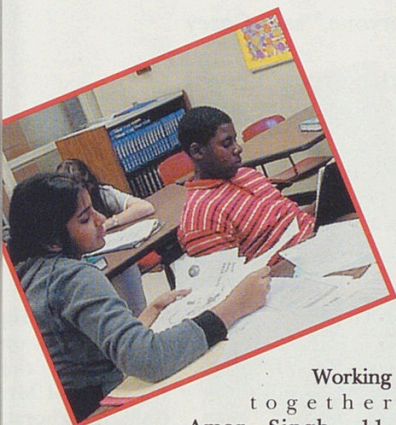


fast track

Right Track For success

By: Becca Nitzberg



Working together
Amar Singh, 11,
helps **Alvin Brown, 9,**
organize his school work. Fast
Track was available every bell,
expanding from just one bell last
year. This expansion has allowed
the program to reach more
students.

In its second year as a class, Fast Track proved to be a useful way for underclassmen to get help from upperclassmen with their school work. The mentors assisted mentees with study skills and helped prepare them for tests to help them succeed.

"Studying for the OGT is hard, but Lori helps me by making up writing prompts for me to practice," said **Michael Morris, 9.**

Every week the mentees were rewarded with a Friday Free Day where they would play basketball in the gym. The mentors helped their mentees keep all of their work and notes organized so they could achieve this goal.

Fast track had another reward for the students involved: better grades. The mentors felt a sense of pride when their mentees would do well in classes.

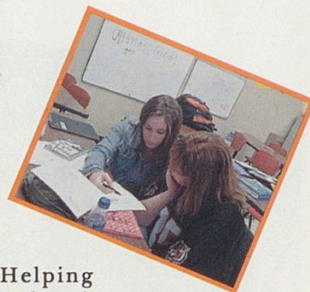
"It's such a great program with so many ups and downs. As a mentor, you're so happy when your mentee succeeds and you feel like you've failed when they fail," said **Jaime Orent, 12.**

While the mentees were influenced by their mentors to improve their study skills, the mentors were also influenced by their mentees.

"I don't think I've influenced my mentee as much as she has influenced me. She is such a confident and unique person. It's amazing what you can learn from one person," said **Jennifer Manning, 11.**

Overall, this was a great experience for both the mentor and the mentee.

"So far this experience has really made me think about how important it is to help someone better their education," said **Allison Templeman, 10.**

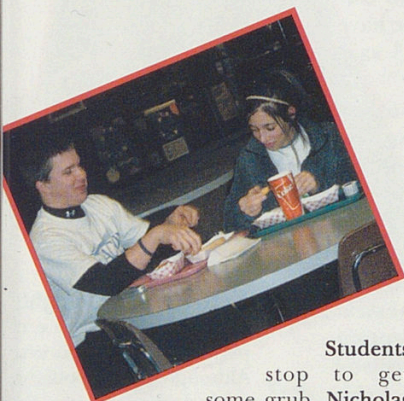


Helping
Chrissy Timon, 9, study for
the OGT, **Sari Goldhoff, 11,** looks
over practice writing
prompts. Each week, the
mentors spent a specific
amount of time going
over material for the
OGT. This preparation
was one of the program's
main focuses.

ski club

nothing but straight parallel

By: Samantha Katz



Students
stop to get
some grub. **Nicholas Miller, 10,** and **Laurie Taragano, 10,** re-energized in
the lodge of Perfect North Slopes
after a hard day of skiing. The
food was exceptional and really
got people ready to attack the
slopes.

Every Tuesday, starting the beginning of December, members of ski club head up to Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. In previous years, belonging to ski club required you to take a bus that school provides. In taking the bus, every student has to buy a bus pass costing \$5 per ride.

A new option available for students was to be able to drive up themselves. Students who decide to drive up and not take the bus were not considered members of the club, they were still able to receive the deal on buying a ski pass that the school has to offer.

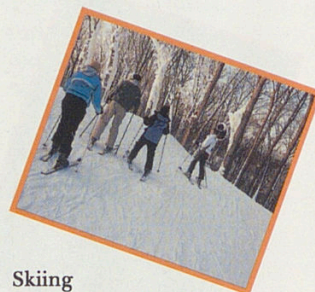
"I love that we had the option to be able to drive up when we want and leave when we want. The opportunity was so much more convenient for my schedule," said **Elizabeth Lohse, 11.**

Students were on their own the whole time. Whether taking the bus or driving with friends, it made it feel like one weren't there with school. Most students used their time to ski with friends and eat dinner.

"Ski Club is a great opportunity to go out and have fun skiing with friends. The food is also very tasty!" said **Andrew Mott, 10.**

Although Ski Club was a blast, it was not cheap. Alone the passes average from \$85 to \$150. Along with buying a pass, there were many additional options to pick from, such as a food card, which costs \$30 and then Perfect North gives you \$10, so in the end receiving a deal, which ends up coming in handy.

Whether one was skiing down a slope, riding the lifts, or eating in the lodge, Ski Club was a great way to meet new people, hang out, and have fun.



Skiing
together,
Jaime Orent, 12,
Dustin Amrime, 11,
Rachel Schneider, 11,
and **Elizabeth Lohse, 11,** take on the hill. The
trek to the top of the hill
was hard with all the gear
on. Keeping warm is an
important factor in
skiing.