WATERTOWN HIGH

Raiders
Watertown High School

CLASS OF 2009

Watertown High School
50 Columbia Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02472
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"WEARING OUR PRIDE"

By the end of senior year students have accumulated a great amount of shirts and sweatshirts from their years in high school. Many shirts include sayings for the Watertown High School Class of '09, Watertown Football, Watertown Cheering or one of the many other activities that are known around Watertown High School. This year, the theme of our yearbook was inspired by the vast amount of these shirts that we see all around the town and school. The Class of 2009 shows its WHS pride everyday through their clothing choices.
The senior class would like to dedicate this yearbook to its class advisors, Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Balian. Thank you for all of your hard work when it came to planning the class events, running the class meetings and making sure that everything was turned in when it needed to be. Your hard work and devotion to our class and the school helped us complete our high school years. Thank you for all of your constant efforts.
Ms. Washington is hard at work creating a PowerPoint for her History classes.

Mr. Cooke dresses as the Man in the Yellow Hat to celebrate Halloween 2008.

Above Left: Mrs. DiNardo and her daughter cheer on the Raiders at the fall pep rally.
Above Right: Mr. Cacace congratulates Ricky Morrissey on a great basketball season.
Right: Mr. Boudreau is always hard at work in the wood shop.
Mr. Petricone is always energetic and smiling when he is teaching Astronomy!

Mr. Brewer, on his way into the Main Office, pauses for a yearbook picture.

Right: Mr. Nofisker goes over some last minute details at the fall pep rally.
Above Left: Senior Henry shows his school spirit.
Above Right: Class Advisor, Mrs. Hoffman, organizes senior class information.
Faculty

Brendan Atten
Katja Baker
Lina Balian
George Barry
Katherine Bellis
Joanna Bodner
Mark Boudreau
Michael Boyd
Brian Brewer
Gary Bridge
James Buck
John Cacace
Donna Calleja
Maria Chaisson
Jennifer Chiutò
Vincent Ciarametaro
Ann Connors
Brenda Connors
Malcolm Cooke
Joan Corkery
Faculty

Joseph Tirone  James Travers  Karen Trenholm  Vera Ventura  Kittery Wagner
Joan Warnock  Karen Washington  Eileen Westgate  Barbara Williams  Daniel Wulf
Anahid Yacoubian  Hoyin Yuen  Marietta Zani  Jill Zeikel  Emilia Zirolla

GOOD LUCK GRADUATES
Faculty Candids

Right: Mr. Gustafson stands waiting at his classroom door for any late students.

Far Right: Project Adventure teacher Ms. Ruseckas poses quickly for a picture while making her way to class.

Left: Nurse Corkery poses for a quick picture before returning to work.

Right: Food and Nutrition teacher Ms. Johnson waves for the camera as she quickly hurries to class to be sure she is not late!

Below Right: Mr. Lucciano sits at his Computer preparing for his next Accounting class.

Far Right: Senior Benyam Kerman poses with Mr. Brewer and Mr. Harrington while looking up basketball plays during study.

Right: Mrs. Fitz and senior Maddy Herzog pose for a picture while managing the front desk.
Far Left: Mr. Rimas holds up the "Daily News Tribune" looking for current events to discuss in Civics class (or a recent article on the girls basketball team).

Left: Mr. Spillane maintains control over his math classroom.

Far Left: Mrs. D'Amico checks in students late for school.

Left: Mr. Buck points to questions on the board for his class to answer.

Left: Mr. Mastro offers Ms. O'Grady some advice on the school newspaper layout.

Right: Mrs. Hoffman happily copies permission slips for her Law class' field trip to the prison.

Bottom Right: Physical Education teacher Mr. Fratto is captured making his way to the gymnasium to teach class.
Leah Beland, Liz Russo, and Gwen Rothermal show off their numbers for soccer.

Eric Falter, Dylan Aucoin, Ryan LaVache, Sean Mahoney and Anthony Alberico pose for the camera.

Above: Andrew Grant, Brian Field, Pat O'Brien and Libby Emery sitting at their lunch table.

Right: Seniors Maddy Herzog and Gwen Rothermal smile for the camera!
Senior Section

David Bastanelli taking a break from studying in Mr. P's Astronomy Class

Nick Lappen poses with Mr. Noftsker for a picture while shadowing him for a day on a Raider Times assignment.

Above: Brian Field wandering in the hallways.

Left: Seniors Gaby D'Amico and Julia Brennan waiting in the lunch line.
Seniors

Samantha England

Eric Falter

Caitlin Feeney

Brian Field

Justin Forman

Bryan Fulcar Almanzar

Alison Getz

Jenna Gilreath

Andrew Grant

Haig Haroutunian

Madelyn Herzog

Faye Hisoler
Seniors

Sean Mahoney
Alison Marshall
Ryan McDonough
Beth MacMullen

Adrienne Meira
Tayler Mulcahy
Jacob Murray
Gabriel Navarro

Patrick O'Brien
Anne O'Connell
Casey O'Connell
Rogan O'Reilly
Camera Shy Seniors

Heather Ackerman
Sharvin Aghdasifar
Troy Alim
Claudia Aquino
David Arshakyan
Jonathan Badillo
Christine Bellis
Micah Butler
Damion Chadwick
Wanalee Chamchoy
Ivana Chiaravalloti
Shirley Choy
Christopher Cook
Juan Correa
Ricardo De Souza
John Diliberto
Eddie Doumanian
Julian Dutra
Jeffrey Gonzalez Villagran
Eva Guo
Aras Hachikian
Endri Haskaj
Shannon Higgins
Hanan Jaafar
Ara Jakian
Michael Jirichian
Anastasios Kalpakidis
David Keough

Benyam Kerman
Aaron Lynch-Colameta
Kaydeanne McKoy
Sarah Meek
Nicholas Metrano
Mkrtich Minasyan
Jennifer Mitchell
Amanda Montgomery
Richard Morrisey
Yvonne Nayiga
Anan Ninsri
Miguel Pena
Herson Portillo
Rayana Rabelo
Nicholas Salvucci
Aqib Shah
Edward Smith-Hamlett
John Ssenabulya
Ethan Szeto
Norber Tecun
Sun Uoo
Derek Voskanyan
Jessica Widera
Stephen Wu
Wenxian Wu
Lobsang Yeshi
Sana Yousuf
Yu Zhang
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Jessica Afonso, Justin Forman, Alison Holland, Sabrina Paola, Jackie Van Der Keyl, Ryan LaVache, Brian Field, Jake Murray, and Mike Minasyan.
Arthur Patsios and Erik Salvucci at the fifth grade play "Weird Science".

Above: The Cunniff Class
Below: John Dudley acting in "Weird Science"
Right: Allison Pelliter and Kenny Holt at the car wash.

Ms. Griffin's
Third Grade Class

AUTOGRAPHS
FOR LOWELL ALUMNI ONLY!
Hosmer School
Class of 2002

Sarah MacDougall posing in the gym for a picture.

Daniel Yobaccio pretending to surf at the luau.

Far Left Top: Robo in a school play.

Far Left Bottom: Two Hosmer girls in bathing suits for the annual Water Day.

Right Top: One of the third grade classes at a party for the day.

Right Bottom: The same third grade class dancing in the gym.

Center: Julia Brennan in her Hawaiian outfit for the luau party.
Maddy Herzog, Christine Bellis, Shelby Austin-Manning, Irene Jacqz, and Leah Beland awarded for high honors.

Elizabeth Emery, Alison Marshall, and Eva Guo on the bus to Mount Monadnock.

The Watertown Middle School yearbook cover for the graduating class of 2005.

Above Left: Patrick O'Brien and Andrew Grant in class joking with friends.

Above Right: Allison Marshall, Leah Beland, Allison Getz, Shelby Austin-Manning, and Elizabeth Russo all in dresses for a party.

Top Left: Jessica Afonso and Gwen Rothermel at lunch.

Bottom Left: Justin Forman and Ara Jakkian showing off their honor roll awards.

Center Middle: Leah Beland, Elizabeth Russo, Christine Bellis, Irene Jacqz, and Shelby Austin-Manning sitting in a circle smiling for the camera.

Top Right: Gaby D'Amico and Allison Holand in hisotry class making funny faces.

Bottom Right: David Arshakyan, Derek Voskanyan, Robert Dzhanikyan, Joe Tagessian, and Gabriel Navarro all hanging out.

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Seniors - Class of 2009
Sophomores - Class of 2011
Freshmen - Class of 2012
Armenian Club Members
Top Row (L-R): Ani Israelyan, Raffi Kazanjian, Alina Bazarian, Harry Meletiadis, Matt Tardiff.
Bottom Row (L-R): Nanour Bedoyan, Meghri Ishakian, Ani Mousigian, Mariam Chobanyan and Victoria Figueroa.
IDS

(L-R): Ryan Hartman, John McDonald, Caitlin Driscoll, Christa Caira, Yvonne Louie, Michelle Ambila, Andrew Salvas, Dylan Lindholm, Justin Depamphilis, Chris Shnider, Tessa Colameta, Jennifer Sachetti, Kenneth Dickson, Aleks King, Ayanna Monroe, Clara Gibbons, Maxine Barros, Karen XeYu, Dan White, Tom Pankovsky, Katelynn Schultz, Alexis Lopez, Nicole Fantasia, Annie O'Conell, Chris Metrano-Pagan, Amanda Pham, Harrison Ford, Maria Cappellucci, Ciera Taufiq, Emily Bracket, Rose Fitzstrom, Campbell Bernie-Underwood, Kip Struther, Ben Wetherbee, Rachel Gatzunis, Katie Sweeney, and Mr. Gustafson.

Peer Mediation

Ms. Ruseckas, Caitlin Feeney, and Courtney Hopkins.

Student Council

Top Row (L-R): Brian Field, Jonas Bellini, Dylan Aucoin, Semi Spahillari, Brendan Shaugnessy, Rogan O'Reilly.
Bottom Row (L-R): Alina Bazarian, Joe Lepara, Jackie Van der Kyel, Elizabeth Russo, Maddy Herzog, Mike Stewart, and Cory Stockmal.
Clubs and Organizations

Senior Class Officers

(L-R): Matthew Sutherland, Brenda Souza, Jessica Afonso, Mitchell Tolini

Sophomore Class Officers

Chris Roche

Junior Class Officers

(L-R): Allison Grizey, Shannon Moran, Maria Bianchi, Katie Hayes

Freshmen Class Officers

(L-R): Samantha Jewers, Julie Fraser, Kamila Ionesian, Jake Hellman
Armenian Club

(L-R): Talar Abdalian, Nanour Bedoyan, Meghri Ishakian, Ani Israelyan, Victoria Figueroa, Harry Meletiadis, and Matt Tardiff.

Sports Management

Top (L-R): Annie Taverna, Matthew Sutherland
Middle (L-R): Casey O'Connell, Amanda Bonilla, Jessica Afonso, Courtney Hopkins, Samantha England, Gwen Rotharmel, Brendan Shaugnessy
Bottom (L-R): Leah Beland, Alison Holland, Mary Kostikian, Brenda Souza and Jennifer Ryan.

Writer's Ink

(L-R): Christa Caira, Yvonne Louis, Awesta Yaqubi, Zohra Yaqubi, Kamila Ionesian, Maxine Barrios, Dan White, Dylan Lindholm, Nare Gukasyan, Clara Gibbons, Michelle Ambila.
**Science Team**

Top Row (L-R): Tessa Lynch-Colameta, Golshan Zahari, Nicole Fantasia.
Middle Row (L-R): Zohra Yaquibi, Alison Getz, Awesta Yaquibi
Bottom Row (L-R): Ben Wetherbee and Jake Hellman.

**Biology Club**

(L-R): Georgette Hayek, Leah Beland, Gwen Rotharmel, Katie Carlson, Libby Emery, Andrew Grant, Alex Hayek, Mia DePaolis, Michelle Poirier, and Tyler Bartley

**Peer Leadership**

(L-R) Boris Osipov, Pablo Ruiz, Rachel Pano, Michelle Ambila. Christa Caira, Mariam Chobanian, Harrison Ford, Faye Hisoler, Eva Guo, Nare Gukasyan, Clara Gibbons, Kazuka Kuwahara, Yvonne Louis, Amanda Louge, Kathy Choy, Chi Tai, and Anura Budhatthoki.
Tri-Hi-Y/Interact

Top Row (L-R): Raffi Kazanjian, Joe Lepera, Kris Stinehart, Alex Calderon, Scott Stafford, Jennifer Taylor, John Dudley, Jake Murry, Jenna Gilreath, Rachel Alpaugh

Gay/Straight Alliance

Top (L-R): Christa Caira
Middle (L-R): Erin Macri, Harrison Ford, Alexis Lopez, Kip Strother
Bottom (L-R): Maria Cappellucci, and Sasha Grodsky.

Word Painter

(L-R) Boris Osipov, Rachel Pano, Yvonne Louis, Shirley Choy, Kathy Choy
Clubs and Organizations

SADD
Caitlin Feeney and Deena Irgusisi

GBRSC and School Committee Reps
Sarah MacDougall and Matthew Sutherland

Raider Times
Back Row (L-R): Keith Singh, Chloe Anderson, Liz Russo, Shelby Austin-Manning, Jenna Gilreath
Front Row (L-R): Nick Lappen, Taylor Connors, Kelsey Prendergast, Julia Brennan, Kalli Fabriarakis, Mane Hautyunyan Missing: Andrew Grant and Maddy Herzog

Robotics Team
Top Row (L-R): Campbell Bennie-Underwood, Jeff Conde, Andrew Salvas, Chris Metrano - Pagan
Middle Row (L-R): Dylan Lindholm, Michele Ambila, Maxine Barrios, Artemiy Pankovskiy, Daniel White
Bottom Row (L-R): Katelyn Shultz, Maria Cappellucci, Amory Galili, and Clara Gibbons.
National Honor Society

Top Row (L-R): Sarah MacDougall, Boris Osipov, Cory Stockmal, Alison Holland, Kristina D’Amico, Jonas Bellini, Kenneth Holt
Middle Row (L-R): Mrs. Calleja, Caitlin Feeney, Rachel Alpaugh, Rachel Pano, Jenna Gilreath, Shelby Austin-Manning, Alison Marshall, Madeline Herzog
Bottom Row (L-R): Maria Difonte, Faye Hisoler, Shirley Choy, Gabriella D’Amico, Brian Field, Brenda Souza, Sambrant Sharma, Endri Haskaj

Invisible Children

Top Row (L-R): Boris Osipov, Casey O’Connell, Brendan Shaughnessy, Brian Field
Middle Row (L-R): Gloria Kimera, Alison Getz, Faye Hisoler, Rachel Pano, Sarah MacDougall, Brenda Souza, Gabriela D’Amico
Bottom Row (L-R): Teresa Holmes, Maria Bianchi, Maria Difonte, and Kristina D’Amico

Executive Board

Top Row (L-R): Brendan Shaughnessy, Kenneth Holt, Bottom Row (L-R): Annie Taverna, Alison Holland, Jake Hellman, Emily Brackett.
Orchestra
Middle Row (L-R): Katelyn Shultz, Kazuka Kuwahara, Kathy Choy, Dylan Lindholm, Yvonne Louie, Boris Osipov, Alison Getz, Harrison Ford, Zohra Yaqubi, Tessa Lynch-Colameta, Kip Strother.
Bottom Row (L-R): Hannah Barry, Gabriela D'Amico, Rachel Pano, Shirley Choy, Alex D'Amico, Jake Hellman, and Ben Wetherbee.

Drama
Middle Row (L-R): Kazuka Kuwahara, Kathy Choy, Dylan Lindholm, Yvonne Louie, Boris Osipov, Alison Getz, Harrison Ford, Zohra Yaqubi, Tessa Lynch-Colameta, Kip Strother.
Bottom Row (L-R): Michelle Ambila, Amanda Pham, Emily Brackett, Maria Cappellucci, Caitlin Feeney, Annie O'Connell, Rachel Pano, Faye Hisoler, Ben Wetherbee, Erin Macri, Jenna Caskie, Sasha Grodsky.

Band
Top Row (L-R): Mr. Jordan, Nerses Haroutunian, Joe Lepera, Nick Prosser, Brian Cristello, Jeffrey Conde, Aimee Sugrue, Adam Koot-Bascomb, Tyler Moynihan.

Middle Row (L-R): Lori Abdalian, Caitie Horan, Ken Szubzda, Andrew Salvas, Amanda Logue, Giovanni Ortiz.

Bottom Row (L-R): Maeve McClusky, Simone Bailey, Spencer Raftes, Patrick O'Brien, Kevin O'Laughlin, Talia Flores, Campbell Bennie-Underwood and Brian Harper.
Clubs and Organizations

Chorus

Top Row (L-R): Taylor MacLellan, Katreena Alvar, Alicia Cotoni, Michele Cardarelli, Orianna Eason, Kristina Aruz, Alexis Santos, Michelle Ambila, Dylan Lindholm, Clara Gibbons.

Middle Row (L-R): Katie Hayes, Tessa Lynch-Colameta, Cecilia Alvarez, Kazuka Kuwahara, Yvonne Louie, Kathy Choy, Grace Gallant, Isilay Yalcin, Caitlin Feeny, Alison Getz, Sandra Hernandez.

Bottom Row (L-R): Mr. Wulf, Sossee Sarkissian, Cathy Waiswa, Tina Halvadjian, Anna Vedernikova, Annie O’Connell, Shayla Titus, Erin Macri, Faye Hisoler, Calista Diehl, and Caitlyn Driscoll.

A Cappella

Top Row (L-R): Calista Diehl and Michelle Ambila

Middle Row (L-R): Mr. Wulf, Clara Gibbons, Rachel Pano, Caitlin Feeney, Boris Osipov, Faye Hisoler, Erin Macri, Alison Getz, and Justin DePamphilis

Front Row (L-R): Grace Gallant, Gaby D’Amico, Annie O’Connell, Pat O’Brien, Kevin O’Laughlin, and Harrison Ford

Full Orchestra

Top Row (L-R): Mr. Jordan, Joe Lepara, Nick Prosser, Andrew Salvas, Tyler Moynihan, Adam Koot- Bascomb, Brian Cristello.

Third Row (L-R): Dylan Lindholm, Maeve McClusky, Clara Gibbons, Lori Abdalian, Caitie Horan, Simone Bailey, Aimee Sugrue, Talia Flores, Jeffrey Conde.


WHS Talent Show

Right: A group of students perform with Mr. Cooke.

Below: Dylan Lindholm and Gabriella D’Amico walk off stage after performing an Irish Step Dance together.

Above: Mr. Wulf performs.

Left Middle: The two hosts of the night: Annie O’Connell and Shayla Titus.

Bottom Right: Mr. Cooke and Eric Falter perform together with their guitars.

Bottom Middle: A group of girls perform a dance.

Above: Caitlin Feeney performs a song.
February 2009

Above: One of the hosts of the night, Shayla Titus, introduces the next act.

Right Center: Mr. Cooke plays a song on his guitar while a group of students sing.

Below: Ililay Yakis sings a song.

Left: Eric Falter performs a song on his guitar.

Above: Dylan Lindholm and Gaby D'Amico dancing an Irish Step Dance.

Above: Dr. Schutze performs an Italian song.

Left Middle: The whole group takes a bow at the end of the successful show!
### Some of our favorite things.....

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### 2009 Prices

Look what things cost....

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A  WHS' Raiders Down Under's first trip to AUSTRALIA

I  Ice Cream social at the end of the year

J  Junior cruise

K  Senior outing at Kimball Farm

L  Lunch prices going up to $3.50

Q  No more tests or quizzes!

R  Raiders!

S  State Champs 2009 basketball team

T  T-shirts is the theme of the yearbook

Y  Youth Coalition keeping the community safe and happy
Edward and Emmett Cullen, brothers from the famous Twilight

Al Anzaldi is Mr. WHS 2009

North Face jackets

Barack Obama, the first African-American is elected president

Limited parking for students with cars

Uggs

WHS's Victory Field

Watertown High School class of 2009

X-tra long summer for seniors

Zebra print - the popular fashion
Above: The Spirit Of Boston took the Class of 2009 on a formal cruise around Boston Harbor.

Top Left: Robo Janikian and Joe Tagessian enjoy a romantic Titanic reenactment

Far Right: Will O'Brien and Taso Kalpakidis look mysterious with their dark shades.

Bottom Left: Christine Bellis and pal Caitlin Fenny are dressed and ready to for an exciting night.

Bottom Right: Jonas Bellini and Jake Murray take a friendly picture on the top deck.

Above: Jessica Afanso, Mary Kostikian and Brenda Souza pose together in their formal attire.

Bottom Middle: Leah Beland, Ryan LaVache, Stephen Anastasi, Annie Taverna, Sean Mahoney and Gwen Rothermal hangout at their water-view table before eating.
Angelica Ciccarelli and Chantal Vanetzian look great for an amazing night to come.

Robo Janikian could not wait to start dancing.

Andrew Grant and Herling Romero give a thumbs up for the Junior Cruise.

Leah Beland and Gwen Rothermal snap another picture on the dance floor.

Haig Haratounian smiles for the camera.

Above: Aras Hajakian and Joe Taggessian looked great posing in their formal wear.

Bottom Middle: The Junior Class of 2009 had an amazing time on the dance floor!

Above: Sarah MacDougall, Mary Kostikian, Jessica Afonso, Brenda Souza, Shannon Higgins, Alison Holland and Courtney Hopkins posed for a group picture.

Top Left: Arthur Patsios and Shelby Austin-Manning take a picture as they wait to board the Spirit of Boston.

Left: Casey O'Connell, Maddy Herzog and Liz Russo take a picture in front of a beautiful panoramic view of Boston.

Bottom Left: Friends Annie Taverna and Jake Murray pose together on the sunny top deck.

Bottom Right: Matt Sutherland and Sarah MacDougall take a picture together creating memory that will last a lifetime.
October 24, 2008

Right: Brendan Shaughnessy imitates Mr. McDermott as his costume.

Below: Anthony Alberico dressed up as a woman and Stephen Anastasi as a hockey player.

Top Right: Jessica Afonso, Courtney Hopkins, Leah Beland, Brenda Souza, Gwen Rotharmel, and Elizabeth Russo pose in their costumes.

Bottom Left: Cory Stockman is stunned by a photo as Kyle Stockman watches.

Bottom Right: Brenda Souza dressed up as a bumble bee and Benjam Kerman as a convict having a good time.

Above: Aquib Shah, Semi Spahillari, Erik Salvucci, and Mike Stewart all pose for a quick picture while dancing.

Right: A group of seniors pose for a group photo while on the dance floor.
Far Top Left: Nick Lappen, Brian Field and Anne Lytvynenko pose as the Blues Brothers.

Top Left: Brenda Souza fools around with Rachel Pugh.

Above: Good friends, Gwen Rotheral and David Bastianelli, get together for a photo.

Left: Senior boys try to make a pyramid. It includes Cory Stockmal, Justin Forman, and Ryan Lavache on the bottom, Sean Mahoney and Kyle Stockmal above them, with Anthony Alberico, as a woman, at the top.

Below: Mitchell Tolini dressed as an army man, Amanda Bonilla as a cheerleader, and Jen Ryan as a referee. Smile for a picture guys!

Above: (L-R): Ryan Lavache, Kyle Stockmal, Cory Stockmal, Casey O’Connell, Annie Taverna, Jessica Afonso, and Brenda Souza get together for a memory shot.
Fall Pep Rally
Spirit Week

Monday 1/28: TWIN DAY!

Tuesday 1/29: COLOR WARS!

Wednesday 1/30: RAIDERS PRIDE!
Senior Powder Puff Team


Gwen Rothamel
cheers on her teammates after they made a successful play putting the seniors ahead of the juniors.

Annie Traveria
reaches for a high pass from one of her teammates.

Taylor Connors
the quarterback, throws a long pass down the field to her team.

Mr. Percevill
the ref blows the whistle to end a play.

Brenda Souza
is jogging back to her team’s side after just scoring a touchdown.

POWDER PUFF GAME

Above: Fans wait for the next play in suspense, wondering what could happen next. Right: Senior quarterback, Taylor Connors, holds the ball before passing to the receivers in hopes of getting another touchdown.

SEN I O R S  W I N
Ahme: Kri-..una O'Amico get., reaJ) to hind.;
the junior Imm gt>ltmg the hall.

Back Row: Alina Bazarian, Talar Abdalian, Victoria Fiqueroa, Brianna Rogers, Leann Gallella, Valerie Walker, Chloe Anderson, Maria Bianchi, Caroline Billey, Shannon Moran, Ellen Breen, Taylor MacLellan,
Front Row: Samantha Rourke, Katie Hayes, Mariam Sukiasyan, Janine Brown, Jara Barbato, Brittany Obi-Tabot, Jen Taylor, Alison Grizzey, Theresa Holmes, Shannon Hogan

Jenna Gilreath
cheers on her team as she waits for the next play.

Jessica Afonso
waits for for the center to snap her the ball in preparation to start the play.

Mr. Bridge
Stops the game for the half.

Sabrina Paola
snaps the ball to the quarterback to start the game.

Alison Holland
runs the ball to complete a very successful play.

Above: Kristina D'Amico gets ready to block the juniors from getting the ball.
Left: Alison Holland tackles a junior and gains the seniors possession of the ball.
Mr. WHS Competition

Dylan Aucion searches for convict Benyam Kerman as he tries to escape from the police stealing some innocent persons' scooter.

In his lifeguard uniform, Nick Lappen scans the crowd to make sure no one needs to be saved.

Patrick O'Brien shows his talent to the judges by rapping about Watertown High School.
March 11, 2009

Alfonso Anzaldi gets crowned as Mr. WHS.

Jake Murray wearing his Star Wars helmet along with a plaid vest and his girlfriend's jeans and heels shows the judges what he wears on a normal basis.

Brendan Shaughnessy prepares for the casual wear part of the competition.
Jeff Le catching up on some needed sleep.

The Watertown group standing on the Great Wall of China.

Tang Dynasty Show in Xi'an.

Preformance by rural school children in Xi'an to welcome the group.

Left Bottom: Chinese High School in Beijing

Shirley Choy and Rachel Pano in front of Shanghai's "TV tower."

Jeff Le, Eric Anistazi, Maggie Dawson, Shirley Choy, Judy Choy, Rachel Pano in Shanghai.
Brian Field riding a mechanical bull in the Outback.

Rachel and Kiley Alpaugh in the rainforest.

Wearing Courtney Hopkins's jacket, Patrick O'Brien looks confused.

Patrick O'Brien, Brian Field, and Kevin O'Laughlin singing on the beach.

Right Top: Herling Romero, Andrew Grant, and Nick Lappen in the Outback at breakfast.
Right Bottom: The famous Sydney landmarks.

Above: Herling Romero trying on a classic Australian hat.

Above: Andrew Grant and Elizabeth Emery wearing similar striped sweaters.

Left Top: John teaching the group how to throw a boomerang.
Left Bottom: The group in one of the many rainforests.
The WHS girl running themselves on the dock.

Left Top: Mr. Buckley teaching the group about native ocean life.

Left Bottom: The whole group jumping off the dock holding hands.

Right Top: Students playing a friendly game of chicken.

Right Bottom: Elizabeth Emery scubadiving, reaching for coral nearby.

The entire WHS group sitting on a beach wall posing for a group picture.

The WHS girls sunning themselves on the dock.

Katie Carlson, Andrew Grant, and Georgette Hayek in a group picture.

Katie Carlson scubadiving in the warm water of Bonaire.

The crew at sunset.
World Traveling Raiders

Left Top: Painted in Australian streets is "Look Right" because tourists are used to looking left for traffic.
Left Bottom: Rachel Pano and Shirley Choy sitting together on a train.

Right Top: Herling Romero and Nick Lappen looking for kangaroos in Australia.
Right Bottom: The Watertown group posing for a picture in China.

Above: Boss was one of the many Outback ranch pets.
Above: Georgette Hayek crouching in a small cave in Bonaire.

Andrew Grant, Elizabeth Emery, and Mia in Bonaire.

Patrick O'Brien getting ready for a hot day in Australia, even though it is winter there.

WHS students standing on the stairs talking.

Maggie Dawson, Rachel Pano, and Shirley Choy posing in front of a Chinese city.
Watertown High School Presents:

Below: Keith Singh as Elwood P. Dowd

Top Right: Keith Singh as Elwood P. Dowd talks to Nick Epstein with Tovia Siegal as Ms. Kelley looking on.

Above: Nick Epstein as Dr. Sanderson waits by the phone as Tovia Siegal as Ms. Kelley has a conversation.

Right: Keith Singh as Elwood P. Dowd is carried off by Erik Salvucci playing Wilson while Tovia Siegal, playing Ms. Kelley, walks the other way.

Above: Tovia Siegal as Ms. Kelley on stage.

Left: Erin Macri as Veta Simmons and Maria Cappellucci as Aunt Ethel speak excitedly on stage.

Below Left: Erin Macri and Nick Epstein talk about Harvey, the imaginary rabbit.
"Harvey"

Top Left: (L-R) Nick Metrano playing Dr. Chumley, Nick Epstein as Dr. Sanderson, Grace Gallant as Mrs. Chumley and Tovia Siegal as Ms. Kelley try to locate Elwood.

Below: Keith Singh as Elwood and Grace Gallant as Mrs. Chumley talk on stage.

Above: Nick Metrano and Nick Epstein speak to each other in character.

Right: Dr. Chumley, played by Nick Metrano, gives Wilson, played by Erik Salvucci, orders.

Below: Jenna Caskie as Myrtle Mae Simmons has a conversation on the phone.

Above: (L-R) Jenna Caskie, Maria Cappellucci and Erin Macri in character on stage.

Left: Ms. Kelley, played by Tovia Siegal, talks to a sobbing Veta Simmons, played by Erin Macri.

Above: (L-R) Nick Metrano playing Dr. Chumley, Nick Epstein as Dr. Sanderson, Grace Gallant as Mrs. Chumley and Tovia Siegal as Ms. Kelley try to locate Elwood.
Fall Sports

Volleyball Captains Alina Bazarian and Annie Taverna

Senior field hockey player Tayler Mulcahy

Above: Soccer Captains David Arshakyan and Bijan Ghom.

Fall Sports

Field Hockey Captains Alison Holland and Sarah MacDougall

Soccer Captains Jackie VanDerkeyl, Mary Kostikian and Courtney Hopkins

Above: Semi Spahillari sprints down the field.

Left: Gaby D’Amico and teammate push to finish the race.
Mike Baccari, surrounded by fellow revelers, shows his pride dressing as a Raider at the state championship basketball game.

Above: Senior boys seem to be leading the cheers! Middle: Brendan Shaughnessy claps for his fellow Raiders while a nervous Mary Kostikian bites her nails. Far Right: Girls basketball players take center court with their parents on Senior Night.

Left: Officer MacLellan and Mr. McDermott cheer on the Raider basketball players at the DCU Center in Worcester. Middle Left: Alison Holland, wearing her Watertown shirt anxiously watches the state championship game. Middle Right: Mary Kostikian and Sarah MacDougall show their Raider Pride. Right: Pat O'Brien, Nick Lappen, and Herling Romero cheer on the girls at the annual Powder Puff game.
"We are more than just a team, we are a family. Together, we fought through the pain. Together, we have grown immensely not only as players, but also as individuals. Together, we went twenty-one games without losing and together, we fell one victory short of the state finals."

-Captains Sarah MacDougall and Alison Holland.

"The Raiders went undefeated until their last game. They were the Middlesex League Champions and the Division 2 North Champions.

Top (L-R): Taylor Connors, Erika Kelly, Kelsey Prendergast, Bianca Jones, Jillian English, Julia Tolman, Lauren Giordano, Kaylee McNamara, Coach Kim Boyd
Middle (L-R): Coach Eileen Donahue, Allison Grizey, Tayler Mulcahy, Katie Carlson, Jessica Doggett, Emily Sideris, Lyndsay Daley
Bottom (L-R): Captain Alison Holland, Captain Sarah MacDougall

Above (L-R): Senior Sarah MacDougall, freshman Lauren Giordano, senior Alison Holland and sophomore Kaylee McNamara line up for an offensive corner.

Far Left: Freshman Erika Kelly explodes down field on a breakaway.

Left Middle: Freshman all-star Lauren Giordano eliminates Lexington defender with a flawless pull left.

Far Left: Alison Holland aggressively attacks the ball, preventing the opposing defender from gaining possession. Left Center: Sarah MacDougall battles her opponent before getting off a pass up field. Right Center: Tayler Mulcahy pulls right to quickly surpass the opposing defender. Far Right: Kelsey Prendergast uses her body to shield herself and leave the opposing player in the dust.
Football

Back Row (L-R): Coaches Fratto, Precavil, Brackett, Jorden, Head Coach Cacace, Scoppa, Martin, Bridge, Oates
Fourth Row (L-R): Brian ?, Abe Hamad, Tyler Spence, James Smith, Carl ?, Bliss Payne, Pat Kass, Alex Logan
Third Row (L-R): Billy Brennen?, Dylon Riley, Shane Fitzgerald?, Tyler Romanelli, Carlos Guadardo, CJ Logan, Steven Miller, Dave Farrer, Chris Hoca
Bottom Row (L-R): Joe Tagessian, Rogan O'Reilly, Narek Papeyan, Eric Falter, Arthur Patsios, Anthony Alberico, Ricky Morrissey

"Through the good times and bad, we were always proud to play beside each other and had more fun than you ever could have imagined. We finished the season with the true pride of a Watertown Red Raider football player."

Said Anthony Alberico
2008 senior captain

Above: The seniors of the team line up for a photo. (L-R): Joe Tagessian, Rogan O'Reilly, Narek Papeyan, Eric Falter, Arthur Patsios, Anthony Alberico, Ricky Morrissey

Right Middle: The team running around Victory Field as Narek Papeyan and Arthur Patsios lead the group.

Right: CJ Logan looks to pass.

Left: Kicker Rogan O'Reilly punts the football. Middle Left: CJ Logan looks to hand off to a Raider. Middle Right: Junior Luke McElroy runs down field. Right: Captain Anthony Alberico gains yardage.
Fall season cheering has been a breakthrough from the previous years. Although we did not compete, we still had a successful season with hard work.

Said Amanda Bonilla
2008 senior captain
"Our team has always been small so it was no surprise when we only had seven girls sign up this year but we managed a 1-8 record which is the girls best season in four years - we made Wtitt so proud!"

Said Elizabeth Emery
2008 senior captain
"The team absolutely took it to the next level this year. With the numbers up and the addition of key contributors we were able to put together a pleasantly surprising season, with greater expectations for next year."

Said Andrew Grant
2008 Team Captain
Boys Soccer

Top (L-R): Coach Kaz, Jonas Bellini, Matthew Sutherland, David Arshakian, Bijan Ghom, Benyam Kerman, Mitchell Tolini, Dylan Aucoin, Gabriel Navarro

Bottom (L-R): Norbert Tecun, Semi Spahillari, Jeffery Gonzalez, Jonathan Coronado, James Holland, Christian Revolorio

Above: Christian Revolorio returns the ball.

Right Middle: Robert Janikian fights Wakefield for the ball.

Far Right: Mitchell Tolini and Jonas Bellini teams up to defend the net.

Far Left: David Arshakian makes a huge kick with Jeffery Gonzalez as goal keeper. Center Left: Robert Janikian runs through his opponent focused on the ball. Center Right: Semi Spahillari runs up the field. Far Right: Eric Yakuze fights for the ball against Wakefield.
"It's easier for strangers to celebrate success, but it takes a team to cope with loss."

-Captains Jackie Vanderkeyl, Mary Kostikian, and Courtney Hopkins

Far Left: Jackie Vanderkeyl uses her defensive skills to gain possession of the ball. Middle Left: Mary Kostikian dribbles past her opponent and prepares to send the ball down the field. Middle Right: Courtney Hopkins dribbles up the field while Mary Kostikian supports her on the left. Right: Courtney Hopkins quickly passes the ball over to Gwen Rothamel.
"During the season, we grew as a team and each person as a player. Overall, great season!"

Said Annie Taverna, 2008 team captain

Top (L-R): Victoria Figueroa, Kathy Choy, Ani Moushigian, Janine Brown, Gloria Kimera
Bottom (L-R): Kristina D’Amico, Annie Taverna, Alina Bazarian, Shirley Choy

Above (L-R): The three seniors, Kristina D’Amico, Shirley Choy, and Annie Taverna, have been involved in the program since the beginning.

Right Middle: The team converses during a time out.
Far Right: Annie Taverna uses her height to an advantage as she approaches the net.

Far Left: Janine Brown returns a volley as Kathy Choy assists. Left Center: Gloria Kimera fiercely returns a serve. Right Center: Shirley Choy waits to receive a serve as Janine Brown positions to volley. Far Right: Shirley Choy serves the ball to the opposing team.
It was a good rebuilding year with a lot of underclassmen; there was even an 8th grader leading the squad! There is a bright future once again for Watertown Golf if the young guns stay committed."

Said Brenden Shaughnessy, 2008 team captain

Top (L-R): Carolyn Stewart, Coach Travers, Danny Kelly, Chris Roche, Danny Renzella, Cole Manchester, Tyler Bartley, Pat McHugh, Emily Dinjian

Bottom (L-R): Stephen Anastasi, Brenden Shaughnessy, Pat O'Brien, Mike Stewart, Herling Romero

Far Left: Stephen Anastasi takes a swing.

Center (L-R): Senior Captain Mike Stewart, Coach Travers, and Senior Captain Brendan Shaughnessy

Above: Senior Captain Mike Stewart taking a swing.

Winter Sports

Benyam Kerman goes for a foul shot as Marco Coppola looks on.

Boys Track Seniors Rogan O'Reilly, Brian Field, Andrew grant, and Nick Lappen.

Above: Senior Taylor Connors races down the court, outrunning an opponent.

Right: Seniors Courtney Hopkins, Katie Murphy, and Leah Beland
Winter Sports

Track Captains Gaby D'Amico, Alison Holland, and Kelsey Prendergast with Coach Mastro.

Hockey Captains Matt Sutherland, Sean Mahoney and Brian Dupuis with Coach Campbell.

Above: Brittany Obi-Tabot looks to shoot over a Winchester defender.

Left: Wrestling Captain Gabe Navarro shakes his opponent's hand before starting the match.
Boys Basketball

2009 State Champions

Top Row (L-R): Coach Harrington, Luke McElroy, Marco Coppola, Tim Barba, Cory Donahue, Connor Stockdale, Tyler Romanelli, Meroujan Baghdasarian

"I think we had a great season with a tough schedule. We lost to very talented teams but we ended it with a championship and it was an incredible way to end the year and the seniors' career" - Captain Cory Stockmal

Above: Kyle Stockmal going in for a lay up.
Bottom: Benyam Kerman makes his way to the hoop for a tough shot.
Right: Marco Coppola doing his job and keeping the ball in possession.
Far Right: Rocky Morissey looks to shoot.

Middle Left: Cory Stockmal scores points for the basketball team. Middle Right: Connor Stockdale going to great heights to gain possession of the ball. Right: Cory Stockmal sets up a play.
Throughout the season we worked together as a team to reach our goal of qualifying for the state tournament. Although we didn't make it past the first round, we can proudly say that we gave it our all.)*

-Captains Mary Kostikian and Brittany Obi-Tabot

Top (L-R): Keyanna Reed, Mia DePaolis, Michelle Poirier, Janine Brown, Ashley Curtin-MacGregor, Jennifer Taylor, Coach Leah Zaino
Bottom (L-R): Maria DiFonte, Captain Brittany Obi-Tabot, Taylor Connors, Captain Mary Kostikian, Tayler Mulcahy
Missing: Sarah MacDougall, Jenna Gilreath, Amanda Bonilla

Above (L-R): Brittany Obi-Tabot, Ashley Curtin-MacGregor and Mary Kostikian fiercely defend their basket using a zone defense.

Far Left: The seniors line up with their parents on senior night.
Left Middle: Junior Captain Brittany Obi-Tabot soars over the Winchester defenders.

Far Left: Linking arms, the team lines up for the playing of the National Anthem. Left Center: Senior Taylor Connors aggressively drives to the basket. Right Center: Captain Mary Kostikian encourages Taylor Connors as she preps for a foul shot. Far Right: Mary Kostikian attacks the basket down low.
Boys Wrestling

Top (L-R) Sal Schiano, Jack Brackett, Moise Langene, Hagop Keshishyan, Cesar Hagopian, David Woodland, Coach
Bottom: (from left to right) Nicolas D'Amico, Colin Geagan, Gabe Navarro, Ryan LaVache, and Mike D'Amico.

Captains Mike D'Amico, Gabe Navarro, and David Woodland

Left: Nicolas D'Amico getting his hand raised after a win.

"We competed in the toughest sport in the school ..... and we competed damn well"
- Senior Captain Gabe Navarro

Right: Cesar Hagopian starting to pin his opponent. Middle Left: Moise Langene trying to get control. Middle Right: Jack Brackett starting off a match. Right: David Woodland talking to the coach before he wrestles.
Winter Cheerleading

It was a rough season, but together we managed to pull through.

-Senior Captain Amanda Bonilla

Back Row: Alicia Conti, Victoria Quirk, Nicole Chase, Alicia Tardiff, Jara Barbato
Middle Row: Justyne Stewart, Abby Delaney, Jillian English, Taylor MacLellan
Front Row: Sabrina Paola, Amanda Bonilla, Chloe Anderson

Top Left: Abby Delaney cheers on the Raiders.
Far Left: Shannon Hogan, Justyne Stewart, and Amanda Bonilla are in formation.
Above: Amanda Bonilla, Victoria Quirk, and Nicole Chase stunting at halftime.

Left: Abby Delaney gets some cheering help from Nicole Chase. Middle Left: Justyne Stewart cheers on the basketball players. Middle Right: Senior Amanda Bonilla leads Raider cheerleaders in a sideline cheer. Right: Senior Jessica Afonso cheers from the sidelines.
Top Row (L-R): Kevin Rooney, Michael Martino, Eric Dupuis, Sean McCusker, Timothy Geagan, Michael Baccari.
Middle Row (L-R): Coach Campbell, Pat Kass, Greg Geagan, Scott Stafford, Edward Cafua, Brett McManus, Mike Busconi, Coach Hayes
Bottom Row (L-R): Dylan Aucoin, Julian Inferrera, Captain Matthew Sutherland, Captain Sean Mahoney, Captain Brian Dupuis, Sean Bowler, and Justin Pelletier.

"We worked hard to stay competitive in one of the toughest leagues in the state. We surprised ourselves every night and we couldn’t be more proud of the guys."

-Captains Matt Sutherland, Sean Mahoney, and Brian Dupuis.
"We go out there, we run our hardest, and we still manage to have fun while doing it! We compete individually but we come together as a team. The girls gave it there all this year and we won a meet and many people went on to states which was awesome to see."

-Senior Captain Ali Holland
Boys Indoor Track


Bottom Row (L-R): Rogan O’Reilly, Nick Lappen, Chris McDermott, Kris Stinehart, Andrew Grant, and Brian Field.


This year the winter track team improved greatly. We had some very close meets and ended up getting two wins by a combined margin of only 2 points. What helped us the most was everyone contributing in every meet.

-Senior Captain Andrew Grant

Top Right Corner:
Coach Witt, Captains Kris Stinehart, Chris McDermott, Andrew Grant, and Coach Ussegho.

Right Below: Junior Brendan Kuo doing the high jump.

Middle (L-R):
Seniors Rogan O’Reilly, Brian Field, Andrew Grant, and Nick Lappen.

Right: James Holland running his race.

Far Right: Don Pham and Kevin O’Laughlin waiting for the race to begin.

Left: Nathan Wilson-Braun waiting to hurdle.
Middle Left: Junior Kris Stinehart throwing the shot put.
Middle Right: Juniors Nathan Wilson-Braun and Timmo Moyn sprinting during the hurdles.
Right: Senior Brian Field running his race.
Casey,
We are so proud of the young lady you've become. You've shown us that you can succeed at anything you try. Congratulations and best wishes on the road ahead!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Kaela

Dear Bryan,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you. We wish you success as you continue your journey. We love you very much!

Mom, Dad, Cesar, and Julio Jr.

Congratulations
Samantha England

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

With Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Timothy, Tyler, Shawna, Alicia, Dereck, Grandma, Great grandpa, Puppy and Max.

Congratulations
Sarah!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Andrew, and Rob
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Rachel,
You've done an awesome job at WHS and we know MCPHS will be just as great. We love you and will support you all the way! Go for every chance and make the most of it.

Love, Mom, Dad, + Kiley
Arizona Senator John McCain wins the Republican nomination for president and names Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as his running mate. Palin is the Republican Party's first female nominee for vice president.

Democratic Senator Joe Biden of Delaware becomes the 47th vice president of the United States. A member of the Senate since 1973, Biden brings long-time Washington experience to the Obama administration.
Obama's grassroots organization and innovative Web campaign is credited with inspiring young and first-time voters to participate heavily in the election.

The values, fashion and personal vitality of the Obama family resonate with Americans. Public interest in the first family rivals that of the interest in the Kennedy family in the 1960s.
Barack Obama makes history as the first African-American to win the presidency of the United States. The former Illinois senator promises an era of change that captures the imagination of voters nationwide.

Electoral Votes

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McCain/Palin run a strong campaign, winning 22 states. But they are defeated 53 vs. 46 percent in the general election and by a substantial margin in the Electoral College.

Celebrations around the world

*America makes history*

**Obama wins**
In January 2009, President-elect Obama attends the ultimate power lunch in the White House, meeting and getting advice from President Bush as well as former Presidents George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter.

During the inauguration ceremony, Malia Obama captures the moment from a unique point of view.

Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States before millions in Washington, D.C. Obama's inaugural address calls for a "new era of responsibility" in the face of economic decline and a pledge to choose "hope over fear."

"We have chosen hope over fear..."
Stocks plummet as years of excess in the U.S. housing market and lax supervision of financial institutions contribute to the greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

Unemployment rate hits 16-year high in January 2009

With buying power declining in the consumer marketplace, companies nationwide are forced to lay off workers. The national unemployment rate hits 7.2 percent in December and is rising steadily. The hardest hit states are Michigan, Rhode Island, California and South Carolina.

Detroit's struggling 'Big Three' automakers, General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, request and are eventually offered a bailout package of just over $17 billion in December.
GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

Many retailers are forced to file for bankruptcy or go out of business after being unable to rebound from the harsh economy and a very disappointing fourth quarter of 2008.

Teen work part-time

Gas prices up and down

The world’s “hot spots” center around the Middle East. Israel mounts a major offensive against Hamas in Gaza, the United States continues to oppose the Taliban in Afghanistan and insurgents in Iraq, and in August, Russia attacks its southern neighbor, Georgia, in a dispute over western influence in the area.

Support our Troops

In January 2009, after both engines fail due to ingesting birds, US Airways Flight 1549 ditches in New York’s Hudson River. All 155 passengers and crew members are saved, thanks to the skill and courage of pilot Chesley B. “Sully” Sullenberger.

“Miracle on the Hudson”
Public bicycle sharing systems, already popular in Europe, roll into American cities like Washington, D.C., to help fight traffic congestion and reduce pollution.

Tight money and high gas prices push auto manufacturers to investigate super fuel-efficient and electric cars. The Chevrolet Volt is an early contender and the tiny “Smart” car is already on American roads.

Environmental consciousness consumers use items such as reusable cloth shopping bags and Klean Kanteen water bottles that don’t leak harmful chemicals like BPA.

Chevy Volt
Brad Pitt launches the "Make It Right" project to build 150 green-sensitive new homes in the New Orleans Lower 9th Ward, which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Pitt contributes $5 million to the project.

In September, Google and General Electric partner to develop clean technologies. Modernizing the national electric grid to enable wider deployment of wind, solar and geothermal energy will be an early priority.

The green cleaning movement gains momentum nationally as environmentally safe non-toxic cleaning products are used in many homes, as well as state and city institutions.

President-elect Obama asks all Americans to volunteer their time on the 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, January 19, and to continue throughout the year. More than 12,000 service projects take place across the country.
Summer Olympics

The Beijing 2008 Summer Olympics showcase some of the most amazing performances in Olympic history.

Sports

The Olympic Opening Ceremony

Cristiano Ronaldo

Tiger Woods

Usain Bolt Fastest man EVER!

American swimmer Michael Phelps makes Olympic history with eight gold medals. Phelps sets three world records in his five individual wins.

Red Wings win 2008 Stanley Cup

The Philadelphia Phillies win their second World Series with a five game victory over the Tampa Bay Rays. The fifth game takes three days to complete after a rain delay.
MVP Santonio Holmes makes a tip-toe catch in the corner of the end zone with 35 seconds remaining to lead the Pittsburgh Steelers past the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in Super Bowl XLIII.

Jimmie Johnson captures the NASCAR Sprint Cup championship for the third straight year in his famous #48 Lowe's Chevrolet Impala SS.
Stephanie Meyer's runaway best-seller, Twilight, becomes a hit movie starring Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart as Edward and Bella.

Tina Fey

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

Grey's Anatomy

Reality TV

GREEK

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Slumdog Millionaire, a surprise entry from India about teen life in Mumbai, and Brad Pitt's The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, about a man who ages backwards, monopolize Academy Award nominations with a combined total of 23.
MTV spins off the reality show The Hills, following Laguna Beach star Lauren Conrad and her friends to Los Angeles.

Australian Heath Ledger, in his last film role as the Joker in the Batman epic The Dark Knight, wins a posthumous Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actor in a Drama.
Britney Spears rebounds from years of personal challenges with her fifth No. 1 album, Circus. She becomes the only act in Nielsen SoundScan history to have four albums that debut with 500,000 or more copies sold.

Rapper Lil' Wayne takes home four Grammys, including Rap Album of the Year for Tha Carter III and Best Rap Song.

Due to low ratings, MTV's flagship show Total Request Live shuts down in November after a 10-year run.

R&B singer/songwriter Ne-Yo brings out his third album, Year of the Gentleman, which debuts on the Billboard 200 at No. 2. The album garners six Grammy nominations.

Music
The video for Will.i.am's song "Yes We Can" garners more than 1.3 million hits on YouTube and becomes an anthem for young voters during the presidential campaign.

Classic Rock

Fox's American Idol adds a fourth judge to the popular show. Grammy-nominated songwriter Krsna DioGuardi joins regular panelists Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell.

Rocker David Cook, with 58 percent of the fan votes, beats balladeer David Archuleta in the 2008 finals of Fox's American Idol.
Texting becomes the new writing. Teens everywhere learn to double-thumb miniature keyboards and invent a new language of abbreviations and signs.

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