



# Looking And Aiming In the Right Direction

**A**cademics plays an important role in every students school life. The different classes that are attended leave the students thinking and wanting to move on. All the teachers have a certian way to get through to the students. In the science classes, students are able to figure formulas and participate in labs. In a Biology lass, they are shown how to disect an animal and even get to do it themselves. In English, the students have a chance to expand their vocabulary and knowledge of literature. Academics not only plays an important role in school life but also in the different organizations. Over one half of the student body are members of an organization. They go from the English Club to maybe Teen Institute. After school and during SSR, students attend club meetings and participate in club activities.

When signing up for an organization, the students' academic performance is greatly considered. Club heads make sure the students are academically fit to be in the club. Raven Pettway, a Junior, says, "When I signed up for the Spanish Club, Mrs. Schiferl handed me a sheet that requested reccomendations. She told us to get it signed by our Spanish teacher before turning it back in." In a way reccomendations are good but to students who don't meet the requirements, it's not too good. Students think of clubs as being fun, and some are, but they are also challenging and a lot of hard work.

*"I am ready to graduate because I think I have been prepared for college, as well as adulthood, and I'm looking forward to that."*

*—Sandi Gratic*