In Memory of
Alexandra Marie Parker
8/8/89 - 4/27/98

God created Alexandra, knit her together in His secret place
And she sees him, for she is heaven's newest helper at His side

Do not be sad, please do not cry. Her spirit is not dead, it will not die
She is with you . . . she can feel your arms around her when she cries
He loves her.

Chorus:
Father we ask of you, for all of the beauty of this child
You see that sparkle in her eyes,
Down on my knees I pray, I pray we'll all be there one day.

Eight short years of teasing ways, She meant more to us than we'll ever know
But I'm hopeful that maybe one day I will be there by her side.

Give us wisdom, please give us strength. You helped us build for eternity, Alexandra
Who was fearfully and wonderfully made . . . wonderfully made.

- song written and recorded in memory of Alexandra Marie Parker



At the age of eight, Alex Parker died of a brain aneurism. Her legacy and memory will forever stay in the hearts and minds of her former classmates --

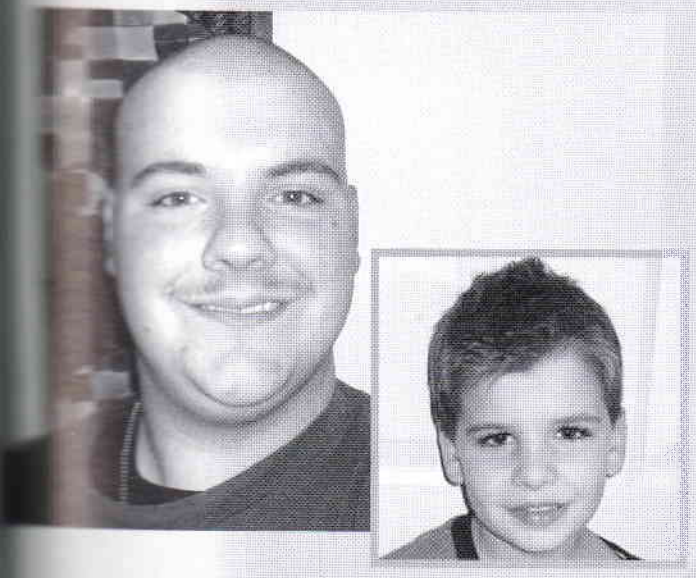
-- the Class of 2008.

COMING LESS THAN IDEAL CONDITIONS is **Amanda Cross.** care since 2006, she overcame negative circumstances and life into a success story. Since that time, Amanda upped her average from a 2.5 to a 3.2, became active in the First Con- Church, spent a week on a mission trip to help disadvantaged Appalachia, volunteered one night a week at the local hospital, Country and Track, and played the clarinet in Marching and bands.

has been accepted at Saginaw Valley State University and plans studying nursing in the fall. She doesn't use the hand she has been excuse. "I am very proud of Amanda for her accomplishments," foster father, Randy Root.

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◀ **HAVING A HELPING HEART** is **Andy Fowler.** In March, he shaved his head in order to raise money for a young child diagnosed with cancer. Christian of Chicago, Illinois, (shown in inset) was diagnosed with cancer at the age of four years and eleven months. (He is currently in remission at the age of seven.) Fowler read his story and felt an overwhelming urge to help others in his situation. St. Baldrick's Foundation provided the way: it encourages individuals to help children with severe diseases.

So far, through events held in Lansing, 55 people have shaved their heads, raising an impressive $9,000. Around the world in 13 countries, $10,766,633 has been raised for St. Baldrick's. "I was proud to be a small part of such a great accomplishment," said Fowler.