

color guard

flag spinners of school

By: Courtney Johnson



Color guard stands at attention with the band. During the Homecoming game, their talent shone through. Their abilities were respected and admired throughout the stands as well as the rest of the band.

When seen after school in the commons until sunset or out on the field with the band, we knew that Color Guard was one of the hardest working teams in the school.

The members ate, slept, and breathed Color Guard. They were still practicing when most of us were getting ready for dinner.

"Practice makes perfect" was not just a saying to these kids, it was a way of life. Their practices were just as important as their performances at the football games and in competitions.

"The most important thing to remember when you practice is to always smile and practice everyday like you were being judged," said **Kelly Gilton, 9**.

You knew which students were in the Color Guard by how they

suddenly broke out in a routine when they played music on Fridays to see if the music would fit with the moves; or how when they were in English or math class they started spinning their pencils and pens.

At the Bands of America (BOA) competition at Oxford University on Sept. 17 they placed eleventh in their class. At the mid-states competition on Sept. 24 they placed third in their class. Then, on Sept. 24 they placed Grand Champions at the OMEA competition placing Best Auxiliary, Best Marching and Best Visual Effects.

"I am the only guy on the team with 22 girls. So you have got to admit the odds are in my favor," said **Josef Kisor, 10**.

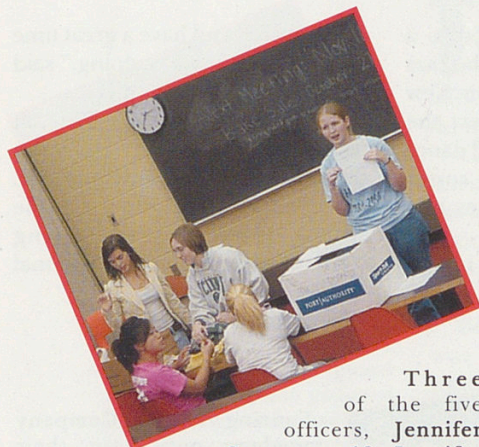


Valerie Rozzo, 10, carefully concentrates on her moves. She waited until the perfect moment to complete her spin. The audience awaited as Color Guard performs their show. She kept a smile on her face throughout the whole thing.

spanish club

one big fun-filled fiesta

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Three of the five officers, **Jennifer Grossman, 12**, **Jennifer Mott, 12**, and **Christina King, 12**, explain the sign-up process for the upcoming bake sale. The club had several successful bake sales. Each sale brought in an average of \$75.

With 70 active members and many brand new members, Spanish Club had a thriving year.

"Spanish Club is a great way to meet new people since there are so many people in it," said **Michaela Mondro, 10**.

Not everyone in the club took Spanish or even knew a word of Spanish when they joined, but almost everyone in the club enjoyed it.

"I joined Spanish Club because all of my friends who were in it last year really liked it," said **Chelsea Keller, 11**.

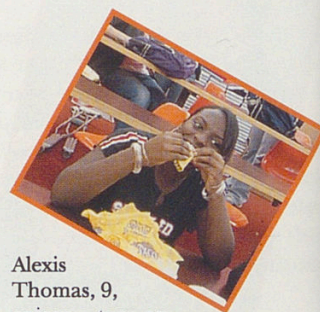
Spanish Club succeeded in its goals to promote awareness and involve students in Hispanic culture.

The club held an annual Taco Bell Day, participated in Deck the Halls, and celebrated the Day of the Dead as well as Cinco de Mayo.

"Taco Bell Day is definitely my favorite part of Spanish Club, because who can resist tacos?" said **Abby Harris, 11**.

Ms. Kate Juenger has been the adviser for the past four years. She hoped to continue increasing awareness of the positive influences that Hispanic culture has on our lives.

"I heard from a lot of people that Spanish Club was fun so I joined. I liked it, because it turned out to be really interesting," said **Paige Keefe, 11**.



Alexis Thomas, 9, enjoys a taco on Taco Bell Day. For this special event, one hundred tacos were ordered for the club. Many of the members met in Room 233 to eat the tacos and talk about upcoming events that they were planning.