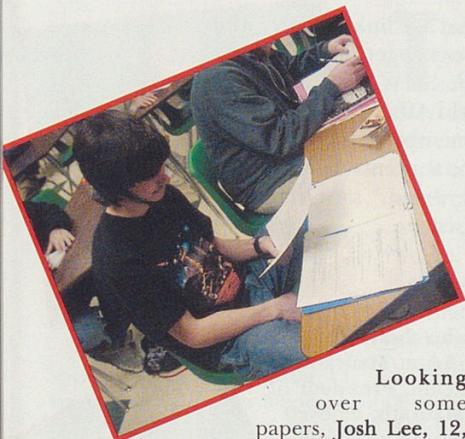


# science club

## enormous galaxy of fun

By: Jieun Chae



Looking over some papers, **Josh Lee, 12**, studies the chemistry section.

Club members studied very hard on their science sections to prepare for each competition. The members took their competitions very seriously.

From simple school club activities to rivaling competitions in Cumberland, the science club was always busy with exhilarating activities.

"I am very proud to be the captain of the science club. We practiced every Monday with the buzzers to get ready for the Science Bowl," said **Josh Lee, 12**.

On November 18, 2005, 13 members of the science club went to the Cumberland College of Chemistry Symposium to compete in an annual Science Olympiad against other schools. The Competition was made up of 16 different events in the science

field. Out of the 13 members that went to the competition, four of the seniors carried away with 5 different metals.

"We all studied very hard for the Cumberland competition, we deserved to win all the metals that we won, and we hope to get better and win more awards in the future," said **Steve Barbian, 12**.

**Barbian** was the first place winner of the Physics exam and the Titrate off.

"You know all those 'why' questions that little kids ask their parents? In the club we learn the answers to those questions. I like being in this club because I like knowing," said **Alex Milaychev, 12**.

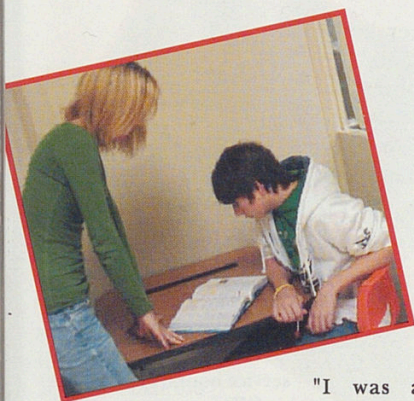


**Alex Milaychev, 12**, and **Steve Barbian, 12**, study together for their big Cumberland Science Competition. Studying together was a way to help each other learn more about science. Their jobs were to know their topics, and they worked hard to learn them.

# Freshmen mentors

## Friends with upper hands

By: Lauren Daniels



"I was a mentor for two years. I thought it was a good experience to put myself back in their shoes. It made me feel good about being able to help out, because I remember how scared I was when I first came into high school," said **Brandy Sears, 12**, with her mentee **Nik Velleca, 9**.

We all remember what it was like to be a freshman; the uneasy feeling of entering into the unfamiliar territory of a large high school filled with hundreds of upperclassmen.

Thankfully, many students walked through the doors of freshman orientation to a pleasant surprise. 150 smiling faces of juniors and seniors were waiting to greet them and show them around the school.

This act was a part of Freshman Mentoring, an organization run by **Mrs. Jen Ulland**. It was set up to help ease the fears of incoming freshmen, by dividing them into groups of four to five students, and having them meet with an upperclassmen that would be their mentor for the year.

The mentors were asked to show the students around the school, answer any questions about classes, lunch, and teachers that they may

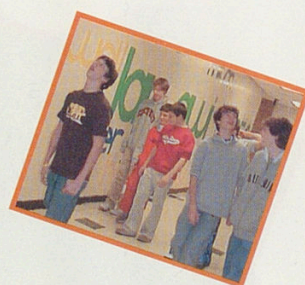
have. To many, they were extremely helpful.

"My mentor was really good. He helped me find all my classes and answered all my questions, except I wasn't sure where I was supposed to go on the first day of school," said **Emily Johnstal, 9**.

It does not stop there though. Many of the meetings turned into friendships which have been kept up past the orientation.

"My mentor and I still talk and even eat lunch together sometimes," said **Annie Roessler, 9**.

While this was just one of the few ways that our students came together to help one another, it was viewed as a large help to the incoming freshman, who were not quite sure what to think about high school.



Hundreds of freshmen file in to take a look at their new school for the next four years. For many, the size of the school was overwhelming. However, in time, they realized it was a nice place to be.