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KIRKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

volume

84



SUMMER **012**
FALL **030**
WINTER **094**
SPRING **152**
PEOPLE **200**



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KIRKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
PIONEER VOLUME 84
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KIRKWOODSCHOOLS.ORG
STUDENT POPULATION: 1,813
MASCOT: PIONEER PETE



LAST YEAR, WE WERE ALONE.
NOW, WE ARE TOGETHER.
THIS YEAR, WE ARE

ONE

EVERY LATE SEPTEMBER,
A PARADE OF RED
FLOODS KIRKWOOD ROAD,
REPRESENTING NOT ONLY OUR SCHOOL,
BUT OUR

COMMUNITY

THROUGHOUT OUR TIME
IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL,
WE ALWAYS HELD FAITH IN EACH OTHER.

WE ARE NOT JUST ONE CITY,
WE ARE ONE COMMUNITY.
WE ARE KIRKWOOD.

one
COMMUNITY

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one community

“I REALLY LIKE THE FARMERS’ MARKET. IN THE FALL, IT’S DEFINITELY ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES TO GO. I LOVE THEIR CHOCOLATE COVERED PRETZELS AND GETTING MY CHRISTMAS TREE THERE.”

- Katie Klein, 9

“KIRKWOOD HAS ONE OF THE BEST SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN MISSOURI.”

- Kai Stanford, 10

“I JUST LIKE HOW EVERYONE KNOWS EVERYONE AND HOW TIGHT KNIT OUR COMMUNITY IS.”

- Alex Drury, 12

“[THE COMMUNITY] IS VERY DIVERSE. YOU GET TO MEET PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND IT’S COOL HOW YOU CAN TELL EACH OTHER’S STORIES.”

- Cole Forinash, 9

“THE NEW GENERATION IS MORE OPEN TO NEW IDEAS, ESPECIALLY THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.”

- Lauren Koller, 12

WHAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY SPECIAL?

“THE PEOPLE HERE ARE REALLY SPECIAL. THERE ARE SO MANY FUN CHARACTERS, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU’RE GOING TO SEE.”

- Will Hutchinson, 10

“MY FAVORITE PART ABOUT KIRKWOOD WOULD HAVE TO BE THE FAMILY [FEEL] IT GIVES OFF. I LIKE THAT EVERYONE STICKS TOGETHER AND COMES TOGETHER IN TIMES OF NEED.”

- Laila Person, 10

“I THINK WHAT MAKES THE CITY SPECIAL IS THE COMMUNITY WE HAVE HERE. THE OUT OF SCHOOL EVENTS LIKE FOOTBALL GAMES OR HOCKEY GAMES ALLOW THE COMMUNITY TO BOND.”

- Cai Morrow, 11

“NEIGHBORS [IN KIRKWOOD] SEEM TO KNOW EACH OTHER REALLY WELL. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BLOCK PARTIES AND SPEND A BUNCH OF TIME WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS.”

- Ella Baumstark, 9

“THE HOMETOWN FEEL. IT’S A GREAT PLACE BECAUSE EVERYONE KNOWS EVERYONE.”

- Cameron Paul, 12

“EVERYONE IS SUPER FRIENDLY AND YOU RARELY EVER FEEL LIKE AN OUTSIDER.”

- Maya Wilcox, 9

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KIRKWOOD IS
ONE
HIGH SCHOOL OUT OF
26,727

BUT WE ARE NOT LIKE THE REST.
WE SPEND MONTHS ON OUR
TURKEY DAY HALLWAYS,
DESPITE THE SENIORS ALWAYS COMING IN FIRST.
WE WALK THROUGH THE CHAOS OF THE SENIOR
WELCOME ON OUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AS A
PIONEER, AND LEAVE AS A LEGACY
AS WE WALK ACROSS THE CHAIFETZ ARENA
STAGE ON OUR LAST.

WE WEAR RED AND WHITE
NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF TRADITION,
BUT BECAUSE OF PRIDE.
PRIDE IN EIGHT CONSECUTIVE TURKEY DAY WINS,
PRIDE IN OUR COLLECTIVE VOICE WHEN WE
SCREAM "BATTLE CRY",
PRIDE IN OUR TRADITIONS
AND PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL.

THERE ARE 1,813 STUDENTS THAT MAKE
KIRKWOOD SPECTACULAR.
ALTHOUGH WE HOLD STRONG TO OUR OWN
DIVERSITY, DREAMS AND TALENTS,
THERE IS ONE CONSTANT WITHIN ALL OF US,
WE ARE ALL UNIFIED.

one
KIRKWOOD

“

one kirkwood

“[THE TEACHERS] REALLY CARE ABOUT US HERE.”

- Kaylee Jones, 11

“ALL THE STUDENTS CAN CONNECT IN A WAY. THERE MIGHT BE SEPARATE GROUPS OF FRIENDS BUT EVENTUALLY, WE ALL UNITE AS THE STUDENT BODY AND THAT’S NOT EASY TO FIND AT SOME OTHER SCHOOLS.”

- Eva Smith, 10

“KIRKWOOD STUDENTS ARE BLESSED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO BETTER THEMSELVES AND PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL”

- Faith Meyer, 12

“THE SCHOOL SPIRIT.”

- Molly Browne, 10

“KIRKWOOD IS A REALLY INCLUSIVE PLACE. I THINK THAT GROWING UP AND GOING TO WESTCHESTER AND NORTH KIRKWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL, I’VE HAD OPPORTUNITIES TO DO A LOT OF THINGS THAT OTHER SCHOOLS IN ST. LOUIS AREN’T ABLE TO DO.”

- Priya Gangasingh, 10

“BEING ABLE TO WORK AS A COMMUNITY AND MAKE FRIENDS WITH PEOPLE YOU SHARE

INTERESTS IN. IT’S NOT REALLY ABOUT THE THINGS YOU LEARN, BUT WHAT YOU LEARN TOGETHER.”

- Paige Maxfield, 9

“THE TEACHERS ARE REALLY CARING. I ACTUALLY ENJOY BEING HERE.”

- Jamie Hahn, 11

WHAT MAKES KIRKWOOD SPECIAL?

“I LIKE THE DIVERSITY OF RACES AND GENDERS [WITHIN KIRKWOOD]. I FEEL LIKE WE ARE A VERY ACCEPTING SCHOOL OF ALL INDIVIDUALITIES.”

- Lily Deck, 11

“THE DIVERSITY MAKES KIRKWOOD SPECIAL. EVERYBODY IS ALWAYS INCLUDED. THERE IS LOVE FROM EVERYBODY.”

- Tyson Allen, 10

“THE TRADITIONS, LIKE OUR PEP RALLIES AND TURKEY DAY [ARE PRETTY] ENERGIZED.”

- Sam Voller, 11

“WE HAVE SO MANY GREAT OPPORTUNITIES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM..”

- Ellie Plozay, 11

“A FEELING LIKE THERE IS A SPACE FOR EVERYONE [BECAUSE] THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF CLUBS. IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST, IT’S PROBABLY HERE.”

- Holly Cochran, 10

“IT’S VERY DIFFERENT FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL. THERE’S A LOT MORE FREEDOM [AND]

INDEPENDENCE. [NOT ONLY]

AS STUDENTS BUT ALSO [THROUGH] ORGANIZATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE

KIRKWOOD CALL. THEY CAN SAY THINGS THAT MIDDLE SCHOOL WOULD RAISE

SOME RED FLAGS TO, BUT HERE [THEY] DON’T.”

- Weston Marks, 9

“KIRKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL UNIFIES THE CITY AND BRINGS EVERYONE TOGETHER.”

- Jack Gibson, 10

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EVERY STUDENT HAS A STORY.
WHETHER WE EXPRESS OUR VOICES
THROUGH OUR AWARD WINNING
PUBLICATIONS, SENIOR PROJECTS
OR PERFORMANCES ON THE
KEATING THEATER STAGE,
WE ALL HAVE VOICES TO BE HEARD.

WE CHEER TOGETHER IN THE LYONS
STADIUM BLEACHERS AT TURKEY DAY,
YET WE ARE INDIVIDUALS.
WE ALL WEAR RED AND WHITE WITH
"KIRKWOOD" ACROSS OUR CHEST,
YET THESE COLORS MEAN SOMETHING
DIFFERENT TO EACH PERSON.
WE ALL HEAR DR. HAVENER SAY
"IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A PIONEER,"
YET WE ARE ALL PIONEERS
IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

ALL OF OUR ROADS WILL
EVENTUALLY DIVERGE,
BUT IN THIS MOMENT,
WE ARE **ONE**



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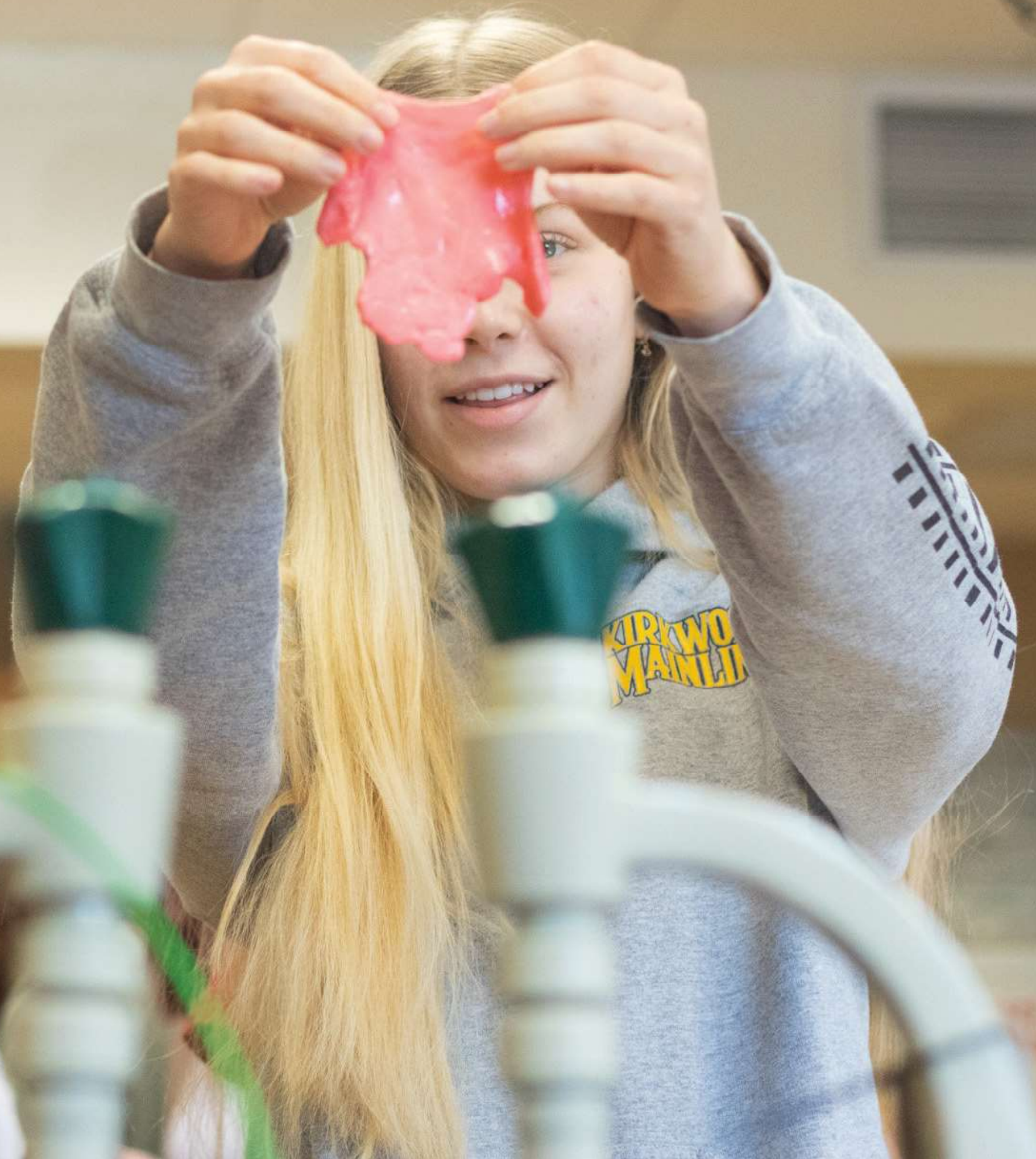
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WE ARE BACK TO WALKING SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER
DURING PASSING PERIOD IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES HALLWAY,
WORKING HAND-IN-HAND DURING DISSECTIONS IN ANATOMY
AND EATING ON THE FLOOR IN THE COMMONS.
WE ARE BACK TO THE BALANCING ACT WE CALL SCHOOL.
WE WELCOME THE BUSYNESS, THE STRESS AND
ENDLESS ACTIVITIES WITH EXCITEMENT.
SOMEHOW WE SURVIVE MR. MCCARTHY'S SARCASM,
PROOFS IN MR. DRURY'S HONORS GEOMETRY CLASS AND
MS. SCHEER'S LONG AP PSYCHOLOGY LECTURES.
WE ARE HERE, WE ARE BACK, AND WE ONCE AGAIN SHARE
THESE MOMENTS IN THE CLASSROOM TOGETHER AS

ONE





WE ARE ABLE TO COME BACK AND PACK THE STANDS. WHETHER IT IS IN THE DENVER MILLER GYM, LYONS FIELD OR IN THE WALKER NATATORIUM, WE CHEER, SCREAM AND RALLY FOR NOT ONLY OUR TEAMMATES, BUT OUR FRIENDS; OUR FRIENDS WHO REPRESENT THE RED AND WHITE WITH EXCELLENCE AND NEVER STRAY FROM A CHALLENGE. WE CLOSE OUT THE NATIONAL ANTHEM WITH "LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE WOOD" WITH PRIDE BECAUSE WE KNOW WHO RUNS THIS HOUSE: THE KIRKWOOD **PIONEERS**



WHEN THE CURTAIN RISES IN KEATING THEATER
AND THE SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON US,
WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL.
WHETHER WE CHOOSE TO SHINE IN THE
HOLLEY ASSEMBLY HALL, PIONEER PATHWAYS
OR GERMAN CLUB,
WE EMBRACE EACH OTHER WITH KINDNESS, BECAUSE
THAT IS WHO WE ARE.
WHEN IT IS TIME FOR OUR FINAL BOW AND THE NAVY
CURTAIN STARTS TO CLOSE,
WE WALK OFF OUR OWN STAGE WITH PRIDE KNOWING
WE HAVE LEFT AN IMPACT
AS A **PIONEER**

HAIL! KIRKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL,
UNTO THEE WE SING.
EVER VICTORIOUS

HOMAGE WE BRING.
THROUGH ALL THE AGES
ALL OUR SONS SO BOLD,

FIGHT FOR OLD
KIRKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL.
FIGHT FOR THE RED AND WHITE.

