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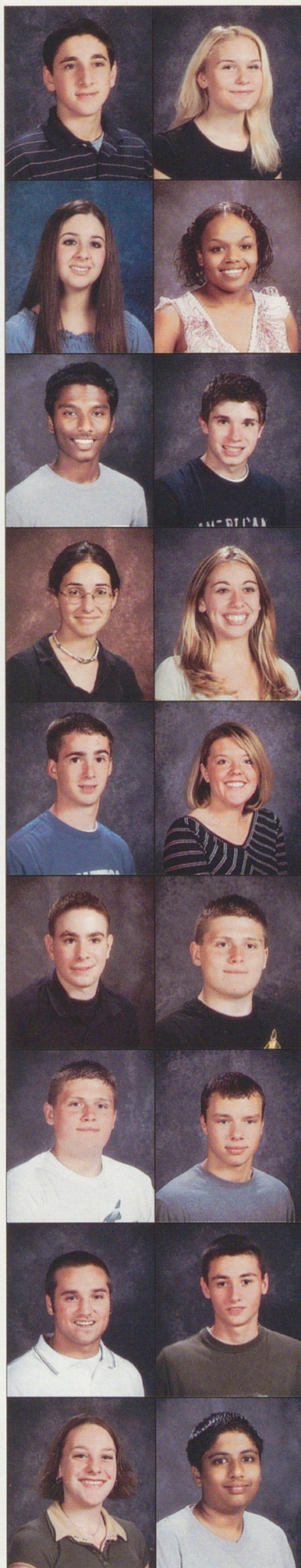
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## Simulated Reality: Grim Reaper Day

**O**N MARCH 4TH, 46 DIVERSE STUDENTS FROM DIFFERENT cliques, grades and groups who were chosen by the Student

Assistance Council Board members, or nominated by a teacher participated in Grim Reaper Day. Grim Reaper participants were dressed in black cloaks covering their faces and body to represent someone killed in a drunk or drugged driving accident.

**Security Officer Paul Payne** and **Ms. Kate Juenger**, global language teacher, went throughout the day and interrupted classes to tell a true story about a victim. The story would explain the death of the victim the selected student portrayed and the student would put on a black cloak to represent this dead teenager. The Grim Reapers were restricted from talking.

Grim Reaper Day was a national event and many schools across the country participated. Although there was a set date as to when to conduct this event, Student Assistance Council (SAC) chose to participate on another day due to approval by the administration.

Student Assistance board members **Jena Whitman, 12**, **Amy Donofrio, 12**, **Laura Eastes, 12**, **Jessica Sebastian, 12**, and **Venkat Shanker, 11**, were very pleased with the overall event. Many hours of hard work and dedication went into the preparation of the event. A video was made by Donofrio, Eastes, and Sebastian that was shown before school started to explain the event's seriousness. At the end of the day, all grim reapers met together to remove their cloaks and debrief.

"It was hard not to talk and I missed out on a lot of things I could have talked about," said **Kristin Grueninger, 11**.

All participants agreed this was one influential day that was taken seriously.

People in our school have been directly effected by drinking and driving so when this day comes people are reminded of the consequences many are forced to face because of some people's selfish decisions.

>Amy Donofrio, 12

