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Determination = Success

The ninth graders have a lot of potential. They are full of energy and that is expressed by the way they show their leadership in all that they excel in. Over seventy percent of the freshmen class participate in sports or other extra curricular activities and still maintain good grades. The freshmen are capable of doing what they want as long as they put their mind to it.

For instance, some of the things that they participate in are football, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, baseball, softball, and quiz team. One example is **Jason Stoneman**, who participates in varsity football and baseball, and JV basketball while still maintaining close to a 4.0 grade point average.

Jason isn't the only freshmen who plays sports and keeps good grades; there are also some girls who manage these and keep their marks high. Take **Megan Diffin**, for instance; she has the highest grades in her entire class and still participates in all varsity sports including cheerleading, basketball, volleyball, and softball.

"I love going to a game and rooting not only for Ashley but for my classmates as well," commented **Angie Turner**. "It feels good to have a class full of people who actually care for our future, involving all of the sports that we have at school."

Education is an important part in our lives but sports also play a big part in the way we live and treat people. The freshmen make the best of it.

Annette Cermak

YEAH, BABY! Ninth graders **Caleb Follett**, **TJ Good**, and **Craig Densmore** show off their creative side by racing their CO2 cars down the hall to the finish line. The boys loved being part of Mr. Starry's Applied Technology class.

"It was so much fun being in that class because we made a lot of cool things," commented **Caleb**. "I liked racing our cars because, of course, mine would always win."

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DID YOU KNOW?

◆ That **Carrie Long** experienced her first ever full moon?

"I had my friends over and I kicked my brother out of my room. He got really mad because he wanted to stay in there so later on he came back and mooned me in front of all of my friends."

◆ That **Rachel Lund** hates playing in gym class?

"In gym one day, I was throwing a volleyball around and just playing catch. I went to throw the ball back to my partner and I didn't realize how close I was to the backboard and it came right back at me and slammed right into my face."

◆ That **Jessie Slavik** had a brief fling with a hot air balloonist?

"Once when I was little, my cousin and I were skinny dipping in my grandma's pool. Out of nowhere an air balloon showed up; not only was he going over our pool, but he was also coming down for a landing. We jumped out and Grandma gave us towels, then we waved hi and ran into the house. We never did that again!"