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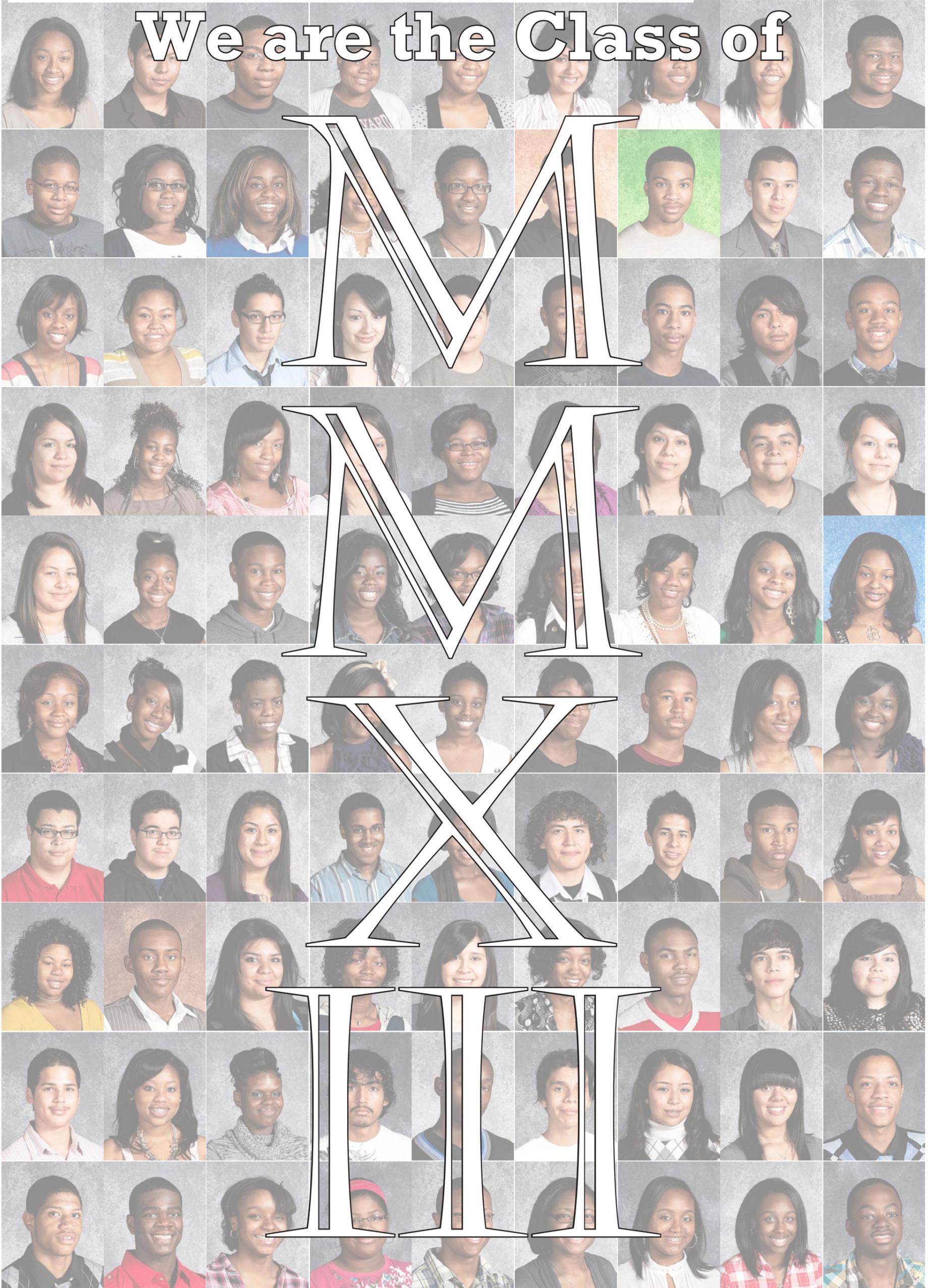
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## NEWS

### Anime Club visits Chicago convention



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LINDBLOM STUDENTS POSE AT THE 2013 ACEN ANIME CONVENTION

**DIANE BLUE**  
Staff Reporter

Lindblom's Anime Club visited the Anime Central convention (ACen). The six club members went to the anime convention together as a club trip and stayed until closing. For many of the members, it was their first time attending and they were excited.

Junior, Sydney Williams described her excitement as they were waiting to buy tickets as similar to the excitement of "waiting in line for Six Flags." Once inside, the group explored the convention, shopping around and going to screenings. The club even ran into a Lindblom grad-

uate in cosplay.

The club outing was a success. This was the second anime convention the club has been to this school year and the last event of the year for the club.

Going to ACen as a club was a goal for a few years, but only became possible when membership declined and only those dedicated to the club stayed. The convention is one of the longest Midwest conventions and has made its home at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel and the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. The convention has both events and panels of varying interests to fill the weekend with and keep its attendees happy.

### Bowling teams advance in state playoffs

**JASON MATHUS**  
Staff Reporter

Lindblom Eagles had another great year in the 2012-2013 bowling season. This year marked the beginning of a legacy for the joining freshman, and the end for the graduating seniors. Both the boys and girls finished the year with amazing records in their conferences, and performed their best in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) playoffs. Players on both teams should be proud for they have represented Lindblom very well during this year's season.

Competing in the best conference of CPS bowling, the boys bowling team finished third in conference with a record of 6-2. This gave Lindblom the opportunity play in the CPS playoffs which lead to their 6th place finish in the CPS City Championships (Lindblom's first year qualifying

for City Championships). Lindblom again finished off the year season with a fourth place finish at the IHSA Sectional tournament where junior Jason Mathus qualified for the state finals.

With the season now over, head coach Hurman Mathus is proud of the bowling team. "I think the season went very well, and I'm proud of the boys," Coach Mathus said. "I hope that we get a couple of incoming freshman next year so we can beat Whitney Young and Morgan Park, and go all the way to state."

The boys' team had four graduating seniors on the team. Captain DeVaughn Mathus said, "we had great moments as a team and I hope that next year's team continues the legacy."

A new team with two players that have never bowled competitively, the Lady Eagles finished first in their conference. Unfortunately due to a forfeit because of a school function that a majority of the players were



PHOTO COURTESY OF MR. WILLIAMS

DEAN WILLIAMS, FORMER NBA PLAYER BOBBY SIMMONS, SOPHOMORE RONALD HEARNS, MICHAEL CHARLES, AND FRESHMAN PARIS EDWARDS SHARE A LAUGH AT DEPAUL UNIVERSITY AFTER 'REAL MEN CONFERENCE'

### NBA star joins the men in Real Men Talk colloquium

**MICHAEL CHARLES**  
Staff Reporter

Real Men talk has been the talk of the young men at Lindblom. This class is offered by Lindblom for young men ranging from freshmen all the way to seniors in high school.

Real Men Talk is a colloquium where young men can come together and feel comfortable with talking about academics, sports, personal life, and trials and tribulations in everyday life.

This colloquium was created by Dean Williams, Ms. Fitzpatrick, and Mr. Scott who refused to let the image of a true young man and gentleman die.

This idea attracted other staff to join in on this project such as counseling assistant Mr. Perez.

When asked how Ms. Fitzpatrick fits in the class Dean Williams stated that she is the "beating heart" of the program. "She has been significant to the groups success, she shows up week after week never complaining. She is just an outstanding leader and role model for us all."

Real Men Talk offers a variety of races, personalities and interest to show that no matter how different

they are on the outside they all have equal opportunities at success. The colloquium shows young men how to take advantage of that opportunity, "We have seen significant changes in young men participating in the class. Sometimes it amazes us to hear them speak and see them maturing before our eyes," Dean Williams stated.

Freshman Paris Edwards says, "I really only knew a few people in the class at the beginning of the year but as I started to build relationships with my classmates we became brothers. I could always rely on someone in the class to help me out if I ever need someone to talk to, no matter if they were a fellow freshmen or upper classmen and that is rare."

Real Men Talk also got a chance to get out of the building and into a college setting. The young men were able to be a part of an all-male conference at DePaul University.

At the conference, they were able to meet new people from schools like Kenwood Academy, Marine High School, and many others.

This conference allowed students to interact with other young men from schools while teaching them how to stay healthy, how to balance stress and to make good choices.

While Lindblom was taking a tour

of DePaul they ran into DePaul basketball legend and NBA star Bobby Simmons.

Sophomore Jordan Stewart asked Mr. Simmons, "What are the most important things you should focus on when striving for success in high school?"

Mr. Simmons replied that "you need to focus on getting exceptional grades, be above the influence, and try to complete all the goals that you set. The biggest thing for me was to get negativity out of my life and to know that every opportunity is golden."

After hearing the inspiring words Junior Malik Dockery said, "It felt great to meet someone who grew up in Chicago and made something out of themselves. He knows how hard it is to grow up in Chicago and stay on a positive path. So it not only motivated me to be more active in the classroom, but on the court as well."

Real Men Talk would like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Fitzpatrick for her love, dedication, and commitment to the group.



PHOTO BY JASON MATHUS

SENIOR DEVAUGHN MATHUS LED HIS TEAM TO FOURTH AT SECTIONALS.

Both teams did a great job this season and represented Lindblom well.

# I REMEMBER WHEN...

## Jonathan Upshaw

I remember when me and the bros used to call ourselves rank squad lol...got rank?

## Eduardo Alejandro

I met my closest Lindblom friends in AP World. We created the best study group EVER! Remember the conservation of effort – what you put in is what you get out! Just make sure you put in positive work. Physics! :D

## Brandon Meza

I had Mr. Bradley's class and it was my favorite class, since I learned so much about history.

## Francisco Del Real

("Insert random inspirational quote here.")

## Phillip Bridges

When Mr. Ray made our whole advisory hold a rope going down to Keller Hall

## Maliaka Johnson

I was trampled in the hallway by Brent after our class decided to throw a party on the third floor. Nobody in my class came to help. They all jumped over me and laughed. I have a permanent mark on my foot, thanks Brent.

## Niara Marshall

Freshmen year I was in the best gym class. We were inseparable. I also remember not liking half of the people.

## Brittni Pratt

I remember when I was inducted into the National Honor Society, and was in BuildOn Trek for Knowledge, and got an internship at Baxter all in my junior year. It was the best year in my four years of Lindblom.

## Taylor Tyler

The whole school cheered the boys basketball team at sectionals.

## Christopher Canady

I jumped into the pool freshmen year during PE and I caught a bad leg cramp and started yelling for help. Thanks to Kyle and Jonathan I lived.

## Rebeca Garcia

I fell on my face in 8th period gym freshman year! Worst unforgettable moment ever!

## Jessika Lindsey

I remember when a lot of us seniors would hall up in the counselors' suite and harass all of the counselors. A lot of funny senior moments took place in the counselors' suite. I'm going to miss those times.

## Jafara Sweet

I remember when I first met Janette Diaz. Our moms took forever to pick us up. After realizing we were in the same advisory, we talked for about an hour and were inseparable, until she moved away.

## Anthony Weathers

I remember when everybody in my class hated me for no reason and I had no one to talk to. I still hate you guys for that. But at the end of the day, I'm still better.

## Shacara Samuels

I remember when we had high five Friday and pulled pranks on Ms. Mest and Ms. Myers as teachers. Freshmen year was the best!

## JorDyne' Jackson

I remember my first class with Cameron LOL. I remember our water fight.

## Darnisha Stevenson

Acting a fool with c/o 2012 and the big water fight we had junior year!

## Miranda Saldana

I remember when freshman year P.E, after swimming we all showered, I didn't have a towel and slipped and slapped the floor in front of all the girls in the locker-room. LOL I have a scar to always remind me. I wish I could say I remember prom but I don't... awks.

## Jerrien Howard

I remember junior year when we had a water fight, which was one of the best days besides the fact that I slipped and fell into mud in my yellow dress. I also remember us having a juke party in the hallway and running from security. Who can forget freshman year when the lunch was actually good.

## Aliyah Lee

I remember when we had the trimester system. It was the best time ever.

## Joshua Short

I remember when The New Boyz came to the lunch room my freshman year helping to advertise True Star magazine and my whole class was late to biology. When our teacher Ms. Dell asked us why we were all late to class we told her and she began to jerk in front of the class.

## Keeayla Jones

I remember when the school provided buses for everyone to go to Joliet to see our basketball team play against Brooks.

## Tenille Mixon

I remember when Ebony aka Kelly - \_\_\_\_ - walked around school with computer speakers on her shoulders.

## Savon Clark

I remember the beginning of freshmen year was fun because everyone got along at first; sitting outside Mr. Wysocki's room joking around with my advisory.

## Diamond Glover

I remember my first day of swim class with Ms. Franklin. She tried her hardest to get me to attempt to swim but I was too afraid. I've had her for all four years and have learned to love her dearly. I'll really miss her.

## McKenzie Cooper

I remember when I was in Ms. Berdelle's advisory and we played games to meet each other. That is when I met the people that I won't forget. I love y'all.

## Ollis Lones

I remember when we had spirit week and seeing everyone dress up for different things. Cool seeing how creative some people were.

## Angelique Johnson

I remember Ms. Davis' gym class sophomore year. Lol almost the whole sophomore class was in there; it was fun. Aw when we had trimesters and we got a MONTH off. That was LOVE!

## Joal Lloyd

I remember when we started that big water fight in front of the school and those month breaks.

## Eddie Correa

I don't really remember much...

## Anallely Barbosa

Yeah....I'm not good at remembering stuff....

## Brent Taylor

I remember when I thought I didn't have to do homework.

## Dominique Easley

I remember when our class set up the water fight after school our junior year. That was the best day for our class.

## James White

I remember when we had Outlaw for Health class freshman year. That must've been the most CHILL class ever.

## Julian Short

I remember when I had on all green at homecoming my freshman year. Horrible memories.

## Teresa Nicholson

I remember when I first walked into this school.

## Daushay Campbell

I remember when we had a rap battle on the bus ride to Joliet and Julian got cut up by Asad.

## Darvell Jones

I remember when I took my first two AP classes sophomore year. They were fun and I met my best friends in them.

## Krystal Arnold

I remember sophomore year, In swim class, I started drowning in the middle of the pool. Lol.

## Jamauri Tylon

I remember when I got in trouble for the first time. I punched an eighth grader in art class because he punched me in the back. Thankfully I only got detention during lunch.

## Chelsea James

I remember when Otero flopped in the pool freshman year. Funniest moment ever.

## Courtney Barnes

I remember when nachos with cheese and meat was for lunch everyday and it was so good!

## Nikeya Brown

I remember when me and my friends would text each other to meet in the bathroom to take pictures. #manilovemydogs

## Talur Pridgeon

I remember when everyone used to wear colored skinny jeans and leggings. OMG! When I look back on pictures from freshman year, I fall out laughing because the fashion trends have changed immensely.

## Shamier Little

We were juniors and we had that YOLO week. We had a juke party/music video shoot one day and a big water fight in the front of the school the next day.

## Ashanta Brown

Eboni, Shamier and I were really close and we used to have lunch with Mr. Pond D period :/ And of course I'll remember prom!

## Eboni Adams-Jones

I remember when Ms. Kirk fell down the stairs. I remember HOUSE A having the best lunch freshman year.

## Eboney Goines

I remember when I first walked through the doors of Lindblom, I have met some people I can spend a lifetime with and I met some people that aren't worth my time. But I love these guys Stephen, Valincia, and Diamond

## Alexssa Moore

I remember when the varsity Girls Volleyball team went 11-0 this year. I played all four years and this was by far the best team I have ever seen! Undeclared!

## Randi Townsend

I remember when we had daily cyphers during lunch C.

## Stephen Minter

I remember sophomore year in US history when that girl was giving her speech and she was like I just threw up a bit in my mouth.... FSE

## Ryan Vining-Caldwell

I remember when I was in Survey Lit and Mr. Tejano said well you don't have to do the paper you can just receive a (F).

## Sebastian Despiau

I remember my first day here. I also remember running through the halls and hanging out after school. But who could forget those early morning basketball practices freshman year.

## Cre' Williams

I remember when Sgt. Lawson use to yell "What The Heezy" from the sideline during the girls basketball games when someone missed an open layup.

## Micole Thompson

I remember when the school's power went out on the last day of finals freshman year, and everyone ran to the back hallway on the first floor screaming, shouting, and laughing in complete darkness.

## Izel Martinez

I remember when I met Ms. Berdelle for the first time. She was the nicest teacher. I did find it weird that she took pictures of her students to remember our names, but she became my favorite teacher.

## Devon White

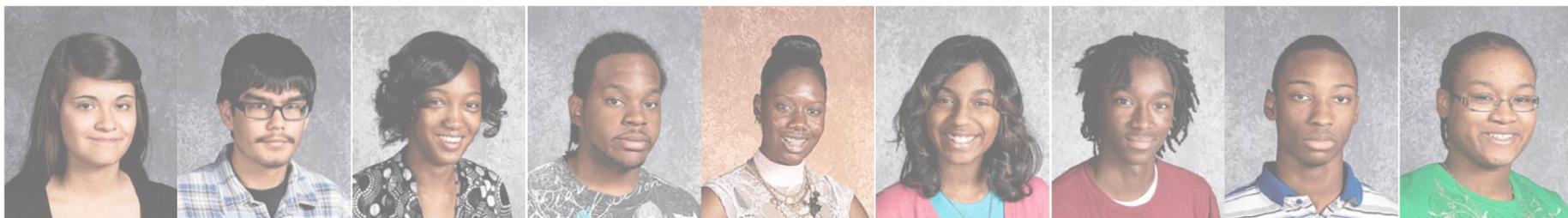
I remember when Mr. Outlaw taught our health class and he told us stories from the stone age, and school was actually enjoyable.

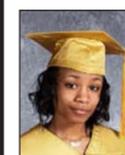
## Armani Alexander

I remember when Lindblom became a landmark. Nothing felt better than coming to a school with as much recognition as me!

## Jade Williams-Moore

I remember freshmen year in Ms. Hennessy, Bettine and I would say "pop quiz true or false"



<p><b>Jerrien Howard</b></p>  <p>Honestly I never imagined high school would come and go so fast. I've met so many wonderful people and built some strong friendships. I'm going to miss you all. I'm glad to be a Lindblom Eagle, I wish my fellow peers good luck in their high school journey-Logan, Samiyah, and my stalker Kiya. I'm so glad its over!!</p>	<p><b>Christopher Canady</b></p>  <p>Farewell LMSA, my time here has been great and filled with good memories. I will certainly miss the funny laughs in class and in the hallway. Juniors, I will truly miss you. Take all that you can from teachers before graduation. To Mr. Ray, thanks for all the laughs, and advice.</p>	<p><b>Miranda Saldana</b></p>  <p>See you later, Lindblom. High school was quite a ride. I would sincerely like to thank Mrs. Weathers for being a kick a** counselor and all of my teachers for doing such a great job; especially Mr. Pond. My views on EVERYTHING have changed and Lindblom has humbled me and has changed who I want to be in life. Thank you for such a great high school experience and S/O to Ms. Franklin, the Varsity Softball &amp; Volleyball team.</p>	<p><b>Anthony Weathers</b></p>  <p>It's been real. Now that I'm gone, I'm going to hand this kingdom down to Jabari. Stay up lil chat, Lee, Glen, Chyna and Leeko #trend-setters Now everybody in LMSA want to make a sneak dissing chat. Love Y'all stay up. -Antdoggydog</p>
<p><b>Jafara Sweet</b></p>  <p>My love for history, my love for psychology, and my love for math, I owe it to you. I owe it to Lindblom. My horizons are broadened and I owe it to Lindblom. My patience has grown and to my friends; I want to say thank you. Dear friends, both staying and leaving, this is not goodbye.</p>	<p><b>Jessika Lindsey</b></p>  <p>BYEEEEEE!!!! I'd like to thank all of my teachers, the counselors, my friends, and the rest of the LMSA staff for helping me to graduate and get to where I am in life. I love you all and I will truly miss you. See you when I see you! (=P.S I MADE IT OUT OF HERE ALIVE!!!!!! ^.^</p>	<p><b>Rebeca Garcia</b></p>  <p>Thanks to all my teachers who really helped me grow as a student and as a person. I will cherish all the laughs, the lessons and the side-tracks. Ciao!</p>	<p><b>Taylor Tyler</b></p>  <p>I will miss my teachers and my friends. You guys have taught me a lot!</p>
<p><b>Brittni Pratt</b></p>  <p>I want to say farewell to my teachers especially Ms. Copper, She has been the greatest mentor and role model. I also want to say goodbye to my junior and sophomore friends, I will miss you guys dearly. I want to include that Mr. Mather has been the greatest principal ever. He has always made me feel important. Being able to see your principal everyday and able to talk to the him comfortably, has made school very safe and welcoming. I will truly miss Lindblom and can't wait to come back as an alum!</p>	<p><b>Shacara Samuels</b></p>  <p>I would like to thank all of the teachers and staff members who supported me throughout my high school career. I will miss you all greatly.</p>	<p><b>JorDyne' Jackson</b></p>  <p>BYE!!! I'm gonna miss all of my little brothers and sisters, a few of my teachers, and that's about it. LOL! It was nice. #LBE</p>	<p><b>Darnisha Stevenson</b></p>  <p>To my juniors, I will miss you all sooooo much! Good luck next year and remember to never give up! Listen to your counselor! I'll miss you Kasi, Bri, Jacara, Kayla, Naida, Sherme and many more. I love you guys!! + Glen! # LBE Love, Darnisha</p>
<p><b>Niara Marshall</b></p>  <p>I will honestly miss LMSA. I came in with that terrible attitude thinking I would be lonely these four years but I have made eternal bonds with these people. This moment is bittersweet. To my juniors babies I will miss you all. And to Nora you have been an amazing person, role model and teacher, Farewell Eagles. Love, Mocha</p>	<p><b>Maliaka Johnson</b></p>  <p>I would like to say goodbye to my drama queen Logan Parks. I will miss our time together at all of this year's football games. Good luck honey make me proud. I will also miss my little sister Samiyah and my little brother Eli. I will make sure I check up on you guys. I love you all.</p>	<p><b>Fransisco Del Real</b></p>  <p>BYE!!!</p>	<p><b>Brandon Meza</b></p>  <p>Bye y'all.</p>
<p><b>Eduardo Alejandro</b></p>  <p>Lindblom not only provided me with an excellent education but also with an amazing family. I want to thank my teachers, family, friends, counselors, and Lindblom students for providing me with the environment and support that I needed to reach my full potential. Thank you and farewell. I'll miss you all</p>	<p><b>Jonathan Upshaw</b></p>  <p>Bye to all my friends that are still going to be here next year. Sucks to be y'all but it is going to go by quick. Kayla, big bro loves you . #YRRLFATV_JJ #YRRLFATV #FATV #SQUAD</p>	<p><b>Nikeya Brown</b></p>  <p>I am happy to say that I'm a 2013 LMSA Graduate. I am even happier to be leaving!! Love you Maya.</p>	<p><b>McKenzie Cooper</b></p>  <p>It's been fun Lindblom! To all my teachers, thanks for everything. Ms.Berdelle you are the best! To all my counselors, thanks for all the hardwork and lunch dates. Shout out to LBE. Good luck girl's swim and water polo team.</p>
<p><b>Ollis Jones</b></p>  <p>Not going to miss the work, but will miss my fellow students. I'll keep in touch with you all in hopes to hear great things. Lots of confidence in you guys! You all are bright and can do whatever you put your mind to. Follow your dream! Swoop!</p>	<p><b>Savon Clark</b></p>  <p>Alright Lindblom, these years have matured me into a much better person despite the silly things I may do. To my juniors, next year ain't a joke. Start on those college apps in August. I'll be back to visit until then keep an eye out for me. #UIC17 #Brotherhoodstaytight</p>	<p><b>Tenille Mixon</b></p>  <p>"Friends" will get you caught up in a whole bunch of mess. My advice is to be selfish a little bit. Worry about yourself and focus on your work. It gets real senior year and your friends can't help you. Peace, Dr.Nille is out.</p>	<p><b>Keeayla Jones</b></p>  <p>I will miss LMSA so much. LMSA provided me with many opportunities such as working for Baxter and being able to travel out of the country. I will especially miss the teachers and staff because they were very supportive throughout these four years. See yall later or not! Y'all be good.</p>
<p><b>Eddie Correa</b></p>  <p>I didn't choose the thug life, the thug life chose me..</p>	<p><b>Aliyah Lee</b></p>  <p>You should be honored by my lateness that I would even show up to this fake s***. -Kanye West</p>	<p><b>Angelique Johnson</b></p>  <p>To Lindblom, thank you for being there to give me these last four years. I will never forget the teachers or people.</p>	<p><b>Joal Lloyd</b></p>  <p>I must say I will miss Lindblom. I've had some of the best teachers and counselors a student could have over these last four years and I'd like to thank them for their hardwork and dedication. S/o to all the bros, forever a team. S/o to my lil' bro Lee, Glen, JB who gone take off on the football tip next year. S/o to everybody I messed with while I was here. Make your HS experience the best because it gets real after that.</p>
<p><b>Anallely Barbosa</b></p>  <p>I hate the guy above me. Lol...</p>	<p><b>Darvell Jones</b></p>  <p>Goodbye LMSA!! These past four years have been amazing. The boatloads of homework and extremely long classes worked me hard but prepared me for the next stage in life, college. Shoutout to Jrs, Mr. Fuess, Mrs. Boudreau and Ms. Osquist.</p>	<p><b>Teresa Nicholson</b></p>  <p>BYE</p>	<p><b>Julian Short</b></p>  <p>STAY UP YOU GUYS!</p>



**Daushay Campbell**



I love and I'll miss you all. Especially the Boy's Basketball Team and coaches!

**Shamier Little**



Farewell to the BabyChat (Chyna, Glen, Lee, Malika) Im going to miss yall. Sorry for leaving yall with so much BS. Just man up and hold it down. Farewell to Tibogotti. Im going to miss you too <3

**Eboney Goines**



Farewell LMSA! I've been dying to leave this school. I'm just happy to have made it this far. Best wishes to the underclassmen.

**Ashanta Brown**



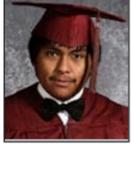
I can't wait to leave this school. #Marquette@K17! I'll miss some of you guys, to the rest ducces :P !

**James White**



Bye LMSA! It feels like just last week I was walking in here for the first time. Thanks to all the seniors and underclassmen that made my high school a little more easier. Good Luck!

**Francisco Flores**



I'll miss you guys.. See you next week.

**Joshua Short**



Goodbye to what was. I will miss everyone who has had an influence on my life. Positive or otherwise you as a friend, teacher, or staff worker changed my way of how I view my life and those in it. I won't be going far, but my dreams will.

**Micole Thompson**



It's finally time to say goodbye. After four long years at Lindblom. Many times I wanted to transfer, but I'm glad I stayed because I've learned a lot about myself, made wonderful friendships, and met crazy teachers who are passionate about their job, making my high school experience great.

**Chelsea James**



See you later Lindblom. I promise I won't talk crap about this school on twitter. LOL. Ill miss my junior friends Javaris and Antwan. And my little sister, Samaiya.

**Ariel Ornelas**



Goodbye! Thanks for the memories. It's been real.

**Jamauri Tylon**



This is goodbye LMSA. It was fun while it lasted but I must leave you all. Shoutout to my bros who were with me through it all B.O.S.S.

**Armani Alexander**



As I embark on this exodus from Lindblom to the world, I'm sad to leave these faces. I may never see them again but they will see me. Staying here is out of the question, but I'll leave all of you with one: Can you underclassmen do it bigger than \$BIG MONEYS\$?

**Stephen Minter**



It's crazy because I am never at a loss for words...so all I can say is bye Lindblom.

**Mauro Medrano**



Goodbye crowded hallways. Goodbye cardboard pizza. Goodbye to all the teachers who dealt with my laziness. Goodbye to all the freshmen, sophomores and juniors, I won't miss your goofiness. Have fun staying here.

**Alexssa Moore**



The struggle at Lindblom has been real these last four years. But in the end, it was all worth it. Don't let anyone, anybody, or anything kill your vibe!!

**Ryan Vinnig-Caldwell**



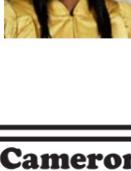
Farewell to all my favorite and crazy teachers especially Ms.Goldsberry, Mr. Kang, and Mrs. Boudreau. You all taught me so much in and out of the classroom. Lastly farewell to all my fellow drummers in the JROTC Dpt. you all are my family away from home. I will love and miss you all!

**Porcha Magic**



I will miss everyone dearly. I want to give a shoutout to the girls bball team. I wish you guys luck on your upcoming season. I want to give a special shout out to my sister Toya Cole. Good luck to your senior year and continue to be beautiful and successful. Love you and I will miss you so much.

**Jade Moore**



Farewell to my best-friends Niaira 'mocha' Marshall and Talur 'tay bay' Pridgeon. Goodbye Lindblom.

**Randi Townsend**



As we go our separate ways, I would like to say goodbye to my closest friends. LBE, YR, and the Trio. My junior babies Big T, Naida, Shermee, Mikela, Meghan, Justice, Kike and Niah. I love you guys. S/O to Asia & Ayanna too!

**Izel Martinez**



Thank you for the memories and laughs. Lindblom has offered me so much. I can't believe these four years went by fast. I will miss so many and wish everyone the best.

**Talur Pridgeon**



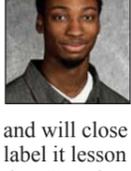
I just want to say goodbye to all of the friends I've made in the last four years. I know a few of these friendships will last a lifetime. As for the teachers, thank you for helping me become a better student. Last but not least, Im grateful that Lindblom maintains a clean image. Well, Im off to NYC, See Ya!

**Cameron Hill**



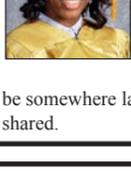
Lindblom has been great. I want to give a special thanks to my teachers for preparing me for college. Shout out to the little bros Harold, Ryan, Darien and my little sister Kayla. Good luck to all my YR bros in college. Lets get this money!

**Devon White**



These years have been fun, real, intense, and stressful in that order. I accomplished a lot, regret a little, and will wish to relive almost none of it. I can say I have grown, made bonds, broke habits, and will close this chapter of my life and label it lesson learned and I am ok with that. Hanging with the guys, having story time, and dodging Dean Williams.

**Diamond Glover**



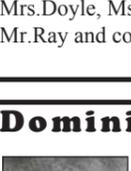
My journey at LMSA, I must say was a great one. I've met awesome teachers and a few of the greatest friends anyone could ever ask for. I am going to miss my friends SDawgg, Val & Eb the most. Although we won't be together I know they'll be somewhere laughing at many of the jokes we shared.

**Cre' Williams**



I will miss a lot of people in Lindblom, but not as much as I will miss my Lady Eagles basketball team sisters. I love you all and I wish you the best for the upcoming season. To my best friends Alexssa and Porcha good luck my ladies.

**Sebastian Despieau**



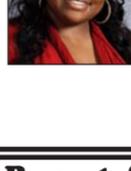
High School has been fun and stressful. I will miss walking down the hallway and seeing all my friends. You guys will be missed. I want to thank all my teachers for preparing me for college, special thanks to Ms.Berdelle, Mrs.Doyle, Ms.Bitars, Mr.Badley's advisor Mr.Ray and coaches Lindo and Mr.Baskin.

**Courtney Barnes**



Farewell to Mr. Van and Ms. Kieffer who helped me a lot this year, and to my junior babies Samaiya, Logan, and Antwan. I'll be a few minutes away if you need me. :)

**Krystal Arnold**



So long, farewell, to you my friend, goodbye, for now, until we meet again.

**Dominique Easley**



Its been real, I won't miss you guys that much.

**Brent Taylor**

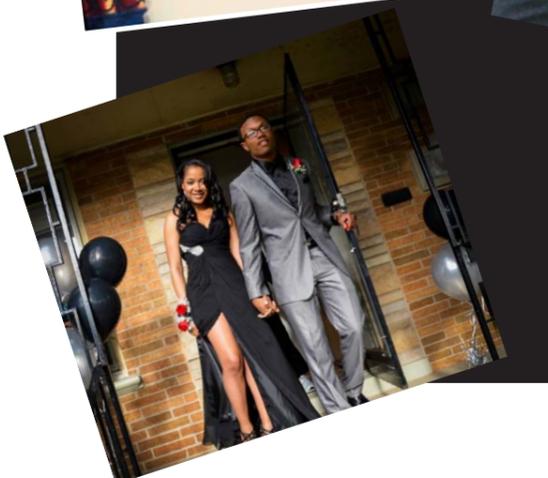


And I just hope that you miss me a little when I'm gone.



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# OH, THE PLACES WE WILL GO...

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CHICAGO  
*Teresa Nicholson*



HAROLD WASHINGTON  
CHICAGO  
*Francisco Flores  
Mauro Medrano  
Ariel Ornelas*



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TECHNOLOGY  
CHICAGO  
*Aliyah Lee*



ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY  
NORMAL, ILL.  
*Eboni Adams-Jones  
Eboney Goines  
Micole Thompson  
Jonathan Upshaw*



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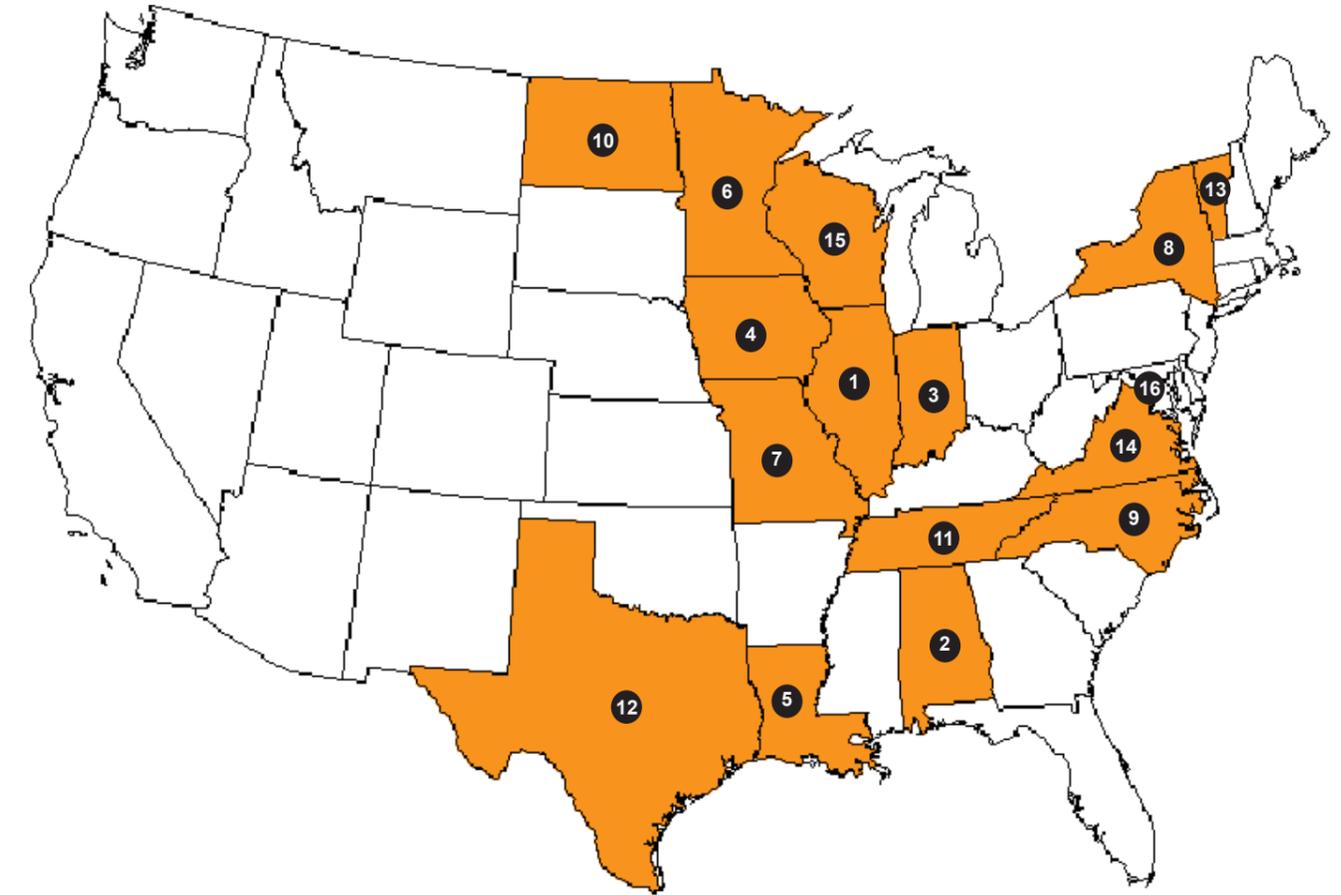
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DES MOINES  
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IOWA CITY  
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NEW ORLEANS  
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UNIVERSITY  
WINONA, MINN.  
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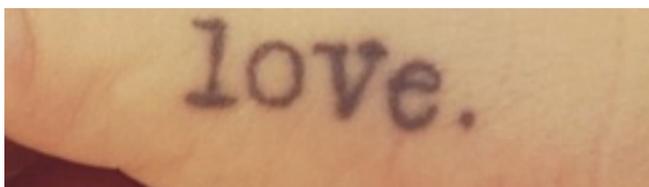
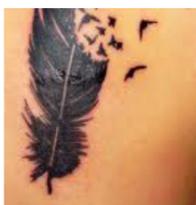
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UNITED STATES NAVY  
*Porcha Magic*





## Tattoos: A Form of Expression

By Logan Lawson-Parks

While there is a lot of controversy about teenagers getting tattoos at a young age, many students argue tattoos do no harm and are used to express themselves. Students receiving tattoos in high school say that they have no regrets on the artwork that has been done on their body. When they feel that they can express themselves freely, they are more likely to be a happier individual and their confidence may be boosted.

Junior Brianna Taylor said, "I got my first tattoo when I was 15, it's a Scorpio symbol." She says that she does not regret it and she is planning on getting more tattoos.

Many people do not agree with the idea of teenagers getting tattoos because a lot of them go to illegal shops because they can be cheaper and prevents parents from knowing. Illegal shops are not licensed. Therefore, there can be a greater risk of receiving diseases through the use of shared needles because they might not always be clean.

In addition, a lot of people oppose teenagers getting tattoos because they believe they get them under peer pressure to gain acceptance from their peers. If this reason is true, then they will only be living in the moment and may regret the tattoo later on in life.

However, senior Porcha Magic was 16 when she received her first tattoo, and she says, "Everybody doesn't get a tattoo to be popular, it can be just by choice."

Many teenagers agree that meaningful tattoos cause less regret. When teenagers get tattoos to express themselves, they choose something that relates to them and something that shows their character.

Senior Joal Lloyd said, "I was 18 when I got my first tattoo, it's a biblical scripture and it relates to what I've been through in life."

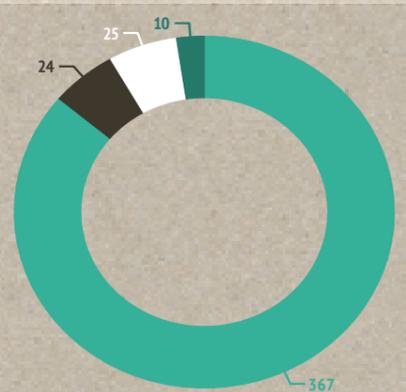
So what is your opinion on this controversial topic? Are tattoos too risky for teenagers or an acceptable form of expression?

### REGRETFUL AND TATTOOED?

My body is my journal and my tattoos are my story.  
Johnny Depp



Regret The Tattoo



Have a Tattoo | Want a Tattoo | Have a Tattoo and Regret | Don't Want a Tattoo

## Tattooed Teachers of LMSA

By Tiajanique Butler

Inspiration, role model, professional, hero. These are the titles that come to mind when talking about teachers in today's society, especially ones in a school as academically challenging as Lindblom. How does this role come into play with something that is permanently attached to you forever? How do the tattooed teachers at Lindblom cope with such high expectations?

Many teachers at Lindblom have visible tattoos. But unlike some adults, most teachers at Lindblom don't regret their tattoos and wouldn't want to get them removed.

Mr. Perez said, "I wouldn't get any of my tattoos removed, but I might get one covered if I don't want it anymore."

Ms. Strang said, "I will only remove mine

for medical reasons."

The teachers do not regret their tattoos and wouldn't get them removed. They know that sometimes others don't think that way and that their tattoos may or may not have effects on them in their professional career. "I waited until I became a teacher before I got the tattoos below the sleeve," Mr. Bradley said, "and I made sure that I told Mr. Mather before the interview that I had tattoos and I was planning on getting more."

Ms. Strang said, "Being in the fine arts department, my tattoos aren't a problem, and I'm glad I work at a place like Lindblom where I can have freedom with my tattoos, but I make sure that I cover them up when I need to."

The teachers here also know that they are role models for students and as role models

they have to give advice.

"Some advice that I will give is to put your tattoos where you will enjoy them and a place where you can cover them up," Mr. Perez said, "because even though it might sound hypercritical, I wouldn't hire a person with visible tattoos because of the way society views them."

Mr. Bradley seems to somewhat agree with Mr. Perez by saying, "Be careful with what you get and where you get them because people have superficial judgments. Ask yourself where you will be when you're fifty, because that will most likely change," he said.

Inspiration, role model, professional, hero. Do tattoos affect these titles?

## Tattoo Punishment

By Terri McFadden

People love tattoos.

This is why tattoos have become a part of pop culture. This is why children disobey their parents. This is why the next person feels pressured to have one too. This is why people rush into a lifetime worth of markings on their bodies. This is why people do not think about the consequences. The biggest problem with this is that people do not know the risks of getting tattoos.

Yes, tattoo artists are required to inform the customer of all the hazards that come with getting a tattoo, but people are not forced to listen. Fifty percent of people admitted they do not listen when being told the risks of getting tattoos.

Junior Jamela Reyes said, "No, I don't pay

attention to that. I'm too excited to get the tattoo at that point."

It is not a surprise that people do not pay attention to the numerous risks and precautions, because people have an average attention span of eight seconds. This does not make it acceptable for people to be ignorant, though.

Since tattoos breach the skin, it is easy to get allergic reactions or skin infections.

Tattoo allergies are usually caused by irritation from the ink used, but can come from too much sun exposure as well. It is most common with red ink but still happens with the other colors. These allergic reactions may consist of swelling or irritation, and there is no time limit on when you suffer symptoms. No time limit means you can start to react long periods of time after the tattoo, like four to five years later.

Tattoos can also give skin infections with big names like *photo-aggravated reactions* and *granulomatous reactions*. Photo-aggravated reactions are caused by too much sun, and granulomatous reaction is a circular, red rash that shows your skin is irritated.

Most people don't pay attention to make sure the needle is changed, but everyone should. Many viruses can be obtained from unclean needles. These range from syphilis – which is curable – to HIV – which still has no official cure. To get a lifetime of trouble from a moment of pain is not something people should have to experience.

Do not let the consequences of getting tattoos stop you from getting one, but remember there are consequences. Be safe, and look before you leap.

