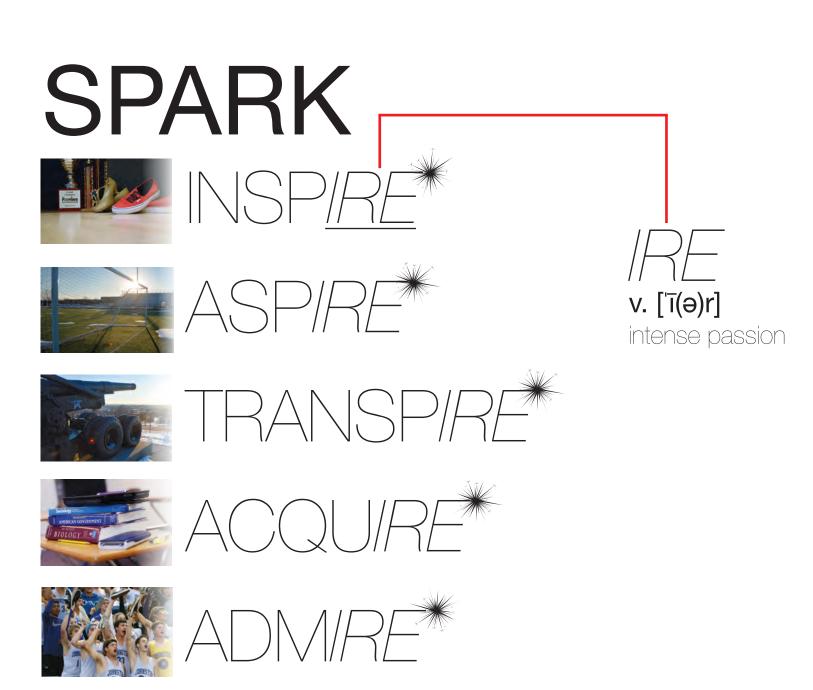
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Special Instructions



Spark is the 68th edition of "The Dragon."The staff thought up the theme during the spring of 2014. Halfbaked ideas of how to incorporate it Into the book ran freely throughout the Jlab 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, admire 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 IHS. 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, luniors 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 sentors Megan Buckallew, Gabbie Ledesma, Elizabeth Rether and Alex Rether. 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. Gabble designed most of the infographs 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 Jlab 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 coptes 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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