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Welcome to Blanco High School's 1997-98 *Panther*



The Panther and Panther Chat Staff

(Back) Jake Prince, Jason Head, Michael Mobley, (Middle) Nicole Ridner, Jessie Laumer, Brandie Bindseil, Marianna Dennis, Katy Alldredge, Kristy Risinger, Jaime Pribyl, Bethany Zercher, Shelee Granberg, Dennis Moore, Pamela Hardin, Andrea Mogavero, (Front) Jamie Morgan, Amy Jo Harris, Erin McNabney, Daniel Bethke, Charles Brenner



The journalism class would like to thank everyone for their patience in piecing together this yearbook. Especially, we would like to thank Mrs. Debby Caudell for her patience with our computer problems.

This is the first yearbook in BHS history that has been produced solely using computers. The process has given us many, many "learning situations" which, we hope, actually enhanced our final product.



These photos represent much of the work in the class at the end of the year. Everyone finished their layouts and waited patiently for Daniel and Mr. Kirkscey to "gently reprimand" us for doing a layout incorrectly. Then we would rush off to stare at the computer screen and attempt to remember what to change.... We hope we were right...at least most of the time.



School Board Leads Blanco I.S.D. into the 21st Century



Koch, Thompson, and Moore listen to news from the architect.



Thompson and Moore study plans for the new high school.



Koch and Pepper visit after the NHS induction.



Business Manager Janice Erwin, Behrends, Trotter, Herden, and Superintendent Adkins tend to business.



Lulu Corley and Debby Caudell—15 year service pin recipients.

1997-98 School Board Members

- Jim Pepper, President
- Matt Herden, Vice-President
- Louise Koch, Secretary
- Clayton Trotter
- David Behrends, DVM
- James Thompson
- Dennis Moore



Superintendent
Mike Adkins



Administrative Secretary
Landa Lassberg



Business Manager
Janice Erwin



Business Clerk
Dawn Reeves

Three-Year service pin recipients (l-r): Kathy Rochester, Laurie Parker, Debbie Martinez, Mike McClure, Camille Mikeska, Sharon Cox, Mushy Evans, Floyd Flowers, Janice Erwin



Five-year service pin recipients: Vicky Friesenhahn, Tyre Thompson, Karen Carter, Danny Rogers, and Darren Carter.



Anna Mae Wiede receives her 10-year service pin.

High School

**Principal,
Lynn Boyd**



Allen, Rosemary
Beckham, Ann
Carter, Darren



Carter, Karen
Caudell, Debby
Caudell, James



Coston, Steve
Emerson, Brian
Kirksey, Russell



Kuebel, Perry
Marek, Jason
McLaughlin, Becky



McLaughlin, Scotty
Nabers, Mary
Sauceda, Tracey



Faculty



**Secretary,
Carol Spurgin**

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Schwarzlose, Jody
Shoemaker, Kurt
Smith, Franciela



Spurgin, Bill
Summy, Carol
Sunderlin, Guy



Tesch, Bill
Thompson, Kim
Thompson, Tyr



Vela, Tony
Walker, Tiffany
Westmoreland, Russell



Picture
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Available

Winters, Joan
Wyatt, Bryn
Zoeller, Kim



1998's FAVORITES

Best All-Around



Travis Nardin and Stefanie Treitzschke

Friendliest



Michael Stroker and Shela Grunberg

Best Personality



Clifton Knoese and Erin McLakay

Most Graceful



Cody

Most Likely to Succeed



Nikki McQuire and Daniel Bethke

Most Athletic



Dozen Newhouse and Mary Graham

Most Likely to Pay Attention in College



Byron, Matt, Josh

Most Likely to Win a Stare-Down Contest



Erin, Daniel, Melanie

Most Likely to lose their hats in a strong wind



Justin, Chris

98 Events in 1998

- Mother Theresa dies
- Princess Diana dies
- Bradley Knoll from Sublime dies = Birth of Long Beach Dub All Stars
- Grease makes Big screen again
- Chris Farley Dies
- New Chinese Prime Minister
- Clinton doesn't Kiss and Tell...But Monica Does
- Luann Hayes Mayor of Blanco
- Governor Bush Visits Courthouse
- Guatemalan Fires Smoke South Texas
- Mexico's Rain Forest Inferno Adds To The Haze
- Tupac Continues To Release Music From The Grave - But was that a new tattoo in his latest video?
- Superbowl Winner - Broncos
- Tim Duncan - Rookie Of The Year
- Titanic - 11...DiCaprio - 0
- Snipers at Arkansas high school
- Tobacco and teens- cut advertisements
- El Nino
- Bill Gates - fined 51 million a day
- Sonny Bono and Michael Kennedy fall victim to killer trees
- Baseball play-offs
- Tyson/ Holyfield
- Marv Albert = abuse
- Weber/Farmer- 2nd in state- CX Debate
- Harry Carry dies
- Oprah vs. Texas cows
- School bond election passes
- UIL academic team wins district - Fourth year straight
- Josh Cottien wins 4th at State in Computer Science
- John Travolta doesn't make it to the Gala, auto-graphed pictures do
- FFA National- 17th in Land Judging; 100 teams defeated
- Shelie and Daniel are Homecoming queens
- Tammy Wynette dies
- Jimmy Stewart dies
- Nikki and Lauren win Valedictorian and Salutatorian
- Soundwaves '98 - Congrats to the new addition Mrs. Zoeller
- Kurt Cobain died 4 years ago - a moment of silence please
- Volleyball girls win District (Daniel- District Line Judge)
- Laura, Amanda, and Jenna, advance to Regionals in Track
- Tennis B&G win District
- Teen smoking law passes
- John Denver dies
- Notorious BIG still dead
- OAP wins district
- Tucker - First woman executed in TX in years.
- Sean Lennon's first album
- J.C. - remember football season
- Ellen DeGeneres
- South Park
- Yo Quiero Taco Bell - everyone learns Spanish
- Larry Bird - coach of the year
- Latrell Sprewell chokes his coach
53. First annual 3 on 3 tournament at BHS
- Cult show Seinfeld dies
55. Local Yum-n-Fun reopens
- New employment opportunities- CJ's Pizza
- El Nino brings snow storms to Blanco
58. Cody Nelson completes fourth year of Physical Science
59. Eddie Robinson retires from Grambling College
60. Slagbug makes comeback
61. Dick's Miller Light competes with Budweiser's frogs and lizards
62. Linda McCartney dies
63. Mikeska, Peterson, Hardin, Deats, Alldredge, Vela, Dauber, Cotten, Knoese, Elsey become insurance stats
64. Frank Sinatra dies
65. First septuplets born to the McCoy's
66. Northern Ireland broke free from total British rule
67. Uma Thurman & Ethan Hawke marry
68. 265 million rats live in U.S.
69. 2,052 animals (crickets, fish, mice, rats, snails) launched on space shuttle Columbia
70. Lloyd Bridges dies
71. Picabo Street injured (broke her leg) but managed to win gold in downhill
72. Fidel Castro wins 5th term
73. 5-year-old brings gun to school in Arkansas.
74. Goodbye, Coach Tesch
75. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett get married
76. 1 year ago, Jarrell was hit by deadly tornadoes
77. German exchange students come to Blanco
78. Joe Camel dies
79. NCAA winner- Kentucky Wildcats
80. Matt Thompson wins P.E. award
81. Josh Tenny qualifies for a state art contest
82. Saddam allows, doesn't allow, allows, doesn't allow Iraqi missile site inspections.
83. Women receive 37% of all athletic scholarships-- \$142.6 million less than men.
84. Antwon Jameson beats Michael Jordan's college career record at North Carolina.
85. Snowboarding makes an Olympic debut.
86. John Gotti arrested and indicted for extortion, racketeering, and loan sharking.
87. Texas still leads all states in executions.
88. Molasses was introduced as an environmental cleaner.
89. Cult leader Marshall Applewhite has a spaceship to catch.
90. A sheep named Dolly was cloned from a single cell.
91. Britain returns Hong Kong to China.
92. John Glenn chosen to reorbit the earth.
93. Saint Val Kilmer delivers medical supplies to Iraq.
94. Tiger Woods is still a golfing sensation.
95. Marijuana clubs are all the rage in California.
96. Da Bulls are in da finals again
97. 29 of 119 active astronauts are women.
98. Mary Nabers retires.



Nineteen
98

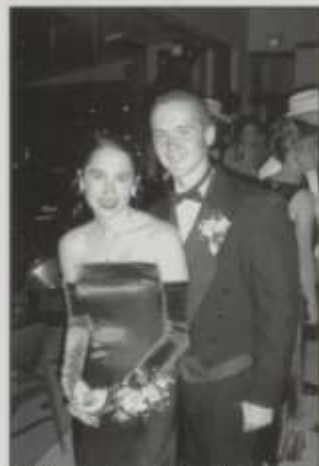
"The things we know best
are those we have not
learned."
- Luc De Clapiers



Above Left: In April the '98 senior class got together to share in some fun, food, and a raffle. Deacon lucked out and won the prize of golden fury - the bucket and sponge.

Above Right: Aubrey and Melanie win the egg toss at the FHA Christmas Party fair and square.

Below Right: The few, the proud, the ones who were stuck in Blanco their whole lives.



Above: Lauren and David take a time out from the dance floor.

Right: Valerie and Jake sport their 3-D glasses as they pump up the crowd at the pep-rally.



SENIORS '98



Left: Mary Graham sports Nick's glasses to cover up the bruises and tears that are all the prosecution could come up with as evidence in the mock trial.

Right: Violet demonstrates to the rest of the jury in the mock trial what may have happened the night of the crime. (Matt was convicted by the flip of a coin.)



Daniel is the man to be seen with these days. Here he is shown with some of his adoring fans. What a bunch of lucky girls!



Deacon entertains his loving crowd at the pep rally.



Erin, what mighty muscles you have!



The senior tower of power.



Shelee shares infinite knowledge about computers with a puzzled Daniel.



Cormac, Holly, Erin, and Elissa show off their egg tosser.



Left: Look, there's Tyra.





Senior Pictures



**Kathleen Jewell
Allredge**

Attended 1 yrs. in BISS; StaCo-2; Yearbook Staff-2; School Paper-2; FFA-1; OAP-4; Honorable Mention-All Star Cont-1; LD Debate-4; Registered Qualifier-3; Volleyball-1; B-ball-1; Softball-1



**Christopher Giles
Andrews**

Attended 2 yrs in BISS; FFA-2; StaCo-1; Baseball-3



**Shane Lyle
Baker**

Attended 1 yrs. in BISS; FFA-4; Football-1; Baseball-1; Track-1



**Eric Reid
Barton**

Attended 1 yrs. in BISS; Band-4; Tennis-1; Track-2; Football-2; FFA-1; Lin. Con. UL-1



**Crystal Lee
Baty**

Attended 2 yrs. in BISS; FFA-4; FFA-3; PVST-3; Volleyball-2; Softball-1; Tennis-1; Track-3



**Daniel Campbell
Benfke**

Attended 1 yrs. in BISS; Tennis-1; StaCo-1; FFA-1; Homecoming Queen-1; School Paper-1; Yearbook Staff-1; Volleyball Mgt-1; Softball Mgt-1; Computer Science Dist. Champs -1; Most Likely to Succeed



**Justin Reid
Bolzman**

Attended 2 yrs. in BISS; FFA-3



**Benjamin Seth
Bretzman**

Attended 2 yrs. in BISS; FFA-4; NHS-1; OAP; Football-2; Baseball-4; Tennis-4; Basketball-2



**Stephanie Michelle
Brown**

Attended 1 yrs. in BISS; Band-4; Dean Major-1; Drillteam-4 Co-Captain & Captain; FFA-2; StaCo-Volleyball-2; Track-2; Tennis-1; Junior Class President; Homecoming Seniors



**Preston Hall
Buax**

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**Patrick Samuel
Conier**

Attended 1 yrs. in BISS; Class Forester-2; Football-2



**Ryan Scott
Coner**

Attended 1 yrs. in BISS



**Joshua Wayne
Cotten**

Attended 2 yrs. in BISS; UL; Computer Science-2; Football-3; Track-1



**Cormac Bern
Cox**

Attended 2 yrs. in BISS; Football-1; Track-1



**Charles Robert
Orkeley**



**Nicholas Lee
Davis**

Attended 1 yrs. in BISS; Football-4; Track-3; Baseball-2



**Lauren Lynn
Elsey**

Attended 1 yrs in BISS; FFA-2; NHS-3; Softball-4; Basketball-2; Track-1; Top Four-4; UL-4; Situations



**Gilbert Escobedo
II**

Attended 2 yrs. in BISS; FFA-1; Football-4; B ball-1



**Brenda Esmeralda
Laguard**

Attended 1 yrs. in BISS; Basketball-4; Softball-1



**April Alethia
Flores**

Attended 4 yrs. in BISS; FFA-1; FFA-1



**Valerie Sue
Friesenluf**

Attended 13 yrs. in BHS: FFA-4, Public Relations-46 State, Lead Judging 3rd State, 30th National, FFA-1, NHS-3, D&D Team-1, Softball-4, All District-3, MVP, Heart Award, V-Hall-2, All Academic-3, Class Pres-3, Homecoming Queen-1 yr.



**Robert Carlos
Garcia**

Attended 7 yrs. in BHS.



**Esther Eileen
Garcia**

Attended 7 yrs. in BHS: FFA-3, NHS-3, StaCo-3, Track-1, Top Four-4.



**Jonathan Lee
Goodrich**

Attended 17 yrs in BHS: NHS-2, Football-3.



**Holly Marie
Head**

Attended 12 yrs. in BHS: StaCo-6, Spelling Team-2, Yearbook-1, Headline team-2, NHS-3, Prose/creative Speaking-1, CX Debate-4, Class Pres-1, Volleyball-1, B-Ball-3, Softball-4, Track-1, Cheer-4.



**Coy Thomas
Johnson**

Attended 17 yrs. in BHS: Baseball-4, All State Outfielder-1, Catcher-1, 1st Team All District-3, MVP-2, Football-3, 1st team All District-2.



**Melanie Lynn
Kempf**

Attended 7 yrs in BHS: Student Council-4, President-1, VP-1, NHS-3, Treasurer-1, Volleyball-6, Tennis-1 yr, Class Secretary/Treasurer-4, Homecoming Queen Nominer-1.



**Kristi Ann
Kennedy**

Attended 13 yrs. in BHS: FFA-2, Deltans 1; Volleyball-2.



**Mary Lynette
Graham**

Attended 7 yrs. in BHS: NHS-3, Volleyball-4, 1st Team All District-2, MVP-1, Basketball-4, 1st Team All District-2, Track 3, Reg. Qual., Softball-4, MVP-1, Offensive Player of the Year-1, Panther Pride Award-3.



**Stacie Ann
Gumbert**

Attended 13 yrs. in BHS: FFA-4, President-1, NHS-3, StaCo-2, Tennis-2, V-Hall-4, Cheerleader-4, All Academic-4, Yearbook Staff-1, Citizenship Award-1, Most Friendly, Homecoming Queen, FB Sweetheart.



**Juan Carlos
Guajardo**

Attended 12 yrs. in BHS: Football-3, Basketball-2, Track-2.



**Violet May
Hamer**

Attended 13 yrs. in BHS: B-Ball-1, FFA-3, PWAT-1, 2nd in area Austin Art Competition-2.



**Clifton John
Kneize**

Attended 7 yrs. in BHS: Band-6, Mt. Blaine Panther Band-1.



**Audrey Jordan
Knoll**

Attended 17 yrs. in BHS: FFA-3, Pres-1, NHS-3, Pres-1, Class Pres-1, Class VP-1, B-Ball-2, Track-1 yr, Tennis-4, Cheer-1, Softball-4, 1st Team All District-1, V-Hall-4, 1st & 2nd team All District, All Academic-4, Homecoming Queen Nominer-1, Top 4-2.



**Lucio Lopez
Jr.**

Attended 13 yrs. in BHS: Basketball-4, Football-3, Baseball-1.



**Drury Wayne
Martin**

Attended 13 yrs. in BHS: FFA-1, FFA-3.



**John Wesley
Hardin**

Attended 7 yrs. in BHS: Football-4, Baseball-1.



**Pamela Stefanie
Magdalena Hardin**

Attended 7 yrs. in BHS: FFA-2, NHS-3, Student Council-3, NFL-1, Drill Team-1, Class Vice President-3, Class President-1, Volleyball-2, Tennis-4, Softball-2.



**Travis Wesley
Hardin**

Attended 7 yrs. in BHS: Basketball-2, Baseball-4, All State Pitcher-1, MVP-1, 1st Team, All District Pitcher-1, All District 2nd team outfielder-1, Football-4, Quarterback-2, 1st Team Defensive Back-1.



**Misty Andrea
Harwell**

Attended 17 yrs. in BHS: FFA-1, PWAT-1.



**Nicole Lee
McGuire**

Attended 17 yrs. in BHS: FFA-4, District FFA Vice President, NHS-3, Tennis-1, Homecoming Queen Nominer-1 yr, Top 4-3, Most Likely to Succeed, Volunteerism.



**Cory
McMain**



**Erin Foster
McNamery**

Attended 4 1/2 yrs. in BHS: NHS-3, StaCo-3, FFA-2, Homecoming Queen Nominer-1, All Academic-2, Heart Award-1, B-Ball-2, Track-2, Cheerleading-3, Year Book Staff-1, Newspaper-1.



**Jared Kind
Mikeska**

Attended 1 1/2 yrs. in BHS: Football-3, B-Ball-3, Basketball-4, Track-1, OAP-2.



Jerry Thornton
Mauser III

Attended 3yrs. in BHS; FHA-1;
Basketball-1, Football MGR.-1.



Deacon Tanner
Newhouse

Attended 1 1/2yrs. in BHS; Football-2;
Basketball-4, Track-1.



Matthew Richard
Peterson

Attended 1yrs. in BHS; Football-4;
Basketball-4.



Jacob William
Prince

Attended 1 1/2yrs. in BHS; StaCo-4;
NHS-2; Tennis-4, B-Ball-2; FHA-4;
District Advisor-1, Area VP-1;
Lombard Degree Recipient-1, NYLC
Scholar-2.



John Byron
Trotter

Attended 3yrs. in BHS; Football-4;
Track-1; 2nd Team OL 1997-1.



James Christopher
Venable

Attended 2 1/2 yrs. in BHS; FHA-3
VJ; Football-3.



Garrett Edsworth
Waller

Attended 3yrs. in BHS; FHA-1.



Daniel Lee
Ridner

Attended 1 1/2yrs. in BHS; FHA-4;
Basketball-1.



Kristy Marie
Riesinger

Attended 1 1/2yrs. in BHS; Band-1;
FHA-1; PPAT-1; Newspaper-2;
Yearbook Staff-2.



Rhonda Rene
Ramos

Attended 1 1/2yrs. in BHS; FHA-1;
FHA-1; Volleyball-2; Tennis-1;
Soccer-2.



Miguel Angel
Rico, Jr

Attended 1 1/2yrs. in BHS; Football-1.



Teresa Semara
Sanchez

Attended 4yrs. in BHS.



Holly Jean
Smith

Attended 2yrs. in BHS.



Tuesday Beatriz
Smith

Attended 1yrs. in BHS; StaCo-4;
Secretary-2, NHS-3, DHH Team-4;
Co-Captain-2, 2nd Lieutenant-1;
FHA-1; OAP-1; Citizenship Award-1;
Miss Fairbairn; Homecoming
Nominer.



Michael John
Stroker

Attended 3yrs. in BHS; Basketball-4;
Basketball-1; FHA-1.



David Douglas
Tschenter

Attended 1yr. in BHS; UIL;
Computer Science and UIL
Calculator.



Kai
Weber

Attended 2 1/2yrs. in BHS;
Football-2, Track-3; Cross Country-1.



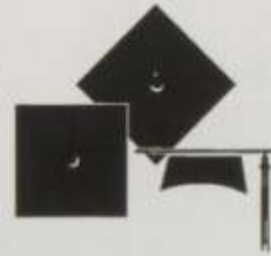
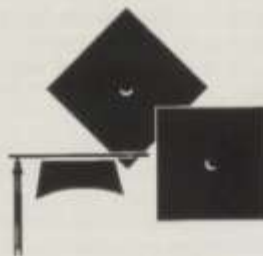
Maryann Zulaika
Wenzel

Attended 1yrs. in BHS; FHA-4;
FHA-1; Volleyball-3; Soccer-4;
Basketball-1; Tennis-1.

Class Song:
"It's the End of the World
(as we know it)"-- R.E.M.

Class Colors:
Black & Silver

Class Flower:
Sterling Rose



Class Motto:
"Let us not look back in anger,
or forward in fear, but around
in awareness" - James Thurber

Valedictorian Nicole Lee McGuire



Nicole Lee McGuire, the daughter of Penny and John Lee Conn, has attended Blanco ISD for 13 years. Her brother, Trevor McGuire, will be graduating from Blanco with the class of 2000, while her sister, Amy Conn, is enjoying first grade this year.

Nikki has been very active in FFA all four years serving as an officer for three years including President her junior year. Her sophomore year she was elected as the Hill District Vice President. She has been on Jr. and Sr. Chapter Conducting, Radio Team, Ag Issues, Public Relations, Meats Judging, Livestock Judging, Range Judging and Land Judging. Last year the Land Judging team Nikki was on placed 3rd at state and qualified for national competition in Oklahoma City.

Nikki has shown market hogs at the county stock show for all four years. She has shown market rabbits for three years, receiving as high as Reserve Grand and Grand Champion.

Nikki has been a member of the National Honor Society (NHS) since her sophomore year, and she was elected as the society's president this year.

She played tennis for two years, rising to varsity her sophomore year.

She represented the NHS as a homecoming nominee her senior year. She was also voted as female "Most Likely to Succeed" by her classmates.

Her sophomore year Nikki helped coach a soccer team for kids seven and under. She also organized a petting zoo for two years in a row for "Week of The Young Child."

Nikki will attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock this fall. There she will study landscape architecture.



Salutatorian Lauren Lynn Elsey

Lauren has lived in Blanco all of her life and has enjoyed the benefits of going to school in a small town. She has attained a 98.04 grade point average throughout high school. Lauren is the daughter of Terry and Bonnye Elsey. Lauren's older brother, Jeffrey, as well as her father also graduated from Blanco High School.

Lauren has been an active participant in UIL academics since second grade. Throughout high school, she has competed in One-Act Play, Ready Writing, Science, Headline Writing, Poetry and Informative Speaking. Lauren has placed in district all four years in Informative Speaking, placing first for the last two years and advancing to the regional meet for the past three years. She was also a member of the 1997-98 Blanco High School Chapter of the National Forensic League where she received a Degree of Honor.

Sports have also been important to Lauren. She participated in basketball for two years and varsity softball for three years.

During her sophomore year, Lauren was inducted into the National Honor Society and was the Blanco representative to the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Seminar. She has been a member of FHA where she served as Treasurer, was a member of the Drill Team, has served as editor of the school newspaper and was a 1997 member of Who's Who Among American High School Students. She has earned the Top Four Award in her class every year beginning with 1st grade.

Lauren attended Churchill Academy at Westminster College in Missouri for two weeks in July, 1997.

Outside school Lauren has had a wide variety of experiences. She has obtained her accreditation to be a certified scuba diver, worked at the local newspaper and has been a volunteer in a political campaign. In her church, she has worked on a Habitat for Humanity mission trip, helped teach bible school and served on the Youth Council.



Class Favorites

Juniors:
Bethany Zercher & Dennis Moore



Freshmen:
Amanda Moore & Matt Stroker



Sophomores:
Sarah Culpepper & Brett Mouser



Class Officers



Seniors

Aubrey Knoll, Pamela Hardin,
Melanie Kempf



Juniors

Bryan Weber, Vicky Griego,
Bethany Zercher, Andrea
Mogavero



Sophomores

Paige Prince, Marianna
Dennis, Charles Koch



Freshmen

Garrett Granberg, Taylor
Baumgartner, Tristan Weber



Juniors 1998

Avila, Patricia
Barrera, Christina
Beaudin, Dustin
Bradford, Torie



Brenner, Landie
Buck, Tiffany
Burgess, Dalycce
Cole, Sean



Cote, Sarah
De Los Santos, Elisa
DeKoch, Michael
Farmer, Scooter



Finch, Tell
Flores, Fernando
Gourley, Lisa
Harmon, Kevin



Head, Jason
Holder, Christina
Laumer, Jessica
Matriquez, Yessica



Mayorga, Bobby
McKenzie, Jacella
Milam, Brandy



Class of 1999



Mobley, Michael
Mogavero, Andrea
Moon, Dennis
Neill, Lacey



Parker, Christopher
Paylov, Diana
Petri, Keisha
Pina, Miranda



Pope, Marcus
Reinhard, Max
Rios, Marcus
Romero, Jessica



Salazar, Veronica
Sasko, Tyson
Speat, Jennifer
Stille, Ricky



Tanam, Riley
Taylor, Nikki
Tenny, Nathan
Thompson, Jed



Wagner, Jason
Weber, Bryan
Zercher, Bethany

Autographs





The Class with Class.

Sophomores

Olga Avila
Elissa Barker
David Bell
Brandie Binsell
Bridgette Bowling



Charles Benner
Jennifer Brown
Lori Burton
Cody Carroll
Jody Carroll

Vicky Coffee
Azare Cortez
Edward Cortez
Jennifer Cortez
Breanna Crenshaw



*THE BEST THING ABOUT THE FUTURE IS IT COMES
ONLY ONE DAY AT A TIME.*

---ABRAHAM LINCOLN



Misty Crider
Sarah Culpepper
Jasen Davis
Lauren Davis
Taylor Deuts

Johnathan De Los
Samon
Thomas Grimes
Melissa Garcia
April Gay
Martanna Dennis



Jessica Haas
Amy Jo Harris
Lacey Hayes
Tiffany Hufford
Alex Jenkins

Class of 2000

Matt Johnson
Brandon Karas
Charles Koch
Lorena Manriquez
Justin Matthews



Trevor McGuire
Katie McNabney
Jamie Morgan
Brett Mouser
Cassie Owen

Martin Palamino
Travis Palmer
Ben Ploeghtman
Jaime Pribyl
Paige Prince



*THE FARTHER BACKWARD YOU CAN LOOK, THE FARTHER
FORWARD YOU ARE LIKELY TO SEE.*

---WINSTON CHURCHILL



Michael Rentz
Nicole Ridner
Leslie Rios
Wayland Rios
Dunet Rivera

Laura Rocha
Stacy Russell
Krystal Salazar
Adam Smith
Teresa Stahl



Kendra Summy
Able Tapia
Chris Tyre
Daniel Wangler
Shelly Wolfe

sophomore snapshots



Sumptuous

Friend-*adj.*- One attached to another by affection or esteem.



Freshman

Alderson, Travis
Aliboniga, Jefferson
Barrington, Alan
Batts, Bobby
Baumgartner, Taylor



Berke, Candice
Byers, Justin
Castillo, Kristen
Chalico, Mario
Cota, Katherine



Crisis, Dawn
Cox, Jason
Cryzler, Aurlie
Deani, Cole
Edge, Marlin



Edwards, Ashton
Elliot, Ruben
Emery, Michelle
Ernst, Jeremy
Falcone, Jennifer



Flores, John
Foster, Shannon
Fuentes, Bonnie
Garcia, Nancy
Garcia, Raphael



Garren, Patrick
Garcia, Johnny
Grubbs, Ronald
Grubberg, Garrett
Greenwidge, Melissa



Class



Hardin, Tracy
Harlow, Aaron
Higgs, Crystal
Jones, Stephanie
Kahan, Colby



Keller, Steven
Kempf, Jennifer
Kennedy, Frank
Keray, Amanda
Kott, Crystal



Lopez, David
Marrigosa, Carlos
Matsumura, Leilani
Mathewson, Shawna
Matthews, Joshua



McAlister, Ashley
Nimoda, Marnel
Minoda, Patricia
Molloy, Michelle
Moore, Amanda



Morgan, Amanda
Nelson, Crystal
Patri, Aaron
Raney, Sam
Romero, Anthony



Romero, Sarah
Ross, Chris
Salazar, Belinda
Sawey, Crystal
Smith, B' Lee

"To Learn is to change.
Education is a process that changes the learner."
--George B. Leonard

Smith, Jaclyn
Smith, Stephanie
Stewart, Veronica
Stroker, Matthew
Tenny, Joshua



Thompson, Matt
Torres, Joe
Trisal, Kitt
Trotter, Ricky
Uhalis, Angela



Van Alen, Joshua
Vudobug, Rashid
Walker, Travis
Weber, Dustin
Weber, Kimberli



Weber, Tristan
West, Kate
Winn, Chance
Wiener, Nicole
Winters, Dana



Wolf, Brandon
Zaecher, Jennifer



Freshmen Snapshots



discombobulated

District UIL Academic Champs...Again!



Regional UIL Academic Qualifiers Top row (l-r): Charles Koch, Sarah Culpepper, Lacey Hayes, Eric Bastien, Tristan Weber, Diana Winters. **Second row (l-r):** Marianna Dennis, Bryan Weber, Aurie Crytzer, Brandy Milam, Jessie Laumer, Josh Cotten, Diana Pavlov. **Front row (l-r):** Jessi Haas, Lauren Esey, Jennifer Brown, Raquel Garcia, Wayland Rios, Vicky Griego, Ester Garza, Katy Alldredge. **Front and center:** Scooter Farmer.



Bryan Weber and Scooter Farmer placed second at the state cross-examination debate tournament with a 7-1 record. Weber also qualified for the National Forensic League National Congress in St. Louis, Missouri. Farmer was chosen as an alternate.

Blanco High School swept the district academic tournament placing 43 students and earning the sweepstakes trophy. Thirty students advanced to the regional meet.

At the end of all events, Blanco had 373 points. The closest school behind Blanco was Randolph with 259 points. This is the fourth year Blanco has taken home the Sweepstakes trophy.

The speech team took first through third in all speaking events. It was a good year.

C-X Debate

First place- Pamela Hardin & Holly Head

Second place- Bryan Weber & Scooter Farmer

Third place- Paige Prince & Brett Mouser

Lincoln Douglas Debate

First place- Marianna Dennis

Second place- Katy Alldredge

Third place- Brandy Milam

Prose

First place- Sarah Culpepper

Second place- Tristan Weber

Third place- Diana Pavlov

Poetry

First place- Scooter Farmer

Second place- Lacey Hayes

Third place- Lauren Esey

Persuasive Speaking

First place- Raquel Garcia

Second place- Marianna Dennis

Third place- Jessi Haas

Informative Speaking

First place- Lauren Esey

Second place- Scooter Farmer

Third place- Sarah Culpepper

Literary Criticism

First place- Eric Bastien

Editorial Writing

First Place- Bryan Weber

Computer Science

First Place Team

First place- Daniel Bethke

Third place- Josh Cotten

Sixth place- Charles

Koth

Sixth place- Bryan Weber

Calculator Applications

First Place Team

First place- Esther Garza

Second place- Vicky Griego

Fourth place- Jenny Brown

Fifth place- Aurie Crytzer

Feature Writing

Third place- Jessie Laumer

Headline Writing

Fourth place- Lauren Esey

Sixth place- Holly Head

News Writing

Sixth place- Brandy Milam

Spelling

Third place- Vicky Griego

Computer Applications

Fifth place- Jessie Laumer

Number Sense

First Place Team

Second place- Diana Winters

Third place- Wayland Rios

Fifth place- Aurie Crytzer

Mathematics

Second place- Josh Cotten

Fifth place- Rhonda Romero

Science

Third place- Diana Pavlov

All the Way to State!

Josh Cotten (computer science), Sarah Culpepper (prose), Bryan Weber, Jeff Farmer, Holly Head, and Pamela Hardin (team policy debate) all advanced to the state UIL academic meet this year. Brandy Milam (Lincoln-Douglas debate) and Computer Science Team were alternates. Cotten finished in a three-way tie for second place. Weber and Farmer finished second, losing on a 2-1 decision to Holliday. Hardin and Head lost in the quarterfinals to the same Holliday team.



Hey, Get Your Act Together!

The cast and crew of "All My Sons" had their act together in this year's one act play. They may not have racked up the way *Titanic* did, but they breezed through district with first place. Best Actor went to Bryan Weber. Lacey Hayes earned All-Star Cast, and Tristan Weber received Honorable Mention. The ties that bind all these actors will never be forgotten. Scooter Farmer recalls: "I feel like we had a tight-knit, talented group..."



I look into the sun ... and I am buggy.

Left: Katy Alldredge, Lacey Hayes, Scooter Farmer, Bryan Weber, and Tristan Weber



Holly, late for the next round at state, encountered a swarm of gnats and will never run with her mouth open again!

Hardin & Head



He who knows all for can at least find the answers.

Blanco CX Debate's Pioneer Women

Four years ago a new tradition was born at Blanco High School. CX Debaters Holly Head and Pamela Hardin (above) began debating as freshmen led by teacher, mentor, coach, and friend Russell Kirksey (bottom right). The girls and "Mr. Kirky" put their heads together, blind leading the blind, and qualified for state four consecutive years. They will continue their career at Southwest Texas in the fall. Special thanks to Mr. K for the support and memories.



Students Strive For Scholarship Winners

Scholarship Winners in the Class of 1998: (back) Eric Bastien, Ben Brotzman, Josh Cotten, Cormac Cox, Travis Hardin, (middle) Rhonda Romero, Tuesday Smith, Kristy Risinger, Shelee Granberg, Melanie Kempf, (front) Esther Garza, Valerie Friesenhahn, Erin McNabney, Lauren Elsey, Holly Head, and Aubrey Knoll. Not pictured Jake Prince.



Amanda Moore enthusiastically receives a well-earned reward.



Dennis and Charles--the usual suspects.

No Absences



L-R: Roni Stewart, Stephanie Smith, and Patricia Miranda

Esther hauls in the loot.



Academic Excellence

Top Four Students



Seniors from L-R: Melanie Kempf, Nikki McGuire, Lauren Elsey, and Aubrey Knoll



Juniors from L-R: Diana Pavlov, Bryan Weber, Dennis Moore, and Michael Mobley



Sophomores from L-R: Brett Mouser, Lacey Hayes, Charles Koch, and Jamie Morgan (aka Phoenix)



Freshmen from L-R: Aurie Crytzer, Amanda Moore, Garrett Granberg, and Diana Winters

Citizenship Awards



Seniors: Esther Garza, Nikki McGuire, Shelee Granberg, and Holly Head



Juniors: Diana Pavlov, Bryan Weber, Jason Head, and Dennis Moore



Sophomores: Marianna Dennis, Brett Mouser, Charles Koch, and Lacey Hayes



Freshmen: Aurie Crytzer, Amanda Moore, Garrett Granberg, and Tristan Weber

Knowledge is power.

National Honor

Society



NHS Members- Top row- Brett Mosser, Dennis Moore, Jonathan Goodrich, Michael Nobles, Lacey Hayes, Daniel Bethke, Bryan Weber, Eric Bastien, Ben Bestaman, Sarah Culpepper, Lauren Davis, Marianna Dennis, Delyce Burgess, Charles Koch, Jake Prince -Middle Row- Erin McNabney, Elissa Barker, Nikki McGuire, Olga Avila, Mary Graham, Esther Garza, Vicky Griego, Lauren Elsey, Trevor McGuire, Diana Pavlov, Shelee Granberg, Melanie Kempf- Bottom Row- Bethany Zerket, DeDe Mugaovero, Aubrey Knoll, Holly Head, Pamela Hardiz, Scooter Farmer, Kendra Sammy, Paige Prince, Tuesday Smith, Jamie Morgan, Rhonda Romero



New members-Top Row-Lacey Hayes, Daniel Bethke, Sarah Culpepper, Lauren Davis, Marianna Dennis, Delyce Burgess- Middle Row- Ben Bestaman, Elissa Barker, Olga Avila, Vicky Griego, Trevor McGuire, Charles Koch- Bottom Row- Scooter Farmer, Kendra Sammy, Paige Prince, Jamie Morgan



STUDENT COUNCIL



Senior members-Holly Head, Jake Prince, Daniel Bethke, Tuesday Smith, Erin McNabney, Melanie Kempf, Esther Garza



Junior members-Vicky Griego, Bryan Weber, Diana Pavlov, Brandy Milan

President-
Melanie Kempf
Vice President-
Esther Garza
**Treasurer/
Secretary-**
Tuesday Smith



Sophomore members-Sarah Culpepper, Marianna Dennis, Charles Koch, Brett Mosser



This is the first time Jake doesn't have anything to say



Freshman members-Tristan Weber, Aurlie Cuytaz, Taylor Baumgartner, Stephanie Smith

I sure hope someone is taking a picture of me...

*"If youth but knew, and old age only could."
Henri Estienne*

Shelee and Daniel try to act like they're working



Bryan, the multi-talented boy wonder



Esther and Vicky - always smiling



Tristan tries to imitate a duck

The Sound of Pride 1997-98



Bottom row: Diana Winters, Candice Cole, Taylor Deats, Leslie Rios, Melissa Garcia, Stephanie Brown, Lacey Hayes, and Paul Flores. Second row: Janna Bastien, Jessica Behrends, Marquita Coffee, Matthew Davis, and Jennifer Zercher. Third row: Dylan McLachan, Chris Byars.



Under the able leadership of drum major Stephanie Brown and her assistant Lacey Hayes, the Panther Band thrilled audiences with its halftime performances and excellent concert repertoire.



Left: Stephanie Brown lives up the fame as she receives an award for Miss Blanco Band! Maybe next is the Oscar's.



Right: Clifton Kneese receiving an award for Mr. Blanco Band for his hard work and determination.



The greatest moments of the human spirit may be deduced from the greatest moments in music.

--Aaron Copland



Olga Avila stands with her proud father at a football game.



Future Homemakers of America



Alex Jenkins, April Gay, Danet Rivera, and Sean Cole put on a play for the PTO.



Left: Tuesday and Esther pause for the camera.

Right: Vicky kisses for the camera.



Taylor smiles through her pain.



Vicky Coffee, Tawny Reed, Danet Rivera, Olga Avila, Rhonda Romero, Krissi Kennedy, Taylor Deats, Sarah Romero, and Aurlie Cryzter all participate in Star Events.

Painting a Positive Attitude of Thinking (PPAT)



Left: The members of PPAT: (Bottom Row from Left) Crystal Batty, Idalia Cortez, Marianna Dennis, Paul Flores, Esther Garza, Tuesday Smith, April Gay. (Middle Row) Melissa Garcia, Lorena Manriquez, Maryam Weusi, Kristy Risinger, Shelly Wolfe, April Flores, Garrett Waller, Krissi Kennedy. (Top Row) Tawny Reed, Rhonda Romero, Yessica Manriquez, Misty Harwell, Aurlie Cryzter, Jason Davis, Gilbert Escobedo, Sean Cole.



Left: Veronica & Gilbert learn to work together during PPAT training.



PPAT members form a human knot to learn to work together.



Left: Krissi Kennedy, Rhonda Romero, and Taylor Deats Paint a Positive Attitude of Thinking.



Paul Flores And Krissi Kennedy work with students during 'Kids Night Out'.

FFA

Right: The Land Team- (top) Tell Finch, Shane Baker, Travis Hardin, (bottom) Riley Tatum, Shelee Granberg, Jake Prince, and Ben Brotzman. The Land Team finished 17th in the nation.



Left Top- The Ag Issues Team qualified for area, ending up 4th. The team was made up of (top) Paige Prince, Nikki McGuire, Shelee Granberg, Ben Brotzman, Jake Prince, Valerie Friesenhahn

Right Top- The 1997-98 Blanco FFA Chapter officer team



Left- The poultry judging team- Shane Baker, Jason Heul, Mike Rentz, and Travis Palmer

Right- The Dairy Team- Matt Johnson, Cody Carroll, Laura Rocha, B'Lee Smith

Right middle: The Public Relations Team placed 1st in district and 4th in area.



Left down: The Range Team finished the year 6th in area

Right down: The Radio Team made up of Paige Prince, Stacy Russell, Jessi Haas



The Blanco FFA Chapter had a busy and exciting year. The year started with the students participating in leadership events. The chapter took five teams to district and qualified three for area. As soon as things began to settle down the stock show season started, many FFA students placed in the county stockshow, while Jake Prince placed 5th with his spot in S.A.L.E. During the spring semester the judging teams became active, Blanco participated in dairy, livestock, land, poultry, and meat judging. The meats team placed 5th at SWT, and 6th at area, one place out of qualifying for state. The livestock teams paced 1st at Llano, and in the top half in all the contest they enter. While the land team placed 2nd in state.



Left: Shane feeds some wild animals while on a field trip in Coach Marek's class.



Right: Tracey shows her breeding gilt in the S.A.L.E.



Jake, who's your new girlfriend?



Shelee showing her hog at the S.A.L.E.

The agriculture population, says Cato, produces the bravest men, the most valiant soldiers, and a class of citizens the least given of all to evil designs.



Paige and Chelsea display their Swine Showmanship plaques

Right: Michael takes time out to show off his prize winning pig.



Panther Athletics

Panther Pride



Garrett Granberg, Jason Head, Aubrey Knoll

Football



Coy Johnson - MVP Defense, Travis Hardin - MVP Offense, Jason Head and Dennis Moore - Most Inspirational, Garrett Granberg and Ashton Edwards - Heart Award.

Girls Basketball



Kendra Sunny - Most Improved, Katie McNabney - Heart Award, Mary Graham - MVP, Jennifer Kempf - Most Improved.

Softball



Holly Head, Valerie Priesenbahn, and Sarah Romero

Baseball



Coy Johnson - MVP, Garrett Granberg - Heart award, Travis Hardin - MVP, Offensive stat king, Jason Head - Defensive stat king.

Courage is the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.

--Winston Churchill

MVP and Heart Awards

Heart Award



Kai Weber, Ashton Edwards, Garrett Granberg, Mary Graham, Diana Pavlov, Katy McNabney, Jason Head, Aubrey Knoll.

Boys Basketball



Deacon Newhouse and Mike Mobley - MVP, Jason Head - Heart Award.

Track



Kai Weber - Heart Award, Jason Head - MVP, Jennifer Kempf - MVP, Amanda Moore - MVP

Volleyball



Melanie Kempf - MVP, Lauren Davis - Most Improved, Aubrey Knoll - Most Inspirational, Mary Graham - MVP and Heart Award.

Have ideals and live with them.

PANTHER



Top Left: Coach Teach, Nick Davis, Gilbert Escobedo, Deacon Newhouse, Jason Head, Michael Mobley, Eric Batten, Jared Mikaska, Matt Peterson, Coy Johnson, Travis Hardin, Alex Jenkins, Coach Rogers; Middle Left: Coach Jackson, Coach Mank, Byron Trotter, Jed Thompson, Tell Finch, Marcus Pope, Mark Ross, Shane Baker, Lucio Lopez, Josh Cotten, Coach Mouser, Coach Emerson; Bottom Left: Bryan Weber, Ben Brotzman, Kai Weber, Jay Harden, Dennis Moon, Jody Curroll, Chris Andrews, Cody Canoll, James Variable; Not Pictured: Garrett Granberg and Ashton Edwards



Top Left: Coach Mank, Coach Teach, Colby Karhan, Taylor Baumgartner, Marlin Edge, Ben Ploughtman, David Bell, Michael De Koch, Titian Weber, B'Lee Smith, Jason Davis, Able Topia, Coach Rogers, Coach Emerson; Middle Left: Coach Jackson, Patrick Garrett, James Cox, Carlos Manriquez, Ashton Edwards, Ronald Graham, Michael Rosta, Chris Tyre, Riley Tatum, Charles Brennan, Garrett Granberg, Matt Johnson, Frank Kennedy, Coach Mouser; Bottom Left: Coach Seals, Jeff Ashmole, Brandon Wolfe, Weyland Ross, Trevis Walker, Allen Barrington, Brett Mouser, Dustin Weber, Travis Palmer, Mario Chales, Jeremy Earnst

FOOTBALL

Panthers	Opponent	
16	Riviera	20
30	Thrall	8
47	St. Michaels*	13
22	Jarrell	19
14	San Saba*	17
20	Johnson City	12
62	Randolph**	8
28	Marion	27
13	Nixon-Smiley*	40
38	Navarro	12

* Home games

** Homecoming



Travis Hardin (8) drags the St. Michaels defense for a first down.



Coy Johnson (22) rolls around the outside for a big gain against the Navarro Panthers.



Dennis Moore (25) darts through the opposing St. Michaels defense.

The football team went 7-3 and tied for District Champions. The team lost only one district game to Nixon-Smiley. This was the first season since 1982 that Blanco has had a District Champion football team. Eleven players from Blanco made the All-District Team. The offensive team was: Travis Hardin, quarterback; Dennis Moore, running back; Garrett Granberg, running back; Alex Jenkins, receiver and kicker; Gilbert Escobedo, receiver; Jason Head, tight end; Marcus Pope, center; Josh Cotten, offensive line; Byron Trotter, offensive line.

The defensive team was: Josh Cotton, defensive end; Coy Johnson, linebacker; Tell Finch, linebacker; Jason Head, defensive back; Garrett Granberg, defensive back; Ashton Edwards, defensive end; Jay Harden, linebacker; Jed Thompson, defensive back.

Granberg and Bethke take top honors



Shelee Granberg was nominated by the volleyball team. She was crowned by last year's queen Kristy Brandt. Shelee is the daughter of Paul Granberg and Jan Granberg. She has been active in volleyball, cheerleading, FFA, student council, and NHS.



Daniel "Juan Catrificio Javier Lopez Gonzales, III" Bethke was nominated by Randolph's Kite Flying Club. He was escorted by Alex Jenkins and was crowned by the cheerleaders. Daniel has been active in kite flying, UIL academics, student council, FHA, and full-contact tiddlywinks.



Holly Head
Student Council
Escorted by Randy Head



Erin McNabney
FFA
Escorted by Heath Gibbons



Melanie Kempf
Cheerleaders
Escorted by Leo Kempf



Aubrey Knoll
FHA
Escorted by Dwight Knoll

Homecoming 1997



Left: Homecoming nominees sit and enjoy the pep rally while waiting to receive their trophies.



Right: Coach Walker trains for the soon-to-be Olympic event of greasy watermelon carrying.



Left: Jason "Dysheki" Head, escorted by Travis "The Pink Petunia Princess" Hardin, struts his/her stuff making the real nominees jealous.



Right: The nominees in drag wait anxiously for the coronation of the queen.



Stephanie Brown
Band
Escorted by Steve Brown



Nikki McGuire
NHS
Escorted by John Lee Conn



Valerie Friesenhahn
Football
Escorted by Steve Friesenhahn



Tuesday Smith
Drill Team
Escorted by Michael Smith

Cheerleaders lead spirit



Varsity Cheerleaders-(bottom)Jaime Pribyl, Amanda Moore, Stacey Russell, Jennifer Kempf, Holly Head, Sarah Culpepper, Roni Stewart, Melanie Kempf, Keisha Petri, Shelee Granberg, Lauren Davis



J. V. Cheerleaders- (top) Bridgette Boiling, Sarah Romero, Kristen Castillo, (bottom) Tracey Hardin, Ashley McCalister, Candice Bethke



The varsity and J.V. cheerleaders combine to build up spirit during the pep rally.

This year the cheerleaders worked their hardest to create school spirit. Through yells and breathtaking stunts, they showed Blanco High School that spirit, unity, and strength can conquer any impossible tasks. Many new traditions were started this year. Lets hope the spirit continues.



Champ the Panther strikes a pose.



Senior Cheerleaders- Holly Head, Shelee Granberg, Melanie Kempf



The varsity cheerleaders take time out of their busy cheering session to pose for a picture on the sideline.



Jamie shows her spirit at the Dillo hunting pop rally.



Keisha and Jamie cheering .



Above: Ye ol' great hunters of honor and glory pose with their "Dillo Blaster" and their game. **Below-left:** The Goatfather passes out his little cookie-pops. **Below-right:** Yet another picture of Shelee and Melanie.



Above: The varsity girls are gearing up for an exciting night of cheering.

Below: Daniel Bethke looks cool while helping to "pump up" the team during the J.C pep rally.



1997-98 BLANCO



Top Left: Drill Team director Tracey Saucedo; Tawnya Reed, Bonnie Frantzen, Lacey Hayes, Leslie Rios, Shelly Wolfe. Middle Row: Tiffany Huffard, Breanna Crenshaw, Kristal Korte, Stephanie Smith, Danet Rivera. Bottom Row: Nicole Ridner, Stephanie Brown, Tuesday Smith.



1997-1998 Blanco Pantherette Officers

Top: 1st Lt. Nicole Ridner, Sophomore, two years in drill team, one year officer. Middle: Caption Stephanie Brown, Senior, four years in drill team, two years officer. Bottom: 2nd Lt. Tuesday Smith, Senior, four years in drill team, three years officer.



PANTHERETTES

Always ready to help start out the beginning of a game with big SMILES on their faces.



FREEZE! The Drill Team ends another great performance during a pep rally.



*Dance, dance for the figure is easy
The tune is catching and will not stop
Dance till the stars come down with the rafters
Dance, dance dance till you drop.*

--W.H. Auden



On parents night at the football game, Drill Team members and parents stand smiling for the camera.

Varsity Volleyball

1997
DISTRICT
CHAMPS



Top row- Kane McNabney, Mary Graham, Shelee Granberg, Aubrey Knoll -Upper Middle Row- Melanie Kempf, Kandra Summy, Lauren Davis, Tuesday Smith, Coach Walker- Lower Middle Row- Coach Isbell, Keisha Pitts, Brandy Milam- Bottom Row- Holly Head, Stephanie Brown

RECORD 15-15

The Varsity girls had an outstanding 1997 season with their capability and will to win. The girls went through some rough points during the season but came back to become the District Champions. Everyone congratulates the girls for their hard work and determination for the year. Good job Lady Panthers!!

Varsity seniors-
Holly Head
Aubrey Knoll
Melanie Kempf
Mary Graham
Shelee Granburg



Left- In the huddle Coach always had something encouraging to say.
Right- The teams favorite conditioning element... seals.



J.V. Volleyball



Top row- Sarah Culpepper, Cassie Owen, Jennifer Spear, Jessie Haas, Aurie Crytzer, Jennifer Cortez, Dulyce Burgess. Middle row- Coach Isbell, Stacy Russell, Brandie Bindseil, Jennifer Kempf, Coach Walker. Bottom row- Lisa Gourley, Vicky Greigo.

Freshman Team



Top row- Coach Isbell, Michelle Mobley, Jennifer Zuercher, Candice Bethke, Coach Walker. Middle row- Kitt Trial, Amanda Ketay, Kandice Cole, Shannon Foster, Tracey Hardin, Amanda Moore. Bottom row- Robyn Elliot, Sarah Romero, Roni Stewart, Amanda Morgan, Michelle Emery.

Lady Panther Basketball



1997-98 Varsity Girls: (top left) Coach Isbell, Christina Barrera, Jennifer Kempf, Cassie Owen, Surah Culpepper, Bethany Zercher, Coach Walker, (mid left) Kendra Summy, Keisha Petri, Katie McNabney, Paige Prince, (bot left) Mary Graham and Aubrey Knoll.



JV Girls: (top left) Coach Isbell, Candice Bethke, Kandice Cole, Jennifer Zaercher, Ashley McAlister, Shannon Foster, Coach Walker, (mid left) Amanda Moore, Laurie Burton, Aurlie Crytzer, Michelle Mobley, Amanda Ketay, (bot left) Kristen Castillo and Surah Romero.

The Ladies get aggressive

The 1997-98 Basketball season started out great for the Lady Panthers. In their offseason the Panthers traveled to three tournaments placing 3rd, 4th and 4th. Senior Mary Graham, Junior Bethany Zercher and Sophomore Katie McNabney received All-Tournament Honors in the three tournaments. However when district rolled around the Lady Panthers began to struggle. All-District honors were: Senior Mary Graham, First Team-Freshman Jennifer Kempf, Second Team-Junior Bethany Zercher, Junior Keisha Petri and Sophomore Kendra Summy, Honorable Mention.



Jenna, Paige and Kendra take Bethany's back by doing their best to take her defender out of the play.



Bethany and Kendra shake their defenders and pull up for two.



Keisha busts a post move on a Ro-Hawk.



This year the Lady Panthers will sadly say goodbye to Senior Mary Graham. Mary has lettered all four of her years in high school. Her all-district honors include: Freshman year Honorable Mention, Sophomore Second Team, Junior First Team and this year First Team. Mary has been a tremendous asset to the team and will be greatly missed. We wish her the best of luck.

PANTHER



Varsity-(Top Left) Deacon Newhouse, Jason Head, Gilbert Escobedo, Jared Mikeska, Michael Mobley, Tristan Weber, Alex Jenkins, Lucio Lopez, Coach Bill Tesch, (Bottom Left) Garrett Granberg, Dennis Moore



Junior Varsity-(Top Left) T.J. Thompson, Brandon Wolfe, Chris Tyre, Colby Kurhan, Ricky Trotter, Jeremy Burnette, John Flores, Anthony Resnoro, Cody Carroll, Charles Koch, Coach Bill Mouser (Bottom Left) Aaron Petr, Mario Chalico, Jeremy Earnst, Wayland Rios, Dustin Weber, Brent Mouser

The '97-'98 Blanco basketball team was a different one than the year before. Bill Tesch took over the position as head coach and had to bring on eight new members to the team.

ALL-DISTRICT SELECTIONS

1st team--Deacon Newhouse
2nd team--Mike Mobley, Jared Mikeska
Honorable Mention--Jason Head

S.M. Academy

Johnson City
Medina
Lackland
Center Point
Natalia
Harper Tournament
Center Point
Jarrell Tournament
Lackland
Winberly
Hyde Park
Natalia

District Games

Randolph
Marion
Nixon-Smiley
Navarro
Johnson City
Randolph
Marion
Nixon-Smiley
Navarro

BASKETBALL



Deacon pulls up for a jump shot.



Jason skies through the lane uncontested for a lay up.



Michael (32) and Tristan (33) work hard at defending the basket.



Alex drives the baseline for two.

Deacon (3) goes up while Michael (32) and Jason (42) wait for the rebound.



Panther Varsity Softball



District 4AA All-District Team

*Offensive Player of the
Year Mary Graham*

1st Team Pitcher

Holly Head

1st Team DH

Jaime Pribyl

1st Team Outfield

Valerie Friesenhahn

2nd Team Infield

Aubrey Knoll

2nd Team Infield

Lisa Gourley

2nd Team Outfield

Pamela Hardin

Honorable Mention

Sarah Romero

Maryam Weusi



JV Panther Softball Schedule

Marble Falls

Wimberley

Lake Travis

Marble Falls Tourney

Liberty Hill

Johnson City

St. Gerard

Dripping Springs Tourney

Johnson City

Center Point

St. Gerard

Center Point



Panther Track

The BHS Panther Track Team sent three students to Regionals. At the District meet Freshman Jennifer Kempf placed 2nd in long-jump and 1st in shot-put. Freshman Amanda Moore placed 1st in long-jump, and Sophomore Laura Rocha placed 1st in the 400 meter run. All these ladies qualified for Regionals, but none advanced from there. Varsity Track Team: Jason Head, Jed Thompson, Shane Baker, Deacon Newhouse, Alex Jenkins, Charles Koch, Laura Rocha, Jennifer Kempf, Amanda Moore, Sarah Culpepper, Katie McNabney, Roni Stewart, Bridgetta Boiling and Ashley McCalister.

JV Track Team: Stephanie Smith, Arley Crytzer, Jennifer Zuercher, Garrett Granberg, Ronald Graham, Lauren Davis, Diana Pavlov, Robyn Elliot, TJ Thompson, Mario Chaleco and Chris Tire. Coaches: Beal Toibert and Bill Tsch.



Regional Qualifiers in Track and Tennis: (bot. left) Bethany Zercher and Kendra Summy Girls Doubles, Laura Rocha 400 meter, Jennifer Kempf long-jump and shot-put. (top left) Michael Rentz Boys Doubles, Jake Prince Boys Singles, Sean Cole Boys Doubles, Not pictured Amanda Moore long-jump.



Jason Head struts his stuff at practice.



Sarah Culpepper effortlessly clears another hurdle



Amanda Moore perfects her start.

Tennis



Varsity Tennis- TOP ROW- Michael Rentz, Sean Cole, Jake Prince, Charles Koch. Coach Suzanne Isbel, BOTTOM ROW- Bethany Zercher, Aubrey Knoll, Kendra Summy, Keisha Petri.



Varsity Girls Doubles District Champs Kendra and Bethany



Varsity Girls Singles Regional Qualifier Keisha Petri



JV Tennis-Top Row: Aurlie Crytzer, Shelly Wolfe, Leslie Rios, Trevor McGuire, Jeff Farmer, Suzanne Isbell, Michelle Mobley, Jessica Haas, Sarah Romero, Kitt Trial, Michelle Emmery



Regional Qualifiers- Sean Cole, Keisha Petri, Bethany Zercher, Kendra Summy, Jake Prince



Panther Baseball



Varsity Baseball: (Top, l-r) Coach Jason Marek, Coy Johnson, B'lee Smith, Michael Mobley, Jared Mikeska, Travis Hardin, Coach Bryan Wyatt, (Middle) Jason Head, Sean Cole, Matt Petersen, Dustin Beaudoin, Michael Stroker, (Bottom) Jed Thompson, Bryan Weber, Brett Mouser, Garrett Granberg, Chris Andrews.



Junior Varsity: (Top, l-r) Coach Jason Marek, Jason Cox, Kevin Harmon, David Bell, Tristan Weber, Abel Tapia, Coach Bryan Wyatt, (Middle) Anthony Romero, Jody Carroll, Michael Rentz, Cody Carroll, Taylor Baumgartner, (Bottom) Mario Chalico, Dustin Weber, Alan Barrington, Jeremy Ernst, Johnny Garza.

District Champions



Jason prepares to catch a blinding fastball



Garrett adjusts his stance just before another one of his homeruns



Travis "the hurler of heat" Hardin eyes down the batter.

This year the Blanco Panther baseball team started the season rocky but ended up as district champs with an 18-8 record. They lost the bi-district playoff game to Charlotte 8-2.

The Panthers were led by seniors Travis Hardin who received MVP of the district and 1st team out fielder Coy Johnson. Other 1st teamers were Alex Jenkins, out field, and infielder Mike Stroker.

New Corner of the Year was Garrett Granberg. 2nd team was Jason Head as a catcher and Honorable Mention were Mike Mobley, infield, Brett Mouser, infield, and Dustin Beaudoin, 1st base.



Ridin' the pine.



I can run like the wind.

What's Great In 1998

Skittles Candy

Best
1. Skittles
2. Rocky
3. Juicy Beans
4. Marshmallows
5. Strawberry Kisses

Worst
1. Almost Any
2. Butterfinger
3. Peanut Roll
4. Skittles
5. Peachy

Song

Best
1. "My Heart Will Go On" - Celine Dion
2. "I'm" - Natalie Imbruglia
3. "Zoo Suit Rock" - Cherry Poppin' Daddies
4. "Wrong Way" - Sublime

Worst
1. "Man! Boy!" - Hanson
2. "How Bizarre" - OMC
3. "Barbie" - Aqua
4. "Tib Thumping" - Chumba Wumba
5. "Bik Bidi Bop!" - Selena

TV Show

Best
1. Seinfeld
2. South Park
3. Dawson's Creek
4. A.D. - Michael
5. Friends

Worst
1. Jingles
2. 90210
3. Friends
4. COPS
5. L.A.

Band

Best
1. Matchbox 20
2. Black Panther Band
3. Metalica
4. NIN
5. Cherry Poppin' Daddies

Worst
1. Hanson
2. OMC
3. Matchbox 20
4. M. Hanson

Shoes

Best
1. Nike
2. Doc
3. Marnesi
4. Wolverine
5. Adidas

Worst
1. Reeboks
2. LA Gear
3. Tommy
4. Purses
5. XI-900

Concert

Best
1. Garth Brooks
2. George Strait
3. NIN
4. Rage Against the Machine
5. FAT

Worst
1. Marlyn Manson
2. Garth Brooks
3. Wyatt Newsum
4. Matchbox 20
5. Butchie Surfers

Fast Food

Best
1. Taco Bell
2. McDonalds
3. CF's
4. Sonic
5. Subway

Worst
1. DQ
2. McDonalds
3. Jack in the Box
4. Wendy's
5. Arby's



Actor

Best
1. Matt Damon
2. John Travolta
3. Leonardo DiCaprio
4. Nicholas Cage
5. Tom Cruise

Worst
1. Leonardo DiCaprio
2. Keenan Reeves
3. Jim Carrey
4. Mike Myers
5. Shaq

Radio Station

Best
1. 101.5 101X
2. Max 94.7
3. 95.1 The Ranch
4. 96.7 KZHF
5. 99.5 Kiss

Worst
1. 96.1
2. Mia 94.7
3. 96.7 KZHF
4. 95.1 The Ranch
5. Tejaso 107.5

Movies

Best
1. Titanic
2. Gosse
3. Half Baked
4. Breathless
5. Scam

Worst
1. Titanic
2. Crow 2
3. Spice World
4. Man in the Iron Mask
5. Good Burger

Fashion Trends

Best
1. Fishing Hats
2. Sheela's sweaters w/ white shirt under
3. Body Piercing
4. Wranglers
5. Khakis

Worst
1. Sagging
2. Wranglers
3. Body Piercing
4. Jaso
5. Bell Bottoms

Fragrance

Best
1. Tommy
2. Nautica Competition
3. Polo Sport
4. Tommy Girl
5. Bionity

Worst
1. Michael Jordan
2. Vanilla Musk
3. Hugs
4. Aspen
5. Stetson



Actress

Best
1. Sandra Bullock
2. Meg Ryan
3. Kate Winslet
4. Helen Hunt
5. Julia Roberts

Worst
1. Ellen
2. Pamela Lee
3. Alicia Silverstone
4. Tori Spelling
5. Roseanne

Male Singer

Best
1. George Strait
2. Garth Brooks
3. Tim McGraw
4. Gavin Rossdale
5. Marilyn Manson

Worst
1. Jason Head
2. Prince
3. Marlyn Manson
4. Michael Jackson
5. Hanson

Class

Best
1. Ag
2. English
3. Comp. Speech
4. Biology
5. Ane

Soft Drink

Best
1. Coke
2. Sprite
3. Dr. Pepper
4. Root Beer
5. Squirt

Worst
1. Dr. Pepper
2. Surge
3. Big Red
4. Diet (anything)
5. Jookie

Female Singer

Best
1. Celine Dion
2. Shania Twain
3. Sarah McLachlin
4. Faith Hill
5. Poe

Worst
1. LeAnn Rimes
2. Selena
3. Paula Cole
4. Hanson
5. Celine Dion

Clothes

Best
1. Tommy
2. GAP
3. Nike
4. Bongo
5. Levi's

Worst
1. Wranglers
2. Jaso
3. Dickies
4. Tommy
5. Limited

Restaurant

Best
1. Alamo
2. Chilis
3. Mr. Panda's
4. Papadreas
5. Tower of the Americas

Album

Best
1. Yourself or Someone Like You - Matchbox 20
2. R.U. Still Down - J Po
3. Pretty Hate Machine - NIN
4. Sublime - Sublime
5. Zoo Suit Rock - Cherry Poppin' Daddies

Worst
1. Middle of Nowhere - Hanson
2. Tib Thumping - Chumba Wumba
3. Titanic Soundtrack - James Horner
4. Blue - LaAnn Rimes
5. Dreaming of You - Selena



Hangout

Best
1. CF's
2. Yum-o-Pun
3. Bubba's
4. San Antonio
5. Pasture with cows

Middle School Faculty



*Principal
Dr. Buck Ford*



*Secretary
Debbie Martinez*



*Counselor
Rasty Adams*



Craig Jackson



Bill Mouser



Pam Klepac



Luis Delena



Pamela Nabers



Michael Brotzman



Robert Rice



Gail Hellums



Jennifer Seales



Suzanne Sobell



Olivia Wballe

Encouraging academic excellence

Middle School

Eighth Grade

Top Four



Tiffany Heckel, Drake Mikeska, Jacquie Warner, Candice Belzung

Citizenship



Christina Martinez, Joshua Mann, (not pictured: Megan Jones, Muhammad Weusi)

President's Award



(Back) Amber Newby, Candice Minjares, Tiffany Heckel, Jacquie Warner, Rebecca Lambdin, (Front) Kelsey McClure, Whitney Lawson, Kaleigh Emerson, Jonathan Waller, Kimberly Romero

Panther Award



Kelsey McClure and Drake Mikeska

Awards

Seventh Grade

Top Four



Jesse Stratton, Laird Frantzen, Ashleigh Greathouse, Garlyn Schwarzlose

Citizenship



Shelly Taylor, Garlyn Schwarzlose, Ashleigh Greathouse, Jason Smith

Sixth Grade

Top Four



Blake Mouser, Jonathan Waller, Aaron Lux, Natalie Wolchover

Citizenship



Derrick Dollahite, Jonathan Waller, Kaleigh Emerson

Middle School Cheerleaders



(Back) Ashleigh Greathouse, Megan McNabney, Jessica Behrends, Tiffany Felps, Kalie Palmer, (front) Candace Minjares, Jessie Prince, Amber Newby, (center) Randi Stewart



**Go
Team!**



Middle School Snaps



MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th Grade



Top Row: Lazinda Haas, Janna Bastien, Jacquie Warner, Megan McNabney, Tiffany Felps, Mary Cox, Eraly Bucklin, Megan Hildebrandt. **Bottom Row:** Jessica McLaughlin, Jessica Guyton, Candice Belzung, Amber Newby, Candace Minjaes, Kelsey McClure. **Front:** Coach Tolbert.



Top Row: Coach Wyatt, Coach Mousser, Josh Way, Curtis Rust, Matt Davis, Houston Baumgartner, Joseph Mann, Daniel Myrse, Orland Hernandez, James Soldwisch, Val Martinez, Rusty Weed. **Middle Row:** Bryan Murrain, Jeremy Bremer, Justin Jones, Joshua Mann, Ernie Rice, J.D. Ubbale, Drake Mikeska, Thomas Garcia, Jeremiah Fris, Ricardo Mendaza, Coach Mark. **Bottom Row:** Blake Mousser, Karl Weber, Donny Elbel, Muhammad Weasi, Robert Flores, Jonathan Wagner, Jacob Venable, Brandon Ziegenschorn, Ben Bremer, Larry Escamilla Gabe Garcia.

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Top Row: Megan Hildebrandt, Rebecca Lambdin, Tiffany Hecker, Janna Bastien. **Bottom Row:** Cristal Cowin, Candace Minjaes, Kelsey McClure.

Tennis--Top Row: Matt Davis, Joseph Mann, Daniel Myrse, Drake Mikeska, Josh Mann. **Bottom Row:** Jonathan Wagner, Houston Baumgartner



Top Row: Josh Mann, James Soldwisch, Houston Baumgartner, Joseph Mann, Daniel Myrse, Josh Way, Curtis Rust, Matt Davis, Brandon Ziegenschorn. **Bottom Row:** Larry Escamilla, Drake Mikeska, J.D. Ubbale, Muhammad Weasi, Jonathan Wagner, Robert Flores, Dylan McLaughlin, Ben Bremer, Donny Elbel.



Top Row: Lazinda Haas, Megan Hildebrandt, Rebecca Lambdin, Eraly Bucklin, Megan McNabney, Jacquie Warner, Coach Tolbert. **Bottom Row:** Mary Cox, Candice Belzung, Jessica McLaughlin, Amber Newby, Tiffany Felps.

ATHLETICS

7th Grade



Top Row: Chris Fowler, Joseph Garren, Dustin Lux, Chris Cervantes, Ben Bucklin, Cole Romero, Philip Romero, Hunter Wallace. **Middle Row:** Brandon Cutlow, Laird Prantzen, Wyatt Finch, Adam Coston, Jonathan Felps, Jimmy Thompson, Zachary Kezar. **Bottom Row:** Chris Boys, Jesse Stratton, Brandon Adams, Johnny Burrington, Keenan Terry, Cole Barker.



Top Row: Elizabeth Edge, Amanda Serda, Liberty Liesmann, Kristen Hood, Sarah Winters, Mallory Alderson, Lisa Martinez, Jackie Zuercher, Vanessa Hernandez, Isabel Mungia. **Middle Row:** Ashleigh Tatum, Rosanne Belzung, Garlyn Schwarzlose, Martha Aguirre, Eva Wolchover, Kalie Palmer, Kristina Wragler, Jennifer Felps, Glenda Rivera. **Bottom Row:** Randi Stewart, Danielle Morgan, Terry Ramsey, Jessie Prince, Amber Rood, Janette Vargas, Simona Calzonici, Lauren Dowlan, Alex Fortune.



Top Row: Mallory Hildebrandt, Isabelle Mungia, Liberty Liesmann, Kristen Hood, Sarah Winters, Eva Wolchover, Ashley Tatum. **Bottom Row:** Kelsey Wittkohl, Amber Rood, Danielle Morgan, Janet Vargas, Shelby Taylor.



Top Row: Coach Wyatt, Coach Mousser, Chris Fowler, Buck Jones, Shane Korte, Ben Bucklin, Cole Romero, Joseph Garrett, Dustin Lux, Coach Mark.

Middle Row: Phillip Romero, Jonathan Felps, Laird Prantzen, Brandon Cutlow, Hunter Wallace, Willie Schultz, Justin Eiland.

Bottom Row: Wyatt Finch, Zachary Kezar, Bryan Bethke, Anthony Seidel, Johnny Burrington, Catlin Edwards, Adam Coston, Cole Barker.



Top Row: Mallory Hildebrandt, Garland Schwarzlose, Jessica Rint, Rosanne Belzung, Kristen Hood, Jacquelyn Zuercher, Ashley Tatum, Sarah Winters, Isabel Mungia, Ashley Greathouse, Jennifer Felps, Simona Calzonici, Vanessa Hernandez, Amber Reed, Kalie Palmer, Janette Vargas, Kelsey Wittkohl, Eva Wolchover, Terry Ramsey, Victoria Serda, Liberty Liesmann, Elizabeth Edge, Becki Haas, Kristina Wragler, Lisa Martinez, Martha Aguirre, Coach Delano.

Win!



Top Row: Anthony Devere, Hunter Wallace, Jose Zepeda, Joseph Garrett.

Bottom Row: Adam Coston, Brian Bethke, Anthony Seidel, Michael Ryan.

Middle School UIL



Sixth Grade Champions

Left Step: John Stahl
 Top Row: Nathan White, Tim Harwell, Nolan Tidwell, Aaron Lux, Blake Mouser, Jonathan Waller, Derek Dollahite
 Second Row: Brody Herr, Jace Yates, Megan Weber, Kaleigh Emerson, Micheal Williams, Ray Noah
 First Row: Amanda Flores, Lauren Thompson, Dana Burgess, Natalie Wolchover, Nichole Lockwood, Ashley Wagner
 Right Step: Brittney Phillip

Seventh Grade Champions

Left Step: Vanessa Hernandez
 Top Row: Laird Frantzen, Dustin Lux
 Right step: Elizabeth Winn
 4th Row: Brandon Culton, Jose Zepeda, Anthony Seidel
 3rd Row: Cole Barker, Hunter Wallace, Ashleigh Greathouse, Zachry Kezar, Jesse Stratton
 2nd Row: Joseph Garrett, James Gatewood, Anthony Devere, Kristina Wangler
 1st Row: Mallory Hilderbrant, Ashlee Tatum, Garlyn Schwarzlose, Eva Wolchover
 Front: Bryan Bethke
 Not Pictured: Jessie Prince, Becki Haas



Eighth Grade Champions

Top Row: Houston Baumgartner, Chris Byars, Amber Newby, Mary Cox, Megan Hildebrandt, Candice Belzung, Candace Minjarez, Rebecca Lambdin
 Middle Row: Bryan Mumme, Drake Mikeska, Joseph Mann, Jonathan Wagner, Muhammed Weusi, Joey Garcia
 Bottom Row: Tiffany Heckel, Jacquie Warner, Kelse McClure
 Not pictured: Jessica McLachlan, Jessica Behrends, Tomas Garcia, Matt Davis



Elementary UIL Academics



Front Row: Rebecca Karnas, Meren Orms, Sarah Isenberg, Amber Ayres, Bethany Wagner, Miriam Shoemaker, Rebecca Miller, Brittney Hesskew, Zachary Hall
 Middle Row: Kirstin weber, Addison Cooley, Tori Schwarzlose, Austin Thompson, Megan Nabers, Kristi Leonard, Hannah Blackburn
 Back Row: Laurie Parker, Valerie Shoemaker, Linda Miller

District UIL Winners

SPELLING: 1st LeighAnn Weaver and Zane Schwarzlose, 2nd James Busch; READY WRITING- 2nd Michelle Kempf, 3rd Alexandra Lockwood and Calen McNett; DICTIONARY- 1st Jessica Peterson and Theresa Schuetz, 5th Samantha Rainey, Kelsey O'dell and Rebekah Evans; NUMBER SENSE- 3rd Dane Culton, 5th Zane Schwarzlose and Nicholas Uballa; ARTS/PICTURES- 1st Patrick Rodgers, 2nd Alexandra Lockwood, Calen McNett, and Seth Garza, 3rd Nathan Herlein; ART/HISTORY-1st Alexandra Lockwood, 3rd Patrick Rodgers, 5th Nathan Herlein, 6th Calen McNett and Seth Garza; ORAL READING- 2nd Michelle Kempf, 5th Tristan Sierra and Dane Culton; MCAG-1st James Busch, 2nd Michelle Kempf, 4th Zane Schwarzlose; ART HISTO- RY 4TH-1st Anna Sylvester, 2nd Jessica Brumfield, 4th Nathan Wilson and Ryan Sanders, 6th Anthony Farmer; ART/PICTURES 4TH-1st Jessica Brumfield, 1st Nathan Wilson, 1st Anna Sylvester, 2nd Ryan Sanders, 3rd Anthony Farmer; NUMBER SENSE 4TH GRADE-1st James Allen, 3rd Allison Lux, 5th Jeff Carswell; ORAL READING 4TH GRADE-3rd Kyle Immel, 6th Weldon Smith and Tanner Wilbanks; READY WRITING- 5th Kyle Immel, Jaime Felps and Azare Ayres; SPELLING- 2nd Anna Sylvester, 4th Kirsten Thompson, 5th Stuart Weaver; SPELLING 3RD- 2nd Brittany Hesskew, 5th Zachary Hall, 6th Megan Nabers; READY WRITING 3RD-Rebecca Miller, Alex 'N and Miriam Shoemaker; STORYTELLING 3RD- 2nd Rebecca Miller, Miriam Shoemaker and Megan Nabers; CREATIVE WRITING 2ND-3rd Sarah Isenberg, Kirstin Weber and Rebecca Karnas; STORYTELLING 2ND-1st Kirstin Weber, 2nd Austin Thompson, 5th Tori Schwarzlose.



Back Row: Nathan Herlein, Lisa Marx, John Ogden, Kelsey O'dell, Jessica Peterson, Rebekah Evans, Britney Milan, Samantha Rainey, Adriana Higgs
 Middle Row: Charlene Cockerham, Seth Garza, Dane Culton, Nick Uballa, Patrick Rodgers, Tristan Sierra, Brian De La Rosa, Lucas Vaughan, Shelby Cook, Theresa Schuetz
 Front Row: Mr. Walters, Leigh Ann Weaver, Zane Schwarzlose, Michelle Kempf, Gabriel Ramirez, Calen McNett, Alexandra Lockwood, James Busch, Mrs. Orms, Mrs. Britzman



Front Row: Stuart Weaver, John Wayne Ingram, Tanner Wilbanks, Weldon Smith, Anthony Farmer, Nathan Wilson, Azare Ayres, Marcia Rios, Kirsten Thomson
 Middle Row: Jessica Brumfield, Jeffrey Carswell, Allison Lux, James Allen, Jaime Felps, Kyle Immel, Anna Sylvester, Chelsea Harvey
 Back Row: Lula Corley, Shelley Jennings, Mary Ann Wanier

Eighth

Acosta, Anna
Arenji, Belina
Baker, Amanda
Barrera, Raquel
Bautin, Jani
Baumgartner, Houston



Baudin, Chad
Behrendt, Jessica
Reising, Carleen
Boskind, Jason
Brenner, Ben
Brenner, Jeremy



Bucklin, Emily
Byars, Chris
Casswell, Randy
Challen, Jesse
Coffey, Marquita
Cott, Andy



Covin, Crystal
Cos, Mary
Crawford, Adriaana
Davis, Matt
Elbet, Donald
Escamilla, Larry



Esquivel, Jessica
Felpe, Tiffany
Flores, Robert
Garcia, Gebe
Garcia, Jacob
Garcia, Joey



Garcia, Tomas
Geyson, Jessica
Haas, Lizinda
Hockel, Tiffany
Hernandez, Orlando
Hildebrandt, Megan



Grade



Jones, Alicia
Jones, Justin
Jones, Megan
Lambdin, Rebecca
Lawson, Whitney
Lowry, Joshua



Mann, Joseph
Mann, Josh
Martinez, Christina
Martinez, Val
McClain, Kelsey
McLachlan, Dylan



McLachlan, Jessica
McNabney, Megan
Mendoza, Ricardo
Mikinska, Drake
Mirjarez, Candice
Munoz, Brian



Munoz, Maria
Myers, Daniel
Newby, Arthur
Papp, Tara
Perez, Joseph
Pusey, Jason



Rios, Elnie
Rizumari, Kimberly
Rios, Carlos
Sarkis, Travis
Schwartz, James
Spencer, Jonathan

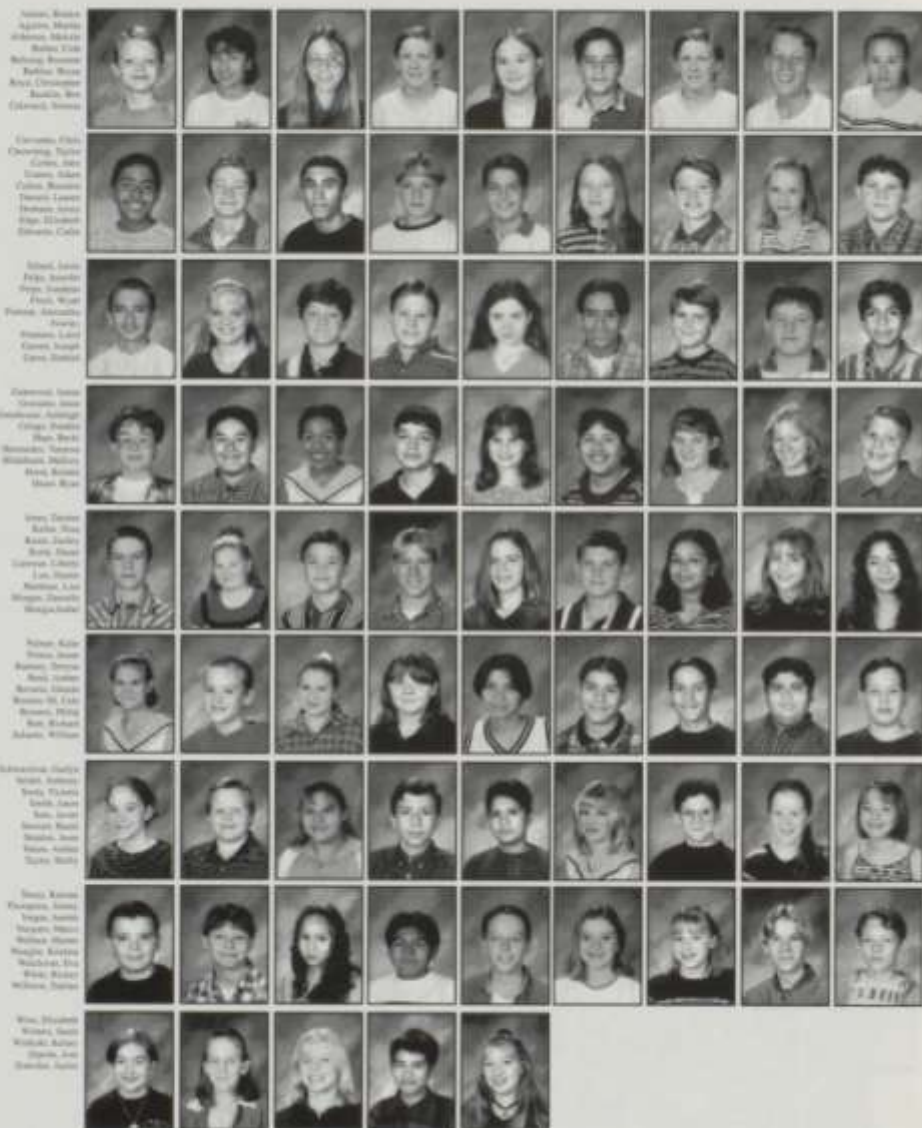


Urbite, John David
Venable, Jacob
Villegas, Monica
Wagner, Jonathan
Wamer, Joaquin
Way, Josh



Weber, Kori
Wood, Thomas
Wuasi, Muhammad
Ziegenfuss, Brandon

7TH GRADE



6TH GRADE



Elementary



Principal Dr. Joe Sammy

"Learning is a lifetime process which never ends. Educators and parents are important role models who can help children learn the process, but it is the individual child's responsibility to do the learning."

- Dr. Joe Sammy

Bonner, Dea
Booth, Donna
Bowman, Harley
Bowman, Marilyn
Brotzman, Sandra
Burgess, Melissa



Chesney, Wincy
Cockerham, Charlene
Cookey, Lula
Cox, Sharon
Dale-Evans, Claude
Dotlaiba, Wye



Engstrom, Kevin
Hessingway, Karen
Horn, Jamie
Horn, Rick
Jennings, Shelly
Kipp, Sharon



Kirksey, Lannie
Lambdin, Vickye
Lus, Dennis
Lynch, Nina
McClure, Mike
McFarland, Elvira



Teachers are the

Faculty

Secretaries



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Lee Book



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Allison Dandy



Shirley Weirich



McNett, Sheila
Mikeska, Camille
Miller, Linda
Moore, Pat
Mouser, Bobbi
Newby, Lisa

Oren, Norma
Parker, Laurie
Partin, Vicki
Pepper, Peggy
Rochester, Kathy
Rogers, Danny

Rogers, Lisa
Romero, Sharon
San Miguel, Tammy
Shoemaker, Valerie
Smith, Angie
Smith, Melissa

Sultmeir, Becky
Thompson, Keissie
Walters, Mark
White, Jan
Wiede, Anna Mae
Wolf, Joy

keys to the future.

Elementary



At Its Best



5th Grade



*Learning is discovering that
change is possible.*

--Fritz Perls

4th Grade



3RD GRADE



Adams, Emma
Baker, Charles
Baker, Christopher
Baker, Hannah
Baker, Kaitlyn
Baker, Ryan
Baker, Taylor
Baker, Thomas
Baker, Victoria



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2ND GRADE



Almon, Tyne
Arns, Dulce
Arns, Marissa
Arns, Amber
Barnes, Cameron
Blackman, Emily
Blair, Amy
Coker, Eric
Coker, Addison



Comarick, Amanda
Dunoff, Parker
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Flynn, Barbara
Gall, Daniel
Gardner, Claudia
Gardner, Amanda
Grant, Russell
Gross, John
Hart, Jeffrey
Hart, Sally
Harvey, Colby



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Hoff, Megan
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Class of 2008



Lopez, Ricky
Lucas, Karla
Marrero, Beely
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1ST GRADE



Class of 2009



KINDERGARTEN



(top) Kathleen Liesmann, Daniel Romero, Kayla Welling, Joel Gallardo, Johnathan Archer, Cody Martinez, (bottom) Elizabeth Miranda, Lauren Graham, Pamela Ramirez, Sydni Kipp, Cory Caraway, Ethan Ubalde, Mrs. Dollahite (not pictured) Aaron Brownwell/Ayres, Keith Broeland



(top) Sevnorn Wilson, John Carroll, Kyle Brnicky, Megan Matson, Corey Dowlearn, Morgan Petri (bottom) Anthony Guerrero, Aaron Gray, Virginia Burchard, andrea Garrett, Lakesi Mayo, Rosenary Saochez, Mrs. Rochester, (not pictured) Alexandria Steele



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(top) Kelley Savage, Jacobs Wayman, Michael Ryan Pavlov, Henry Greathouse, Krista Grant (bottom) Katie Haas, Malloy Orms, Crystalina Ledesma, Shelby Foegelle, Thomas Williams Mrs. Bowman, (not pictured) Ethan Holt, Vanessa Hinojosa, Dustin Green



(top) Ashleigh Duke, Ricky Bant, Yury Gonzales, Layton Dworaczyk, Kelsey Storbeck, Rafael Perez (bottom) Daniel Castleberry, Lyndsey Watt, Roger Crowder, Brooks Wyatt, Ruth Ruiz, Mrs. Kipp (not pictured) Kevin Dubbs, Destiny Oldham



Pre-K And Early Childhood



Top Row: Sharon Cox, Campbell Fuchs, Tatiana Alegria, Gavin Meyer, Tiffany Brockway, Jessie Shields, Jeremy Requesnes, Natasha Ramirez, Brice Graham, Pat Corder.

Middle Row: Carolina Hernandez, Vance Hill, William Torre, Megan Jonas, Maria Moreno, Brianna Willis, Macey Archer, Garrett Caswell.

Floor: Whitney Caraway, Shelby Wilson, Mindy Dechert, Lucerio Gonzalas, Christopher Isidro, Rita Hinojosa.



Top Row: Alicia Immel, Gage Yawn, Chelsea San Miguel, Callie Faurie, Kaitlyn Heskew, Clayton Green, Jennifer Jennings.

Bottom Row: Quade Mayfield, Clint Crowder, Andrea Torre, Ariel Uhallo, Nathan Laumer, Tanner Collins, Loribeth Barrientos.



*A young man
must let his ideas
grow, not be con-
tinually rooting
them up to see
how they are get-
ting on.*

-- William McFee



1997-98 Blanco Parent-Teacher Organization

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| Adams, Bret | Davidson, Tracy | Kamas, Jim | Mobley, Clara | Smith, Claudia Smith |
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| Armijo, Karizma | Dowdy, Allison | Kemp, Beverly | Moore, Pamela | Smith, Lallie |
| Atkins, Mike | Dowlarn, Andrea | Kempf, Leo | Moore, Pat | Smith, Melissa |
| Ayres, Jeanne | Edwards, Sandra | Kezar, Carolyn | Mouser, Bill | Smith, Ronnie |
| Baker, Becky | Eggleton, Bill | Kezar, Jimmy | Mouser, Bobbi | Spaulding, Freddie |
| Baker, Pat | Eggleton, Cherylyn | Kipp, Shawn | Moya, Cathy | Spaulding, Lu |
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| Berryhill, Peggy | Farmer, Britt | Kregor, Cindy | Nabers, Pamela | Storbeck, Anarnae |
| Blackburn, Diana | Farmer, Lisa | Kreger, Joe | Newby, Lisa | Storbeck, Jim |
| Blackburn, James | Felps, Kirk | Kuebel, Perry | Newby, Terry | Sultemeier, Becky |
| Bonner, Dena | Felps, Sheila | Lambdin, Mark | Noah, Earl | Sammy, Carol |
| Booth, Donna | Flannery, Bob | Lambdin, Victoria | Noah, Melodie | Sammy, Joe |
| Bose, Sandra | Flannery, Linda | Larkin, Barbara | Noah, Suzy | Sanderlin, Guy |
| Bowman, Harley | Foegelle, Cheryl | Larkin, Ed | O'Dell, Wendy | Tesch, Bill |
| Bowman, Marilyn | Foegelle, Peter | Lang, Teresa | Oren, Susan | Tesch, Cheryl |
| Boyd, Cynthia | Ford, Buck | Lang, Timothy | Oren, Norma | Thomas, Charlotte |
| Boyd, Lynn | Ford, Carole | Laumer, Martha | Orms, Bryan | Thompson, Kim |
| Bricky, Lala | Fowler, Dawn | Laumer, William | Orms, Mary | Thomson, Kristie |
| Brickys, Thomas | Friesenhahn, Vicki | Lawson, Bud | Parker, Laurie | Tidwell, Connie |
| Brotzman, Michael | Gallon, Bonnie | Lieck, Allen | Parton, Vicki | Tolbert, Beale |
| Brotzman, Sandra | Garza, Susan | Lieck, Penny | Pavlov, Elizabeth | Trotter, Susan |
| Braunmer, Carol | Gass, Connie | Liesmann, Larry | Pavlov, Michael | Urban, Cynthia |
| Buck, Donna | Gass, Ronnie | Liesmann, Mary Jo | Pepper, Jim | Vela, Dina |
| Buck, Michael | Gomez, Gonzalez, LeAlicia | Lockwood, Janet | Pepper, Peggy | Vela, Tony |
| Burgess, Malissa | Graham, Lori | Lockwood, Scott | Petri, Lisa | Vorbochikov, Christo |
| Busch, Margaree | Greathouse, Rebecca | Loeffler, Lynne | Petri, Tony | Vorbochikov, Nezi |
| Busch, Randy | Grisson, Alicia | Longoria, Louis | Poole, Candance | Walla, Rebecca |
| Carter, Darren | Gonzales, Elida | Longoria, Patricia | Ramsey, Ruth Ann | Walla, Richard |
| Carter, Karen | Haas, Jo Nell | Lux, Darrel | Ray, Danny | Walters, Mark |
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| Caudell, James | Hadley, David | Lux, Michelle | Rice, Robert | Ward, Judy |
| Chapman, Allen A. | Hadley, Sandy | Lynch, Nita | Rios, Diana | Watt, Kim |
| Cheney, Wincy | Hall, Dixie | Mancha, Pedro | Rios, Ramon | Watt, Randy |
| Cloud, Joe | Hall, Kevin | Mancha, Stella | Rivet, Vera | Wayman, Julie |
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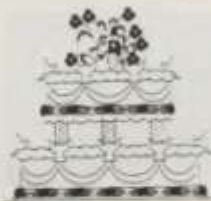
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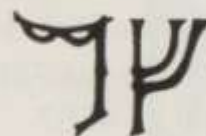
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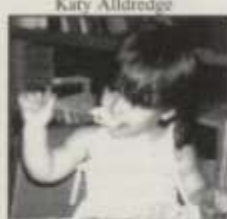
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The Year in Review

In the end, the 1997-98 school year may be remembered most for its losses. The world said goodbye to Princess Diana, Frank Sinatra, Mother Teresa, and Alan Ginsberg among other notable people of the past several decades. With its eye on the end of the millennium, Hollywood made apocalypse chic as volcanos exploded over and meteors slammed into marquee everywhere. Locally, Blanco High School bid farewell to longtime English teacher Mary Nabers, football and basketball coach Bill Tesch, and to an outstanding senior class that led Blanco High School athletic and academic teams to state and regional championships over the past couple of years. We are too young, however, to think in terms of loss or endings, and besides, closed doors here equal open doors there. So let us look back at some of these closing and opening doors.

While movies with titles like *Armageddon* and with plots depicting global destruction were the rage, three wonderful cinematic rebirths occurred amid the doom and destruction. One was romance, which came back to life, ironically, on the sinking ship *Titanic*. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet used the tragic story of the great ocean liner to springboard into our hearts, nearly overshadowing \$200 million in special effects and sweeping the Oscars. *Godzilla*, a 1960's Japanese cinematic icon, also enjoyed a costly, well-marketed reinvention and stomped through New York, providing families with a giant, killer monster both children and their parents could relate to. Finally, as we sadly watched his excesses claim comedian Chris Farley, we gladly welcomed the rebirth of parody as more than just sight gags in Mike Meyers' *Austin Powers*, *International Man of Mystery*, baby, yeahyah, the hippest, grooviest cut to fight Dr. Evil since, well, that other guy.

Television bid farewell to *Seinfeld*, the most creative show of the 90's, as well as *Ellen*, perhaps the most controversial. In the end, *Seinfeld* ran out of ideas and, admirably, realized it had, while *Ellen*, which never had many ideas to begin with, found that few people really cared about Ellen DeGeneres' sexual orientation. In the end, viewers are left with *The Simpsons*, *ER*, *Frasier*, precious few other well-written offerings, and a gay character on every show.

The music world incubated some significant changes, however. In rock and roll, long a genre dominated by the angry male troubadour, head banging male metal bands, or the heart melting male pop singer, female singers continued a movement over the past few years to shatter these barriers. The Indigo Girls, Sara McLaughlin, Paula Cole, Jewel, Alanis Morissette, Tori Amos, and Fiona Apple led a host of female balladeers, rockers, and popsters to the top of the charts this past year, with Paula Coles' *Five* capturing the Grammy for Best Album. Two significant losses defined the year in sports for Texans everywhere: the Cowboys asked Barry Switzer to take his swaggering, swilling style of coaching back to Norman and the University of Texas crammed yet another desk into the

Assistant Athletic Director's office to accommodate former football coach John Mackovic's "reassignment" (Hornspeak for "firing"). Cowboy and Horns fans everywhere are eagerly looking forward to the next sacrificial lambs, Chan Gaily and Mack Brown.

Sports fans may also bid farewell to the greatest basketball player of all time and one of the greatest quarterbacks. Michael Jordan has hinted all year long that six NBA titles might be enough, and John Elway, after winning the Super Bowl that has for so long eluded him, is debating retirement as well. The NFL will be left in good hands as it welcomes classy passers Peyton Manning and Ryan Leaf into the fold. The new generation of NBA players, however, think class was something you cut in college, and if the actions of Latrell Sprewell, who lost his contract and faced a year's suspension for choking and punching his coach, are any example, the league has a public relations nightmare on its hands.

It was also the dawning of a new day in college basketball. God died in Chapel Hill when Dean Smith, the greatest basketball coach ever, hung up the whistle after 879 wins and two NCAA titles at the University of North Carolina. Now if Tarheels can just get Coach Smith to talk to Senator Jesse Helms.

Perhaps the most significant deaths of the year came despite the career long life support efforts of Senator Jesse Helms. Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man are no more thanks to an agreement hammered out by lawyers, outside of Helms' legislative reach, that forces tobacco companies to deglamourize their advertising and provide billions to states, including Texas, so the states can pay their lawyers. Does this mean the death of tobacco companies? Not as long as they can export cancer to Eastern Europe and China.

Tobacco companies were not the only ones smoking up the political landscape. Monica Lewinsky — and her unlaundered blue dress — were the most compelling story of the year. While the questions of whether President Bill Clinton had Monica debrief him on a regular basis and whether he then lied about her handling of his private affairs would seem damaging to the integrity of most men and to the stature of the office, Monica's intern job dealt no such blow. Polls have consistently indicated a high popularity rating for President Clinton, particularly among middle-aged men and Hillary haters.

Despite his popularity, voters and political pundits in 1997-98 have turned early to study the candidates for the election of 1999, and one of the early candidates is Texas governor George W. Bush. Many Blancoites probably did not realize that on May 1st, when they gathered at the newly remodeled Blanco Courthouse, that the dedication speaker that day may soon be President of the United States. But then few of us realize that one of the members of the Class of '98 may also. A door closes here, one opens there.

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