shows colleges your true academic performance, and above all, it brings honor to your name when the school staff calls you up for an award proving your excellence. Overall, it makes all of your hard work worth every second. I know how it feels being in the Top Twenty. I am ranked ten. I have a 91 average and love it when I get mentioned for an award, or when another college accepts me. Who doesn't? Although it is a bit hard to keep up such a high grade with so much on my hands, I discovered some methods. A few are so incredibly easy to accomplish—you just need to know how to write, and go to your teacher for guidance. These methods could propel you to a top spot amongst the 'Big Dogs'. Read the following, do them, and see how far you can go.



Nikolaos I. Plakas (above)

- 1) **Always Ask For Extra Credit.** Your GPA shows your average grade in all of your classes and how much work you put into each one. To remain or to get on top, you must complete all of your work, as well as extra credit. Even if you do not need it, it is better to ask for some extra credit. After all, points add to your GPA. Ask your teacher for extra assignments and other things you can do for extra points to make your GPA higher.
- 2) **Study Everything, Even the Things You Know.** You have probably heard the word "study" countless times, whether from your teachers, parents, or anyone else. However, despite the fact that reviewing the same topic again and again can be a bit redundant, it does help in the end. In some cases, people claim to know everything or certain aspects about a topic. Consider studying everything because some of your *knowledge* could actually be a *misunderstanding*, and studying can give you a second look at the information to make sure what you THOUGHT was true actually IS true.
- 3) **Establish Connections with People Who Can Help You.** School is like a library. There is so much to learn everywhere and so many resources to look to. But the question you should ask is not where or how to get the right information, but *what* to find, or *who*. To be more successful in your high school years, make friendly connections with teachers, studious friends, tutors, staff, and any one willing to assist you with schoolwork or anything you are having difficulties with. Anyone who can help you out with work or a lesson or two can be the reason for the increase in your GPA.

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Accounting and Auditing

By Genesis Ubiera

My trip to Bronx Community College was amazing. We had so much fun and we learned a great deal of things about accounting. We also learned about auditing which is making sure that corporations are following guidelines. We went to discover auditing. They gave us a water bottle, food and candy. It was so much fun.

Freshman

Tips on How to Improve Your Grades

By Sherona Gonzalez

High School lessons continue into the second marking period, and students who are not satisfied with their class grades are trying to improve their grades. In order to do this they are trying to learn tips about how to improve. Here are some tips: improve your organization, attend after-school classes, take advantage of extra-credit assignments, write a to-do list, and study.

Improving your organization is an important tip for increasing your class grade because this way you are always prepared and a step ahead of your classes. Whether it's with handouts, schedules, or supplies, you can always be prepared to attack any obstacle. For after-school classes, you can improve your grade by completing and handing in assignments you didn't finish by the due dates. You can get information by asking your teachers when their after-school days are so that you can attend. You can score some points on your grade by completing extra-credit assignments. Get into the mindset of always doing extra credit if it is available. It can still boost your grade if you are already doing well.

To-do lists can help you keep track of your assignments. You can do this whether it is written in a notepad or in a planner. To-do lists can help you stay on top of your studying for tests, due dates for projects or homework, etc. The last tip is studying. This is the biggest tip you should follow. Studying can give you knowledge and keeps you on top of lessons. You can do this by writing summaries after a day of notes. Have a separate page to keep up with vocabulary.

Only a small list of tips will allow you to improve. You can always adjust it to your style. I hope you will try out some of these tips. They could save you from drowning in bad grades.

After School Jobs for High Schoolers

By Gabby Hernandez

I believe that it is important to attend school on a regular basis. I believe that every child deserves to receive a proper education. I believe many other things can occur as long as we all try. In order to be someone later on in life, we all need an education and good experiences. In order for us to become the future of our society, we must attend college. Unfortunately, there are many of us who can't make it to college because we don't have enough money to pay for the education we need. This is why we as young adults (teens) could help out a little in our own way. How you may ask? Well, we can start by looking for a part time job and saving up anything we earn. This just doesn't help us, but it also helps our families. Our parents always get us what we want. Right? We ask for the newest pair of Jordans, the newest released iPhones, or anything else that has to do with electronics. All of this is very expensive. We let our parents waste their money for unnecessary things. New sneakers or electronics are definitely not going to help you out in the future. Right? I'm not saying we should drop out and start looking for a full-time job. What I'm saying is that if we have time everyday after school to hang out with friends and use our phones. Then we go to school saying, "OMG, we had homework? I forgot." That means we have enough time to find a part-time job and do something useful instead of useless. So, think about it.



Homecoming King Khalique Wright (left) and Homecoming Queen Samantha Gonzalez (right).



Juniors Cristian Rosa (left) and Riana Delgado (right) were elected to be the Court Prince and Princess at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Pep Rally



Mr. Zambrano, Grade 12 Assistant Principal, was the Disc Jockey at the Pep Rally.



Sophomores Brandon Kane (left) and Sahidah Gonzalez (right) were voted as the Duke and Dutchess for the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Ms. Debonis-Matica was the Master of Ceremonies at the Pep Rally.



(from left) Ms. Santiago, Ms. Osinloye, and Faith Robinson in the Lancer costume.

Pep Rally



Juniors at the Pep Rally include Destiny Reyes (left) and Awilda Jerez (right).



Homecoming Queen Samantha Gonzalez moves with a lot of style!

The Top Dog's Bark

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4) **Turn in Work Early.** Due dates always signal when to turn in assignments. When people see these dates, they do one of two things: a) Do the work early and submit it on time or before the due date. b) Wait until the last second and then rush it. Some people believe the amount of work does not contribute to your grade and position. I find that to be wrong. If you want to see a high grade on your work, start early. That way, you will have more time to do the research, be more precise in your work, and still have enough time to bring in a well-organized, intricate assignments. Your goal is to impress your teachers with your work. So, try as hard as possible to get that 100!

5) **Do Not Just Fit the Requirements.** Being in the Top Twenty also involves going above the benchmark. Raising the bar and doing an amount of work above what is required is bound to catch your instructor's attention. Look at the rubric of an essay or other assignment you were just given. Analyze what it's telling you. Then, gather as much information evidence as possible, and whatever else is required and show your teacher your full potential. Be a competitive student when your task is to *blow everyone else's work out of the water* to prove that you are the best student in the classroom. You want to be the main focus, the one that your dream colleges are eyeing, ready to see if you have what it takes to *set foot on the campus*. However, you do not want to *go overboard*. Stressing yourself out and putting five-hundred pages over the amount required will overwhelm the instructor, and might even cause you to get a lower grade on the assignment. If you put just a bit more into your work so that it feels balanced, but strong in purpose, then a high GPA and spot in the Top Twenty is assured.

These five little bits of advice are bound to grant you a place in the top twenty hard working students category. Just remember, do what you need to do, focus on your GPA, and never give up on yourself. Your academic excellence will shine through to your college of choice and open the door to your long-anticipated, successful future. Being in the Top Twenty may seem difficult, but setting your goals will give you instant recognition by people in high positions, and that will give you the chance to live your dreams.

Football



Yonkers Brave Football Team members from Lincoln High School at LHS Pep Rally in October. (Picture includes Varsity and Junior Varsity members.)



Yonkers Brave Junior Varsity (JV) Football players from Lincoln High School at the LHS Pep Rally in October



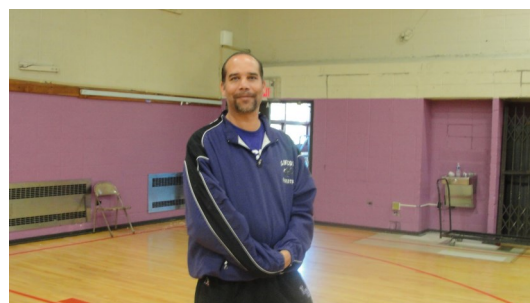
The photos to the right and left were supplied by the Yearbook Club.



Boys Basketball



(left) The Captains of the Boys Basketball team receive a second place trophy after the City Championship Game.



(Right, top) Coach Minyard



(left) Mr. Nesbeth cheers on the boys basketball team.



Boys Soccer



Irvin Marin (above) was a Captain of the Boys Soccer team this year. The photo above was supplied by the Yearbook Club



Interview With Boys Soccer Coach Rich Fortuniewicz

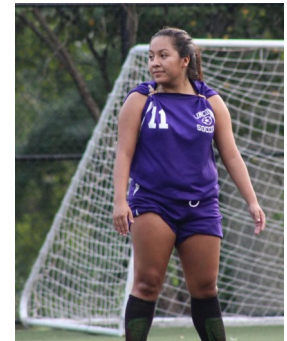
By Mr. W. G. Sweeney

The season went well overall. We started strong, but going into the latter part of the season we lost a few players due to other commitments and this affected our games. This was a rebuild season. Our record was 7-8. Next season we have a lot of talented players coming back to play on the team. Every game was competitive this season and the players did a great job.



Aniya Hernandez
(left)

The girls' soccer photos to the right were supplied by the Yearbook Committee.



Riana Delgado
(right)





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Sports



Girls Soccer



Photo was supplied by the Yearbook Committee.

Boys Basketball



Faith Robinson (above)

Girls Basketball



Volleyball

