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Johnston High School

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SPARK

2015
the dragon



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SPARK

COLOPHON

Spark is the 68th edition of "The Dragon." The staff thought up the theme during the spring of 2014. Half-baked ideas of how to incorporate it into the book ran freely throughout the flab for the remainder of the year, throughout the summer and up until winter break. We eventually decided to divide the book up in to the sections inspire, aspire, transpire, acquire, admit and within those sections, organize the pages chronologically. Each section is titled with the suffix "ire", coming from the word "fire". This represents the passion as well as the many sparks that take place inside and outside the walls of JHS. Students show their passion within the classroom, throughout their daily activities, and in their social lives. We believe that everyone has a spark. The pages of this book contain our sparks. The sparks that get us out of bed in the morning. The sparks that fuel our drive every single day. The sparks that make each and every one of us unique. There are 1,491 students in the high school, 1,491 sparks.

The staff was made up of 19 sophomores, juniors and seniors who dedicated countless hours of their time to create a book that best represents the 2014-2015 school year and the people

who are a part of it. We also can not forget about the four editors who spent two periods of their day in the journalism lab. The book would not have made it to the printing press without the work done by seniors Megan Buckallew, Gabbie Ledesma, Elizabeth Reiher and Alex Reiher. After spending quite a while looking at hundreds of layout examples on the Herff Jones website, Megan started to design layouts for the first time. All the layouts were designed by Megan. Every single one. Gabbie designed most of the infographics and made sure each was done right. She made sure each page had its own spark, even if it did take a bagel or two to help motivate her. Elizabeth was in charge of photos. She looked over and approved all photos that made it in the book, simultaneously taking many pictures herself. Alex tended mostly to the staff, assigning deadlines and editing all the stories and captions. The foursome was a bit different than the leadership in years past, but worked as everyone's role catered to their strengths.

Although the staff had the ultimate say of what did and didn't go in the book, we couldn't create it alone. With the help and guidance of our yearbook advisor, Shipp, the ideas from the staff

were transformed into the book in your hand right now. The book would also have not been made possible without the support from the 92 businesses who purchased ads, which were sold in the spring of 2014 and throughout the summer and fall; each for \$85. Every supporter earned themselves a 1x5 ft panel on the gym wall and a spot in the support ad section of the book. These funds allowed us to print our size nine, 224-page book in full color and on 100 pound paper, and we are so grateful.

The photos on the cover and both endsheets were taken by Elizabeth over the summer with a Nikon D3200. Long exposure was used to capture the sparkler motion. Then, Alex photoshopped herself out of all the photos.

We also had the aid of some pretty nice technology. The flab was equipped with 15 27-inch Macs that all contained the CS5 version of Indesign and Photoshop. We also shared five cameras with newspaper, two Nikon D7000s, two D7100s and one D70.

This book sold for \$56 and \$61 with the name plate and nearly 1010 copies were printed. Every copy is quite simply a documentation of our sparks. The sparks that together build a fire. The sparks that together, make up JHS.

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AWARDS

Individual IHSPA Awards

First Place

Cara Carlson - feature photo
Tyler Fenton - academics photo
Tyler Fenton - organizations photo
Kathia Foy - feature writing
Kathia Foy - infograph
Anna Lam - sports design
Anna Lam - typography
Anna Lam - academics design
Anna Lam/Kelsey Acheson - opening spread
Anna Lam/Kelsey Acheson - theme
Gabby Ledesma - sports writing
Elizabeth Reiher - academics writing
Elizabeth Reiher/Kyle Le Page/Anna Lam - feature presentation
Hannah Van Zee - organizations writing

Second Place

Megan Buckallew - academics writing
Megan Buckallew - infograph
Megan Buckallew - sports writing
Amanda Jansen - academics photo
Amanda Jansen - organization photo
Anna Lam - student life design
Anna Lam/Kelsey Acheson - closing spread
Kyle Le Page - feature photo
Hannah Van Zee - organizations writing

Third Place

Amanda Jansen - feature writing
Anna Lam - academics design
Anna Lam - cover
Anna Lam/Helen Moritz/Elizabeth Reiher/Laura Schwartz - feature presentation
Helen Moritz - organization writing
Elizabeth Reiher - sports action photo

Honorable Mention

Ashley Long - feature photo

IHSPA
Sweepstakes 1st
Place State winner

CSPA
Gold Medalist

NSPA
All-American

Honorable Mention
Seth Andrews - student life photography



Photo by Seth Andrews

SPARK

n. [spärk]

a trace of a specified quality
or intense feeling.

Each of us holds our own *spark*.
That adds up to a grand total of

1,491

*one-of-a-kind, unique, special,
original* sparks overflowing the
halls of JHS.

We will pursue these sparks in our
everyday lives,

and find the passion that drives us to get out
of bed in the morning.

Ignite the fire and transform your spark into
an everlasting, inextinguishable flame.

So, what's your *spark*?

- 7 dance in the rain ❄️
- 9 paint the stadium ❄️
- 13 win a Pacemaker ❄️
- 16 be a 5x grand champ ❄️
- 23 sing in "Bye Bye Birdie" ❄️

Trimming the sides of the measured pieces of fabric, junior Shelby Grzech takes the initial step to make her first baby blanket for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Family, Career and Community Leaders of America made baby blankets to donate to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.
(Photo by Esmeralda Flores)



Archery coaches Dave Beeson and Doug Trail accompany senior Taylor Hall while she records her score. The archery team attended state March 7 at HyVee Hall and placed sixth out of 14 teams. The team scored 3,315 points at the tournament, which was the highest score of the season.
(Photo by Esmeralda Flores)



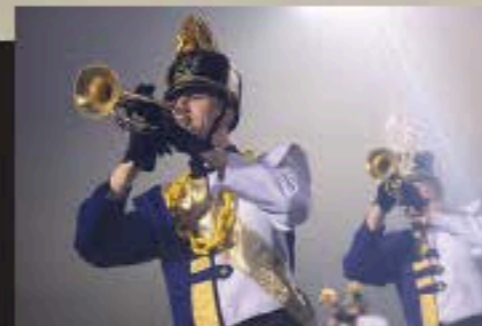
Grand
Champion
Premiere
The Prairie Show Choir Invitational
January 10, 2015



ORGANIZATIONS INSPIRE ❄️

v. [in'spī(ə)r]

fill (someone) with the urge or ability to do or feel something; to influence, move, or guide



Senior Ryan Kramme plays his trumpet during the marching band's halftime performance on senior night. The seniors wore gold sashes in addition to their uniforms, and Kramme added some extra flair with a gold chain.
(Photo by Ashley Long)